

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 6, 1918.

Morning Session.

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

Minutes of the Meeting of December 12 and 13, 1917, were presented and approved.

Mr. L. L. McShane, representing Dodd, Mead and Company, appeared before the Board and presented a request from his company for a readjustment of the price of the New International Encyclopaedia, as approved by the State Board of Education, the present price being \$6.00 per volume, or \$120 for the set of twenty four volumes. Mr. McShane stated that, on account of the increase in price of paper and labor, his company desired to ask the Board for an increase of twenty five cents per volume, or a total of \$126 for sets of the New International Encyclopaedia sold to the public schools of the state.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, the request of Dodd, Mead and Company was granted and the price at which the New International Encyclopaedia is approved for sale to the schools is \$126.

Mr. H. R. Christopher of Henryetta appeared before the Board and spoke concerning the continuance at Henryetta of the Extension Work in the coal mining field which had been conducted under the direction of the School of Mines.

After discussion with the Board, action was deferred until the afternoon session, when Mr. Christopher was requested to appear.

Supt. J. G. Mote of Kiefer appeared before the Board and spoke concerning the transfer of Creek County from the Central Normal School District to the Northeastern Normal School District.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Brewer, Creek County was transferred from the Central Normal School District to the Northeastern District.

Voting aye: Messrs. Ralls, Brewer, Shepler and Wilson.

Voting no: Messrs. Hill and Sandlin.

Mrs. Leo LaBron of Guthrie appeared before the Board representing the Catholic College of Oklahoma for Young Women and presented the application of that institution for the approval of the Board in granting teachers' certificates to students and graduates of the institution who had completed courses in accordance with the statutes and rules of the State Board of Education.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, the application of the Catholic College of Oklahoma for Young Women, located at Guthrie, Oklahoma, was approved and the granting of certificates in accordance with the statutes and rules of the Board was authorized.

All voted aye.

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

1. - (509) I request the approval of the appointment of M. L. Fleming, to the position of Instructor in Business in the University of Oklahoma, to give instruction in stenography and typewriting to date from January 1, 1918, to September 1, 1918, at a salary of \$116.66 per month, said salary to include services during the summer session.  
Approved.
- 2.- (510) I request the approval of the appointment of George Helmrich to the position of Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the University of Oklahoma, to date from January 1, 1918, to September 1, 1918, salary at the rate of \$1400.00 per annum.  
Approved
3. - ( ) Subject to your approval I have appointed William Alonzo Fowler Associate Professor of Obstetrics, to date from February 1, 1918, at the salary provided in the schedule for the Medical School.  
Approved.
4. - (514) I desire to report that I have accepted the resignation of William Vinson, Janitor in the Engineering Building and Gymnasium, to date from December 15, 1917.  
Approved.
5. - (515) Subject to your approval I have appointed W. S. McQuire as Janitor in the Engineering Building and Gymnasium, at the rate of \$65.00 per month, to date from December 15, 1917, to July 1, 1918.  
Approved.
6. - (516) Subject to your approval I have appointed the following named persons at the ranks and salaries indicated:  
David Byres Ray Johnson, Instructor in Pharmacy, to date from February 4, to June 4, 1918, at the rate of \$110.00 per month;  
Louise V. Eldridge, Instructor in Violin, to date from February 4, to June 4, 1918, at the rate of \$175.00 per month.  
Approved.
7. - (517) Subject to your approval I have appointed Earl Grimes as Assistant in the Print Shop in the University, from January 1, to July 1, 1918, at the rate of 40¢ per hour.  
Approved.

- 8.- (518) I desire to report that the following high schools have complied with all the conditions necessary to become fully accredited schools with the University of Oklahoma, and are therefore entitled to operate as independent school districts:

Chelsea High School  
 Coweta High School  
 Crescent High School  
 Helena High School  
 Hitchcock High School  
 Mill Creek High School  
 New Wilson High School  
 Prague High School  
 Preston High School

Approved.

9. - (519) I recommend that F. G. Tappan, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, be authorized to accompany the electrical engineers on their annual inspection trip, at the expense of the University.

Approved.

