

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Morning Session, September 26, 1917.

Members present: Messrs. Wilson, Shepler, Ralls, Hill, Brewer and Sandlin.

President Stratton D. Brooks of the University of Oklahoma appeared and presented the following recommendations:

1 - (468) Subject to your approval I have appointed Thomas Boyd, M. D., as instructor in bacteriology in the University of Oklahoma, at \$100.00 per month, to date from September 24, 1917, to July 1, 1918.

Approved.

2 - (469) Subject to your approval I have accepted the resignation of L. Q. Campbell, Instructor in English and Public Speaking, to date from September 1, 1917.

Approved.

3 - (470) Subject to your approval I have appointed T. Bruce Robb, now Instructor in Economics, to the position of Assistant Professor of Economics, to date from September 1, 1917, his salary to be fixed at \$1400.00 for this year and regularly advanced in accordance with the salary schedule. I recommend further that he be appointed Acting Director of the School of Public and Private Business for the school year beginning Sept. 1, 1917.

Approved.

4 - (471) I desire to report that I have been requested by the Government to grant leave of absence to the persons named below:

Prof. A. B. Adams, for service with the Federal Trade Commission,

Prof. Herbert L. Whittemore, for service with the United States Bureau of Standards.

I recommend that they be granted leave of absence, without pay, from September 1, 1917, to September 1, 1918.

Approved.

5 - (472) Subject to your approval I have appointed Miss Dorothy Fry to the position of Assistant Registrar in the University of Oklahoma, at the rate of \$800.00 per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1917, to Sept. 1, 1918.

Approved.

6 - (473) I recommend that leave of absence, without pay, be granted to Miss Marie Anderson, Instructor in Public Speaking, from Sept. 1, 1917, to Sept. 1, 1918.

Approved.

7 - (474) Subject to your approval I have appointed Edward Everett Dale to the position of Assistant Professor of History to date from September 1, 1917. Since he will have charge of collecting and arranging the original historical material covering Oklahoma and Western history, and will be responsible for this work during the entire year, I recommend that his salary

for each year be fixed at \$200 in excess of the regular salary for his rank, namely, that his salary begin at \$1600.00 and be regularly advanced in accordance with the salary schedule.

Approved.

8 - (475) I recommend that indefinite leave of absence, without pay, be granted to the following for military service:

L. N. Morgan, Instructor in English;
L. W. Kibler, Assistant Registrar.

Approved.

9 - (476) I desire to report that the following persons, elected to the positions indicated, declined to accept the appointment:

Jas. A. Brill, Instructor in Art;
Jas. M. Breckenridge, Associate Prof. of Chemistry.

Approved.

10 - (477) Subject to your approval I have appointed Fred Tarman to the position of Assistant Professor of Journalism, to date from Oct. 8, 1917, at the regular salary for his rank, namely, \$1400.00, and with the regular advances in accordance with the salary schedule.

Approved.

11 - (478) In accordance with your request I desire to report that arrangements have been made for the conducting of classes in telegraphy in the University of Oklahoma. The University is to supply a room and three technical lectures per week. The railroads of the state will supply the equipment and instructors. Pupils sixteen years of age or older will be allowed to take the work regardless of whether they are regularly enrolled in the University or not. No university credit will be given for this work. The time of opening has not been decided, owing to the difficulty in arranging for a room and equipment.

The Board approved the establishment of the course with the request that the President of the University submit to the Board at its next meeting the details of the plan for conducting such work.

12 - (479) In accordance with the request of the Board at its meeting on August 15, 1917, I renewed my request that Prof. M. G. Mehl offer his resignation as Director of the School of Geological Engineering and Professor of Geology. Professor Mehl has declined to offer his resignation although he has withdrawn from the school and removed from Norman. I recommend, therefore, that he be discharged from the above named positions to date from September 1, 1917, on the ground of conduct unbecoming to a member of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma. The particular offense on which this recommendation is based is the taking of women on automobile rides at night under circumstances that are sure to cause unfavorable comment of such nature as to reflect upon the University.

Approved.

