

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday Morning, August 26, 1915.

The State Board of Education was called to order at nine o'clock. Members present: Messrs Wilson, Shepler, Ralls, Hill, Fite, Sandlin and Campbell.

The minutes of the meeting of the State Board of Education on July 14, 15, and 16th, and of the meeting of August 3rd were presented and approved.

Melvin J. Chisum, Negro editor, appeared before the Board and spoke concerning the article about conditions at Langston University which had appeared in his paper, "The Tribune" on August 20, 1915. He informed the Board of the investigation he had made at Langston before writing the article under question. He also related the story of his interview with Rebecca Johnson and Josephus Younger and presented the affidavit of Younger. After discussion with the members of the Board. Chisum retired.

The Board recessed until one-thirty.

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Thursday Afternoon, August 26, 1915.

The Board was called to order at one-thirty. All members were present.

Mr. A. R. Swank, County Attorney of Logan County, appeared before the Board and presented the official papers in his office in the case of Rebecca Johnson. He informed the Board of the action taken by himself in this case and read extracts from the testimony of Dr. Wade, Martha Woods, and E. J. Gordan, Constable. After discussing the case with the members of the Board, Mr. Swank retired.

Pres. Lynn Glover's recommendations were presented as follows:

First, that E. L. Burton be elected first assistant in the Commercial Department as successor to Vira E. Cass at a salary of \$1000. per annum;

Second, that Alberta Wheaton be elected temporarily as successor to Cora B. Clever, second assistant in the Commercial Department;

Third, that Homer T. Hill be elected Head of the Commercial Department at a salary of \$1400. per annum;

Fourth, that Marguerite Kraemer be elected as successor to Lucy B. Moore, Assistant in Modern Languages and English, salary \$900. per annum;

Fifth, that Elsa B. Fisher, Girls' Physical Director, be granted a leave of absence for one year, and that Miss Faye Richards be elected as a substitute in that position at a salary of \$900.00 per annum;

Sixth, that E. S. French be elected head of the Printing Department and Assistant in History and Civics in the place of C. A. Jones, resigned, at a salary of \$1200.00 per annum.

On motion by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Sandlin, leave of absence for one year without pay was granted to Elsa B. Fisher, Physical Director.

On motion by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Shepler, Fay Richards was elected as Physical Director for 1915-16. Mr. Wilson voting no.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin seconded by Mr. Shepler, Miss Marguerite Kraemer was elected Assistant in Modern Languages and English.

On motion by Mr. Shepler seconded by Mr. Ralls, Homer T. Hill was elected Head of the Commercial Department and E. L. Burton was elected First Assistant. All voting aye.

On motion by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Sandlin, E. S. French was elected head of the Printing Department.

On motion by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Hill, the nomination of Alberta Wheaton was rejected.
All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board decided that no other assistants will be employed in the Commercial Department of the University Preparatory School.
All voted aye.

Recommendation of Pres. Glover to raise the salary of Katherine Pierce was rejected, on motion by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Hill.
All voted aye.

Recommendation of Pres. G. W. Gable of J. L. Riley for the position of Head of Mathematics in the Northeastern State Normal at a salary of \$1400. per annum was presented. On motion by Mr. Sandlin seconded by Dr. Fite, Mr. Riley was elected to the position recommended.
All voting aye.

The Board recessed until eight o'clock.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday Evening, August 26, 1915.

The Board convened at eight o'clock. All members present.

Melvin J. Chisum of Oklahoma City, R. R. Bryan of Logan County, A. J. Smither of Tulsa, E. E. McDaniel of McAlester, P. T. Ziegler of Tatum, E. D. Nickens of Muskogee County, W. H. Twine of Muskogee County, J. A. Dingsus of Logan County, E. I. Sadler of Logan County, Negroes, appeared before the Board and presented formal charges against I. E. Page of the Langston University, Chisum read the charges and the members of the committee spoke concerning the charges and their personal knowledge of affairs at Langston.

Pres. I. E. Page appeared and was questioned by the Board concerning the Rebecca Johnson and McMullen cases.

The Board recessed until August 27th at nine a. m.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Saturday Morning, August 28, 1915.

The Board convened at nine o'clock. Members present: Messrs Wilson, Shepler, Sandlin, Ralls, Hill, Fite and Campbell.

Pres. I. E. Page appeared before the Board and made a statement concerning his conversation with William Graham, an employee of Chisum, the Negro Editor, in which conversation he had been informed that \$400. would stop the publication of the articles against himself. He also gave his opinion of the reasons for the opposition of other members of the committee who had appeared before the Board protesting against his retention. Pres. Page also explained his action in regard to the McMullen claim, after which he retired.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday Morning, August 30, 1915.