- 10.- (520) I recommend that indefinite leave of absence, without pay, be granted to Lester Clyde Lichty, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, for military service.

Approved.

- 11.- (521) I desire to report that I have accepted the resignation of Mary Fulton Gibbons, Assistant Professor of Violin, to take effect on December 21, 1917.

Approved.

- 12.- (522) I recommend that Ernest W. Scudder, Instructor in Geology, be given leave of absence, without pay, to date from March 1, to September 1, 1918, without obligating the Board to re-employ him at that time.

Approved.

- 13.- (523) I recommend that Victor E. Monnet, Assistant Professor in Geology, be given a leave of absence, without pay, to date from March 1 to September 1, 1918.

Approved.

14. - (524) Subject to your approval I have appointed Dr. Arthur Brown Chase to the position of Assistant Professor of Medicine, to date from February 1, 1918.

Approved.

15. - (525) I recommend that Professor R. C. Terrell be authorized to attend, at the expense of the University, the Good Roads Convention, to be held at St. Louis, Missouri, during the week beginning February 4, 1918.

Approved.

16. - (526) I recommend that Howard Storm Brown, Dean of the School of Pharmacy, be authorized to attend, at the expense of the University, the conference of the American Pharmaceutical Faculties, at Washington D. C., to discuss the participation of Pharmacy Schools in the War.

Approved.

17. - (527) I desire to report that I have made arrangements with the War Department whereby Captain Clark Dudley will be assigned, for general supervision of military drill, to the University of Oklahoma. Captain Dudley is Commandant at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. It was the understanding that the University take care of the additional expenses incident to taking general supervision of the work at the University. I recommend that Captain Dudley be placed on the pay roll, therefore at \$75.00 per month, to date from February 1, 1918.

Approved.

18. - (528) Subject to your approval I have appointed Margaret Stump stenographer in the University of Oklahoma, to date from February 4, 1918, to July 1, 1918, at the rate of \$60.00 per month.

Approved.

A communication from Local 1060 Carpenters and Joiners of America, Norman, Oklahoma, was presented and read.  
No action was taken.

The Normal School Presidents' Council appeared before the Board and presented their recommendations. Presidents T. D. Brooks, A. S. Faulkner, J. W. Graves, J. M. Gordon and J. B. Eskridge were present.

The Board recessed to 1:30 P. M.

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Afternoon Session

February 6th.

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

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Ralls, the State Board of Education amended the motion adopted by the Board in session December 13th relating to the Extension work in the coal, and zinc and lead, fields to read as follows:

"Secretary S. M. Barrett of the State Board of Vocational Education was elected director, without salary, of the Extension work of the School of Mines in the coal, and zinc and lead, fields, Mr. Barrett being directed to organize such work and to make all appointments of instructors necessary in carrying on this work, subject to approval of the State Board of Education."

All voted aye.

Senator S. L. Johnston and Representative H. R. Christopher appeared and briefly discussed the action of the Board in relation to the Extension work in the coal, and lead and zinc, fields, after which they retired.

The Board proceeded to consider the recommendations of the Council of Normal School Presidents submitted at the forenoon session.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Hill, the recommendations of the Normal School Presidents were adopted as follows:

1. That the State Board of Education reaffirm its decision of last year limiting the salaries of the Special Summer Term Instructors and forbidding their selection from the districts of other normal schools, except upon agreement between the presidents of the districts affected.

Approved.

2. That the following resolution be adopted:

"Since at the meeting of the Council in May, 1917, it was recommended that Agriculture 206, 207 and 208 be not required in several of the Normal College Courses, and when the recommendation was presented to the State Board of Education it was pointed out that the teaching of agriculture was required of all teachers and that agriculture was therefore made required work in all Normal School Courses, it therefore becomes necessary for purposes of administration of the Normal School Courses as adopted to recommend to the Board of Education that Home Economics and Manual Training be made elective instead of required, in all except the Home Economics and Manual Training Courses."

Approved.