13 - (480) I desire to report the following appointments previously approved as emergency appointments:

Frank Kuschen, Asst. Prof. of Music, Oct. 1, 1917, to
September 1, 1918, at the rate of \$1400.00, (#484)

J. Ray Cable, Asst. Prof. of Economics, Sept. 1, 1917,
to Sept. 1, 1918, at the rate of \$1400.00, (#484)

Helen Barret, Instructor in Public Speaking, Sept. 1, 1917, to Sept. 1, 1918, at the rate of \$1000.00 (465)
 Joshua Lee, Instructor in Public Speaking, Sept. 1, 1917, to Sept. 1, 1918, at the rate of \$1000.00 (465)
 Marie Mauk, Asst. in English, Sept. 1, 1917, to Sept. 1, 1918, at the rate of \$900.00, (465)
 Randall Stewart, Instructor in English, Sept. 1, 1917, to Sept. 1, 1918, at the rate of \$1000.00, (465)
 Edith Mahier, Instructor in Art, Sept. 1, 1917, to Sept. 1, 1918, at the rate of \$1000.00, (465)
 Jas. C. Davis, Associate Prof. of Mechanics, Oct. 1, 1917, to Sept. 1, 1918, at the rate of \$1800.00, (467)
 Van Stewart, Stenographer in Registry Office, Aug. 23, 1917, to Sept. 23, 1917, at the rate of \$75.00 per month, (466)
 Clarence Westcott, Stenographer in Secretary's Office, Sept. 7, 1917, to Sept. 23, 1917, at the rate of \$75.00 per month.

Approved.

14- (481) In response to the request of the Board made through Mr. Huffman under date of August 11, 1917, with regard to school districts Nos. 8 and 9 of McClain County, I desire to report that in my opinion community music, when conducted by proper individuals, is valuable educational work and should be encouraged. I recommend that the State Board of Education approve specifically such music courses; the present authorization of music in the public schools is ample. I understand that any teacher drawing funds will need to have a certificate and I recommend, therefore, that certificates be granted to the conductors of these community music courses, but that no such certificate be granted except upon recommendation of the School of Fine Arts of the University. We have been planning to have Mr. Lehrer give some attention to this very matter and with his assistance I think we can recommend wisely those persons qualified to conduct such courses. I assume that in each case the district must by vote establish the courses, and decide whether it is to be paid for from the regular levy or by additional tax, because the course is open to all residents of the district, many of whom are above the legal school age.

The Board indefinitely postponed action on the recommendation pending the issuance of a new course of study for the common schools.

A telegram from Mayor John L. Crank of Miami, Oklahoma, concerning the continuation of the extension courses at that place, was read.

R. Berger appeared before the Board and presented the following communication:

" Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Sept. 26, '17,

To the Hon. State Board of Education:-

I hereby submit the Trippensee Planetarium for your approval and agree to sell the same to the schools of your state at thirty-four dollars and fifty cents as a cash price.

"I further state that I am not now nor shall I in future sell the same to any school board anywhere at a lower price than that.

Respectfully,
R. Berger,
Gen. Sales Mgr., Trippensee Mfg. Co."

On motion by Mr. Shepler, seconded by Mr. Brewer, the Trippensee Planetarium was approved for sale to the schools of Oklahoma at a cash price of \$34.50, including the manual. Mr. Sandlin and Mr. Ralls voted no.

V. E. Danner appeared and spoke concerning the approval of the manual to accompany Logan's Oklahoma Map Book. Manuscript for the manual was explained to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the manuscript was approved except as to the page relating to Indian Schools and Missions, Mr. Danner being instructed to investigate this matter further; the Board in its approval not vouching for the correctness of the information contained in the manual.

Motion carried.

President J. B. Bakridge of the Southwestern State Normal appeared and presented the following recommendations:

1. That the resignation of Mary Jessie Stone, Instructor in Home Economics, be accepted.
Approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Shepler, all voting aye.
2. That Myrtle Humphreys be elected as successor to Mary Jessie Stone.
Approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Shepler, all voting aye.
3. That the resignation of W. B. Parks, Instructor in Physics and Chemistry, be accepted to take effect when his successor can be secured.
Approved on motion by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Shepler.
4. That Olive Day be elected Instructor in Piano, salary contingent on fees.
Approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill.
5. That J. I. Ayers be elected head of the Department of German and Public School Music at a salary of \$1500 per annum.
Approved on motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Brewer.
6. That Ruth Scales be elected Instructor in Free Hand Drawing in the Art Department to conduct two classes at \$20 per month.
Approved on motion by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Ralls.
7. That Ara Marie Dishman be elected Instructor in Expression, salary contingent upon fees.
Approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin.