The Board convened at nine o'clock. All members present.
The Board went into session as a Text Book Commission.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday Afternoon, August 30, 1915.

All members were present.

On motion by Dr. Fite seconded by Mr. Ralls, Dr. J. W. Duke was elected Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases and Dr. LeRoy Long was elected Professor of Surgery in the Oklahoma University School of Medicine.

All voted aye.

On motion by Dr. Fite seconded by Mr. Ralls, authority was granted to Pres. Wilson to approve the appointment of an Acting-Professor of Anatomy and an Instructor in Anatomy upon recommendation of Dean LeRoy Long of the Medical School.

Pres. I. E. Page appeared and the Board discussed with him the charges filed against his retention as President of the C. A. and N. University, after which he retired.

Moved by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Shepler, that Vira E. Cass, Assistant in the Department of Commerce at the University Preparatory School, be continued in her present position.

All voted aye.

Pres. Page appeared before the Board and stated that in view of the charges that had been made against his administration of the Colored Agricultural and Normal University at Langston that he could not in justice to himself tender his resignation as President of that institution at this time.

Moved by Mr. Ralls seconded by Dr. Fite, that a vacancy be declared at Langston to take effect immediately.

Voting aye: Messrs Hill, Ralls, Dr. Fite.

Voting no: Messrs Shepler, Campbell, Sandlin, Wilson

Moved by Mr. Sandlin seconded by Mr. Shepler, that a committee of three of which the President of the Board should be a member be appointed to visit the Northwestern State Normal at Alva and investigate the charges filed against Pres. Grumbine. All voted aye.

Pres. Wilson appointed Mr. Sandlin and Mr. Shepler to act with himself as the committee.

The Board adjourned until nine o'clock August 31st.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday Morning, August 31, 1915.

All members present.

Pres. I. E. Page was called before the Board and presented his resignation as President of the C. A. and N. University at Langston.

Moved by Mr. Ralls seconded by Dr. Fite that Pres. Page's resignation be accepted to take effect October the 1st.

Voting aye: Messrs Shepler, Hill, Ralls, Dr. Fite and Mr. Campbell.

Voting no: Messrs Sandlin and Wilson.

Moved by Mr. Shepler seconded by Mr. Sandlin that the matron's position at Langston be declared vacant.

All voted aye.

Moved by Mr. Ralls seconded by Dr. Fite that Pres. Page be granted a leave of absence during September on full pay.

Motion carried. Mr. Sandlin and Mr. Wilson voting no.

On motion by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Shepler, I. B. McCutcheon was elected President of the C. A. and N. University to serve as Acting-President from September 1st to October the 1st without pay and at a salary of \$2000.00 for the eleven months from October 1, 1915 to September 1, 1916 his services to continue at the pleasure of the Board.

Voting aye: Messrs Ralls, Shepler, Hill, Campbell, Dr. Fite.
Voting no: Messrs Wilson and Sandlin.

Moved by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Shepler that a committee of three be appointed to go to Langston and check Pres. Page out and I. B. McCutcheon in, and that the Board of Affairs be requested to have a representative accompany this committee and that the committee be continued as directors of the affairs of the C. A. and N. University, and that monthly reports in writing be required of the committee.

All voted aye.

Pres. Wilson appointed Mr. Ralls, Dr. Fite and Mr. Hill as the committee.

Moved by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Hill, that A. S. Faulkner be elected Acting-President of the Southeastern State Normal at Durant at a salary of \$1700.00 per annum. All voting aye.

Moved by Mr. Sandlin seconded by Mr. Shepler that J. B. Eskridge be elected President of the Southwestern State Normal at Weatherford at a salary of \$2700.00 per annum.

Voting aye: Messrs. Sandlin, Shepler, Hill, Ralls, Campbell, Fite.
Voting no: Mr. Wilson.

On motion, W. H. Echols was elected Assistant to the Head of the Training School at Durant at a salary of \$1400.00 per annum.

All voting aye.

On motion by Mr. Ralls seconded by Mr. Sandlin, A. S. Faulkner was authorized to select his own secretary.

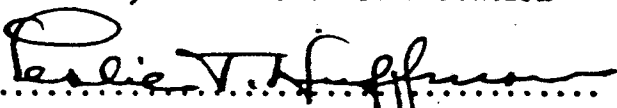
Motion carried, Mr. Wilson voting no.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin seconded by Mr. Ralls, Pres. J. B. Eskridge was authorized to select his secretary for the Southwestern State Normal.

Motion carried, Mr. Wilson voting no.

The Board adjourned.


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