3. That the following resolution be adopted:

"Students who have completed twenty-four normal preparatory units, including the English, Mathematics, History, Music, Drawing and Penmanship required for the first two years, together with three units in General Science or in Physiology and Agriculture, and two units in Pedagogy, and have done not less than two terms of residence work in one of the state normal schools, may be granted a certificate by the State Board of Education, good for one year, upon equal standing with a third grade county certificate, but valid in any county of the State after registration with the county superintendent. Such certificate shall be renewable before expiration for the period of its original validity, upon the endorsement of the county superintendent under whom the holder has taught that the teaching has been successful, and upon the further endorsement of the President of the Oklahoma State

Normal school originally recommending the issuance of the certificate that the holder has done not less than nine weeks, or forty-five days, of residence work, and has made not fewer than four units of additional credit in that Normal School since the issuance of the certificate."

Approved.

4. That the several state normal schools shall offer two units each in Gregg Shorthand and Typewriting, the double unit credit to be allowed only on the completion of the second unit, the standard of proficiency to be, in Shorthand, the ability to take and read, without error, new average dictation at the rate of one hundred words per minute, and, in Typewriting, to be the ability to write, without error, from printed matter an average of thirty-five words per minute for ten minutes. To be eligible to courses in Shorthand and Typewriting, a student who does not have credit for four units in English must carry courses in English simultaneously with his work in Shorthand. Further, that the courses in Shorthand, Typewriting and Bookkeeping (hereinafter provided for) may receive college credit.

Approved.

5. That the Normal Schools offer two units of work in Bookkeeping, each to be credited separately.

Approved.

6. That a special course in Business Arithmetic be offered and that in general courses now offered in the normal schools be depended on to supply other needs, but that each normal school shall for the present be allowed to offer such additional courses in commercial lines as seem desirable.

Approved.

7. The numbers for the courses provided for above all shall be as follows:

501 and 502 Shorthand; 511 and 512 Typewriting; 241 Business Arithmetic; 521 and 522 Bookkeeping. The old course in Bookkeeping, No. 228, will be discontinued.

Approved.

8. That each normal school president should put into effect a six day week schedule in the Summer Term.

Approved.

9. That the normal school presidents be authorized to attend the meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association to be held at Atlantic City in February, their necessary expenses to be paid by the state.

Approved.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the appointment of a committee of three was authorized to consider salaries of the Normal School faculties and report to the Board at its next meeting.  
the motion carried.

Messrs. Sandlin, Shepler and Hill were appointed as the committee.

Mr. Jno. E. Swain, Mr. Geo. Wilson and Miss Emma Chandler appeared as a committee from the Extension Workers of the Department of Agriculture, Federal and State, and presented plans for Home and Community Building courses to be given at the summer schools of the State Normals of Oklahoma in 1918.

After a discussion with the Board, the committee was requested to meet with the Council of Normal School Presidents and present the plan to them in order that the Board might have the recommendation of the Council.

Mr. Sandlin, appointed by the Board at its last meeting to consider the charges of disloyalty against Professor J. Rothenberger of the Central State Normal, presented his report with copies of letters and testimony taken in the hearing of the charges. Mr. Sandlin's report summarized was that from the information obtained it was his opinion that Rothenberger is not disloyal to the United States and does not sympathize with Germany in the war, and that the charges should be dismissed.

On motion by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Hill, the report was received and adopted. The motion carried.

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

1. That Mrs. Wilbur Lee be appointed critic teacher at \$65 per month.
2. That Miss Grace Threlkeld be appointed as substitute for Miss Kate K. Knight, Assistant in Mathematics, during the winter and spring terms.
3. That the resignation of O. N. Lackey, Instructor in Chemistry and Physics, be accepted and that R. R. Robinson be appointed as his successor.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Brewer, President Gordon's recommendations were approved.

President Gordon also presented requisitions as follows:

1. For gymnasium apparatus and equipment not to exceed \$200.
2. Permission to expend \$7.50 per month for books for the library.
3. Permission to employ an experienced printer at four dollars per day, in amount not to exceed \$60.
4. For piping gas and water into the gymnasium, not to exceed \$60.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Brewer, the requisitions were approved.