8. That Arta Goff be elected Instructor in Violin, salary contingent upon fees.

Approved on motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Shepler.

9. That the salaries of the Engineer, Assistant Engineer and Third Janitor be increased five dollars per month each.

Approved on motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Balls.

10. That the salary of Itea Wolverton be increased \$100 per annum.

Approved on motion by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Shepler.

A communication was presented from President Eskridge concerning the use of the basket ball court of the Southwestern State Normal by the high school students of Weatherford.

On motion it was the sense of the State Board of Education that the use of basket ball courts for the practice of games in the buildings of the state educational institutions be restricted to the students of the institution and that contests on such courts by teams other than those of the institution may be held only upon the written permission and approval of the president of such institution.

President A. S. Faulkner of the Northwestern State Normal appeared and presented the following recommendations:

1. That Milton S. Cushman be elected acting head of the departments of History and Athletics at a salary of \$1500 per year, to serve during the three months' leave of absence of Mr. Wyatt, or for the year should Mr. Wyatt not return.

Recommendation approved.

2. That the resignation of Maude Reichman, Assistant in the Department of Domestic Science, be accepted.

Approved.

3. That Helen U. Radnich be elected Assistant in Domestic Science at a salary of \$800 per year.

Approved.

4. That the salary of Olive Stricklen, Bookkeeper and Assistant Secretary, be increased to \$75 per month.

Approved on motion by Mr. Balls, seconded by Mr. Shepler.

A communication from Roy M. Kirkpatrick concerning his salary was, on motion, referred to President Faulkner.

A communication from Frank S. Wyatt, head of the department of History and Athletics of the Northwestern State Normal, concerning his salary while on leave of absence, was presented.

No action was taken.

President G. W. Gable of the Northeastern State Normal appeared and presented the following recommendations:

1. That the resignation of J. L. Riley, head of the Department of Mathematics, be accepted.

Approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Brewer.

2. That J. M. Hackler be elected as successor to J. B. Riley, at \$1500 per annum.

Approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Brewer.

3. That J. H. Combs be elected Assistant in Mathematics at \$1400 per annum.

Approved on motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Ralls.

4. That the salary of T. L. Ballinger, head of the Department of History, be increased to \$1500 per annum.

Approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin.

5. That Florence Treadway be elected Instructor in Physical Training, Pageantry and Assistant in English, salary \$1200 per annum.

Approved on motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Brewer.

The report of the special committee consisting of Mr. Hill and Mr. Sandlin, appointed to confer with Mr. Blattner, Superintendent of the School for the Deaf, concerning his employees and salaries, was presented as follows:

The committee agreed with Supt. Blattner that the State Board of Education would authorize as of August 15th (the date of the last Board meeting in Oklahoma City) the following employment:

1. House-keeper and teacher of cooking for nine months, at a salary of \$550.00, payable monthly.

2. Miss Jane Susman, Supervisor of large girls and physical director of girls, at \$360.00 for nine months, payable monthly.

3. Mrs. T.E. Gats, Small boys' supervisor, at \$315.00 for nine months, payable monthly.

4. Mrs. A. Goods, Small girls' supervisor, at \$315.00 for nine months, payable monthly.

5. Tom DeShazo, head cook, \$500.00 for 10 months, payable monthly.

6. Gus Milner, baker and second cook, \$540.00 for nine months, payable monthly.

7. Richard O. Yates, third cook, \$225.00 for nine months, payable monthly.

8. Curtis Dawkins, pupil assistant supervisor of small boys, \$45.00 for nine months, payable monthly.

9. Nora Nanney, pupil assistant supervisor of small girls, \$45.00 for nine months, payable monthly.

Approved on motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Ralls.

President J. M. Gordon of the East Central State Normal appeared before the Board and presented the following recommendations:

1. That Mildred Covington be elected Secretary in the East Central State Normal at a salary of \$1000 per annum.

Approved.