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

1. That salary should be granted to Frank S. Wyatt while at the training camp the same as is granted to members of the faculty on leave of absence attending school, as Mr. Wyatt is now directing military training at the Northwestern State Normal in addition to his work in the Department of History.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the salary of Mr. Wyatt was fixed at \$150 per month from February 1, 1918, to continue at this rate as long as military training is maintained at the Northwestern State Normal under his direction.

2. That the resignation of Pearl Crawford as critic teacher of the fifth and sixth grades of the Northwestern State Normal School be accepted to take effect as of Friday, December 7, 1917, and that Jane Morrow Watson be elected as successor to Miss Crawford.

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

3. That the resignation of C. S. Warren, head of the Department of Foreign Languages, be accepted as of January 31, 1918, and that Maud Morris, Assistant in Foreign Languages, be designated as head of the Department at a salary of \$1200 per annum.

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

4. That the resignation of M. C. Mann, Assistant in Physics and Chemistry, be accepted.

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

5. That Ruby Williams, head of the Department of Physical Education for Women, be granted a leave of absence until April 1st, without pay.

Approved.

6. That the resignation of Olive Stricklen, Acting Assistant Secretary and Bookkeeper, be accepted.

Approved.

7. That J. F. Epley be elected head of the Department of Commerce in the Northwestern State Normal at a salary of \$1400. per annum.

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

President T. D. Brooks appeared before the Board and presented the resignation of Ursula Lamar, Assistant in History and English.



The resignation was accepted on motion by Mr. Shepler, seconded by Mr. Brewer.

President J. W. Graves of the Central State Normal appeared before the Board and presented the following recommendations:

1. That Lucy J. Hampton, Assistant in History, be granted a leave of absence on half pay from February 1, 1918, to June 15, 1918.

Approved.

2. That Miss Floy Bitting be appointed as substitute for Miss Hampton as Instructor in History, at a salary of \$50 per month.

Approved.

3. That Alvin L. Babb be elected Instructor in the Commercial branches at a salary of \$1400 per year.

Approved.

The Board recessed until 9:00 o'clock, February 7, 1918.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 7, 1918.

Morning Session..

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

Mr. Ralls, appointed by the Board to hear the evidence in the charges against A. C. Elliott, former superintendent of schools at Jenks, Oklahoma, reported that he had been unable to get the prosecution to appear with witnesses to sustain the charges; that the prosecuting witnesses stated that the persons they expected to call as witnesses were in other places and that it would be impossible to get them back for a hearing.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, the charges against A. C. Elliott were dismissed without prejudice.  
The motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of three to visit the State Home at Pryor, investigate conditions and report at the next meeting of the Board if the older children now in that institution cannot be let out to private homes either by indenture or adoption.

Mr. Wilson appointed Mr. Ralls, Dr. Brewer and Mr. Hill.

A communication was read from Superintendent Neil B. Gardner of the State Home relating to a deficiency in the funds of that institution which would be created by necessary expenditures for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Sandlin entered.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Shepler, Mr. Gardner's communication regarding the deficiency was referred to Mr. Hill with instructions that he confer with the State Board of Public Affairs as to the action necessary, and report at the afternoon session.

The motion carried.

A communication was read from Joe M. Lynch, U. S. Probate Attorney of Stillwell, Oklahoma, concerning a report of the Board in the guardianship matter of Clarence and Earnest Pitts, with Superintendent Gardner's communication relating to same.

On motion the communication was referred to Mr. Ralls with the request that he write Mr. Lynch concerning the matter.

A communication was presented from Superintendent Gardner explaining the application of Mrs. Littlefield for a girl from the State Home for adoption.

No action was taken.

A communication was read from Superintendent Blattner regarding a student of the School for the Deaf who had been suspended from that institution and whose parents were residents of Texas.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, the disposition of the case was referred back to Superintendent Blattner with instructions that in its settlement he should use his best judgment as to the interests of the institution but that it was the sense of the Board that if the boy's parents were living in Texas and were able to take care of him he should not be reinstated in the Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

The motion carried.

The copy of the report of the State Board of Public Affairs to the Governor, upon the conditions existing at the West Oklahoma Home for White Children, was presented and read.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Brewer, this report was referred to Mr. Hill with the request that he take up the matter with the State Board of Affairs.

The motion carried.

A communication from Superintendent A. K. Gossam concerning Riley Taylor, an inmate of the institution whose release had been requested by Mrs. Mary Brunson, his grandmother, together with a letter from County Judge R. J. Ray, was read.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Brunson that the Board would take no action in granting a parole as the County Judge and the Superintendent of the Training School did not recommend the release of the boy.

On motion, the salary of R. E. Braden, engineer and machinist at the State Training School, was raised ten dollars per month to take effect February 1, 1918. All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Ralls, the salary of S. R. Sawyer, Farmer, was fixed at \$75.00 per month, beginning February 1, 1918, provided that in increasing this salary the institution furnish maintenance for Mr. Sawyer only.

A communication was read from Superintendent Blattner concerning the water supply in the city of Sulphur and at the School for the Deaf.

On motion this communication was referred to Mr. Hill with the request that he confer with the Board of Affairs concerning the best method for securing a sufficient water supply to maintain the School for the Deaf.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Brewer, the Board voted to reconsider its action of the previous day relating to the transfer of Creek County from the Central Normal School District to the Northeastern Normal School District. All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Ralls, the application of Creek County for a transfer from the Central Normal School District to the Northeastern Normal School District was denied.  
The motion carried.

The Board recessed until 1:30 P. M.

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Afternoon Session  
February 7, 1918.

Members present: Messrs. Shepler, Brewer, Ralls, Sandlin and Hill, Mr. Sandlin acting as Chairman.

A communication was presented from Superintendent J. W. Blattner recommending that he be given authority to conduct school on Saturdays in order to shorten the term of the School so that the pupils may be allowed to return home earlier on account of the need of their services on farms, provided such shortening of the term cause no reduction in the salaries of the teachers already contracted with.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Brewer, authority was granted Superintendent Blattner to conduct Saturday sessions at the School for the Deaf and to pay salaries for the full year for which teachers have contracted, that is to June 15th.

A communication was also read from Superintendent Blattner concerning the epidemic of measles in the School for the Deaf and requesting the approval of his action in employing an additional woman to assist in taking care of these cases.

Superintendent Blattner's action was approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Brewer.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Brewer, the Board postponed until its next meeting action on Superintendent Blattner's recommendation concerning the granting of permission to students to spend the Christmas holidays at home, from which permission had resulted the epidemic of measles.

President J. B. Eakridge's recommendations were presented as follows:

- 1. That Ruth Scales of the Art Department be assigned to the teaching of Drawing in the Training School at a salary not to exceed \$20 per month.

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

- 2. That Frank C. Stubbs be elected head janitor at the Southwestern State Normal School at a salary of \$900 per year.

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

- 3. That W. S. Haldeman be elected head of Physics and Chemistry at a salary of \$1500 per year.

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

- 4. That Grace Vandiver be elected Critic teacher of the third and fourth grades at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

Approved.

The recommendations of President G. W. Gable were presented as follows:

- 1. That the resignation of Lola Marie Harris be accepted and that Lidia Pierce be elected as her successor, at a salary of \$1000 per year.

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

- 2. That the salary of the yard man at the Northeastern State Normal be increased to \$40 per month, to take effect as of January 1, 1918.

- 3. That C. E. Bradley be elected head of the Commercial Department at a salary of \$1400. per year.

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

Recommendations and communications of President J. M. Marquess were presented as follows:

1. A communication inviting the members of the State Board of Education to visit in a body the C. A. & N. University. The Secretary was instructed to thank President Marquess for the invitation and to inform him that it was inexpedient for the Board to visit in a body the institutions under its direction.

Communications were presented from President Marquess explaining the claims and requisitions presented to the Board at its last meeting.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Dr. Brewer, the explanations were accepted and ordered filed.

3. A communication petitioning for a transfer of funds from the Teachers' Salary Account out of the General Revenue No. 1, 1918, to the Support and Maintenance Account, was presented.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the transfer of the funds in accordance with the request of President Marquess was approved and the President and Secretary of the Board were authorized to join the Board of Affairs in making the proper resolution covering such transfer.