2. That the resignation of Bess M. Hayden, Critic Supervisor of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, be accepted.

Approved.

3. That President Gordon be authorized to employ a successor to Miss Hayden when a satisfactory person is found.

Approved on motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Ralls.

President Gordon presented a communication concerning the payment of his expenses to a conference to be held at Little Rock, Arkansas, under the direction of the Bureau of Education; he also spoke concerning his claims for traveling expenses which had been disallowed by the Auditor.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, the question of the claims for traveling expenses incurred by the presidents of the state institutions was referred to Mr. Wilson for investigation and for securing the opinion of the Attorney General concerning the validity of such claims.

Motion carried.

President Gordon also presented a report on repair work being done at the East Central State Normal and requested that he be allowed to spend \$800 on the gymnasium of that institution.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Shepler, Mr. Ralls was appointed as a committee to confer with the Board of Public Affairs concerning the repairs and improvements on the main building and gymnasium at the East Central State Normal.

The minutes of the meeting of the State Board of Education on August 15th were approved.

The Board recessed until nine o'clock September 27th.

Morning Session, September 27, 1917.

Members present: Messrs. Wilson, Hill, Sandlin, Shepler, Ralls, and Brewer.

The Board proceeded to consider the recommendations of President J. W. Graves of the Central State Normal, as follows:

1. On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Hill, the resignation of Lolla H. Pickett, critic teacher, was accepted, and Cornelia Iricn was elected as her successor.

All voted aye.

2. The resignation of Mariel Hopkins, head of the Department of Household Economics, was considered. On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Brewer, the name of Miss Hopkins was dropped from the faculty list of the Central State Normal, as of September 1, 1917.

3. On motion by Mr. Hill, Margaret McPheeters was elected head of the Department of Household Economics at a salary of \$1200 per year.

4. The resignation of Margaret Cherry, Critic teacher of the Central State Normal, was presented, together with correspondence concerning her request for a leave of absence.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Shepler, all correspondence concerning Miss Cherry was referred to President Graves with the instruction that he should consider her case and make his recommendation without reference to previous action of the Board.

The motion carried. Mr. Sandlin and Mr. Wilson voted no.

5. On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Brewer, leave of absence, without pay, was granted to C. M. Anthony, Printer, on account of service in the army.

All voted aye.

6. Communication from President Graves concerning the residence required for two year state certificates was read.

No action was taken.

7. The expense claim of Pres. J. W. Graves for moving from Alva to Edmond was disallowed on motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Shepler.

Claims of Mead S. Johnson and O. C. Wemhaner, Instructors in Extension Work in the Lead and Zinc field, were presented, together with a telegram from Mayor Crank of Miami.

On motion action was deferred in the matter of extension work until the next meeting.

The following recommendations were presented from Pres. T. D. Brooks of the Southeastern State Normal:

1. That George A. Odum be elected head of the Dept. of Education. On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, the recommendation was approved.

2. That H. O. Tudor be elected Athletic Director at a salary of \$1300 per year.

Recommendation approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin.

3. That L. V. Romig be elected acting head of the Department of Physics and Chemistry during the leave of absence of Mr. Laird, at \$1400.00 per annum.

President Brooks was instructed that Miss Pickens, on leave of absence during the summer term, is entitled to her salary for the month of August.

The bond of P. E. Laird, on leave of absence, was referred to Pres. T. D. Brooks in order that he might investigate the solvency of the signers of the bond and report to the Board at its next meeting.

Recommendations of President G. W. Austin of the Oklahoma College for Women were presented as follows:

1. That the resignation of Ola Hart, Assistant in Mathematics, be accepted and that the President be given the privilege of filling the place when a suitable person can be found.

Approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin.

2. That the resignation of Julia Brakke, Assistant in Domestic Science, be accepted and that Bertha Ward be elected as her successor at a salary of \$100 per month.

Approved on motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Ralls.

3. That the resignation of Zoe Norman, head of the department of Domestic Science, be accepted and that Anna Speck Thomson be elected as her successor at a salary of \$1400 per annum.

Approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill.

A communication was presented from Jno. E. Swain, Assistant State Boys' Club Agent, notifying the Board of the winners of the hundred dollar scholarship offered by the State Board of Education in the colored club work, as follows:

Frankie Toole of Boley, Girls' Clubs;

Rancy Boykin, Boley, Boys' Clubs.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, the communication was approved and the payment of the scholarship funds ordered at the rate of \$11.11 a month for each while they are in school during 1917-18, payment to be made at the close of the month after the President of the C. A. & N. University has certified to their attendance.

A communication was presented from Supt. A. K. Gosam recommending the paroling of Clarence Richardson and Lee Branch, inmates of the State Training School, who have finished earning the required number of credits entitling them to paroles.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, the recommendation was approved and the parole was granted. All voted aye.

A communication from R. E. Western of Edmond, concerning the refusal of the Jasper Sipes Company to furnish him school books at Edmond, was read.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, it was referred to the Jasper Sipes Company for an explanation. All voted aye.

A communication from the Waynoka Music Company was submitted as follows:

"September 24, 1917"

State Board of Education,
Oklahoma, Oklahoma

Gentlemen:

We herewith respectfully submit to your Honorable Board a copy of the "Thornhill Music Chart" for your approval and adoption. If approved and adopted by your Board it is our intention to offer same to the schools of Oklahoma at the price of \$7.50 per copy.

Respectfully submitted,
Waynoka Music Company,
By W. D. Cope, President.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Thornhill Music Chart was approved for sale to the schools of Oklahoma at the price of \$7.50 per copy.

Charges against Corinne M. Wade for breaking her contract with the Board of Education of the City of El Reno, were considered.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, it was the sense of the State Board of Education that it strongly disapproved of the action of Miss Wade in failing to comply with the terms of her contract but that the Board had no statutory grounds for the revoking of her certificate.

All voted aye.

A requisition for building a walk around the school at Ada was presented, and, on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, was rejected.

The complaint of Mr. C. M. Lieb, Superintendent of the Schools of El Reno, against the Webb Publishing Company to maintain the standard of the writing pads both as to number of sheets and quality, in accordance with its contract with the State Board of Education, was presented and considered by the Board.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Webb of the change and to ask him for an explanation to be presented at the next meeting of the State Board of Education on November 6th.

A course of study for the C. A. & N. University at Langston was presented by President Marquess.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, the course of study was approved except that Psychology and Science of Teaching were added and placed in the fourth year of the course for those who desire to teach. All voted aye.

Recommendations of President J. H. Marquess of the C. A. & N. University were presented as follows:

1. That the nomination of Mayme L. Grant as teacher of Domestic Science in the place of Evah Shawnee Lowe, resigned, be confirmed, salary \$70.00 per month on a twelve months' basis.

2. That Alexander R. Edwards be employed at a salary of \$1000 per year, to take the place of Odie B. Furry, who was elected but unable to get released from his present work, services to begin immediately.

3. That Stella B. Wright be employed as Assistant in the office and Teacher of Drawing, at a salary of \$60 per month, on a twelve months' basis.

4. That Irene Williams be employed as Assistant in the teaching of Domestic Science and Art at a salary of \$70 per month on a nine months' basis.

5. That the resignation of Evah Shawnee Lowe be accepted.

6. That F. J. Work be dismissed and his resignation be not accepted.

On motion by Mr. Halls, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the recommendations were approved.

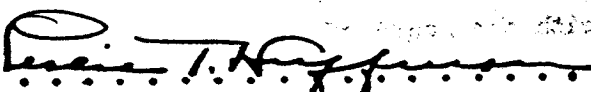
The Board considered the charges against Myer's Mediaeval and Modern History, presented by Morrison Toomer of the Oklahoma City News. The Secretary was instructed to request Mr. Toomer to furnish each member of the Board with a copy of his criticism giving citations by pages before the next meeting of the Board, November 6th.

A communication was presented from Kirby Fitzpatrick asking the Board for the approval of a military primer to be published and sold to the teachers of Oklahoma for their guidance in giving military instruction.

On motion by Mr. Halls, seconded by Mr. Hill, the primer was approved, Mr. Sandlin voting no.

On motion the Board adjourned until the sixth of November.


President, State Board of Education.


Secretary, State Board of Education.