Petitions and communications concerning the holding of branch summer schools of the C. A. & N. University were presented and read.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Shepler, it was the decision of the Board to hold but the one summer session for colored teachers, this to be at Langston.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the plans for Home and Community Building courses to be given at the summer sessions of the State Normal Schools in 1918, as submitted by the committee of Extension workers from the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Dr. Brewer, the course of study was approved and the State Normal School Presidents were authorized to allow credit in Domestic Economy and Agriculture to students taking this course, the course to be required of all students that have not completed the required three units in Agriculture and Domestic Economy.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Ralls, the recommendation of President A. S. Faulkner of the Northwestern State Normal that the salary of the engineer and janitors of that institution be increased was approved and the salaries were fixed as follows, to begin February 1st:

Engineer, \$87.50 per month; Janitors \$60 each per month.

All voted aye.

Mr. Hill reported the results of his conference with the Board of Affairs on the following matters:

1. The Board of Affairs were investigating the matter of the deficiency at Pryor and had asked for an inventory of the products of the farm, and after receiving same were to take up the matter with the Governor with a view to having a certificate of deficiency issued.

2. The Board of Affairs were looking for a successor to Superintendent Pierce of the West Oklahoma Home, in accordance with the recommendations of their report to the Governor.
3. The Board of Affairs were investigating the matter of the water supply at the School for the Deaf at Sulphur.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Ralls, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma was requested to issue a certificate of deficiency for the Oklahoma State Home at Pryor in amount \$17,292., the certificate to be issued and filed in accordance with the statutes.

All voted aye.

Mr. Wilson entered.

It was moved by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the chairman appoint a committee of three to visit Pauls Valley and Sulphur for the purpose of inspecting this institution, which committee is to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Wilson appointed Messrs. Ralls, Shepler and Brewer.

The Board convened as a text book commission.

A communication was presented from Scott, Foreman & Company, asking for the approval for use in the schools of Oklahoma of their book, "Democracy Today", to be sold through local dealers or by mail at the price of 40¢ per copy.

"Democracy Today", at the price of 40¢ per copy, was approved on motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill.

A communication was read from Guy A. Curry, Secretary of the Council of Defense at Stigler, Oklahoma, protesting against "The Story of the Old World", by Elson and Macmullan, which book is adopted for use in the sixth grade of the public schools of Oklahoma.

Mr. Curry stated that it was his opinion that the part of the text which discussed the influence of the Germans upon the National History of America appeared to him to indicate a German propaganda.

A communication in reply to Mr. Curry, which is from John E. Rosser, representative of the World Book Company, was read.

On motion of Dr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Ralls, action on Mr. Curry's letter was deferred until the next meeting of the Board, the members of which are to secure copies of the text in question and make personal investigation before such meeting.

All voted aye.

It was moved by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education make all the proceedings and do all things necessary by advertisement or otherwise as required by law, to adopt on March 19, 1918, for the common schools of the State of Oklahoma, uniform text books as follows:

Speller, teachers' register, and reading circle books, and to enter into contracts with publishers and book companies for furnishing the same and that the advertisement for proposals be published in the Daily Oklahoman, and that copies be furnished to all publishing houses.

Voting aye: Messrs. Shepler, Hill, Ralls, Brewer, Wilson and Sandlin.

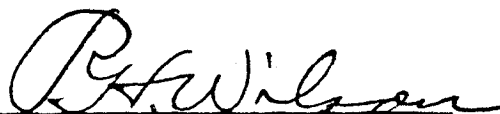
The Resolution was adopted.

The Board adjourned as a Text Book Commission and reconvened as the State Board of Education.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to write to the presidents of the State Normal Schools and ask them to furnish the members of the committee with information as to the salaries paid the faculties and employees of the Normal Schools with their recommendation as to increases in such salaries.

On motion by Mr. Ralls, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Board as a committee of the whole decided to investigate the course of study for the common schools and be prepared to decide at its next meeting whether the course should be amended or published in its present form.

The Board adjourned to meet on March 19, 1918.



President, State Board of Education



Secretary, State Board of Education