

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 13-14, 1918.

Morning Session, May 13, 1918.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the State Board of Education on April 17-18, 1918, were presented and approved.

A copy of the testimony given at a meeting of the Weatherford Council of Defense in investigating charges against C. H. Simpson, teacher in the Southwestern Normal School, was presented and read.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, it has been made to appear to the State Board of Education upon investigation made by the Weatherford Council of Defense, under date of May 9, 1918, that C. H. Simpson, Professor of Agriculture in the Southwestern State Normal, has made remarks to the effect that young men of the white race would be killed off in this war to such an extent that the young women will have to marry negroes to build up the race; that the German Government is a better government than that of the United States of America; that the American citizen has no right on the high seas that should be respected by Germany; that soldiers from the front making Liberty Loan and Y. M. C. A. speeches are impostors; that the American soldier should have no assistance or help from war relief societies other than his regular pay, the same as a mail carrier; and

WHEREAS, the said C. H. Simpson discourages the pursuit of agriculture in his classes, especially the growing of wheat,--

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the said C. H. Simpson be dismissed on this date from the faculty of the said State Normal School, and that the written statement taken by the Weatherford Council of Defense be filed by the Secretary of the Board in the permanent files of the State Board of Education as a part of the record of the Board justifying its action in this case."

All voted aye.

Communications were read from Superintendent J. W. Blattner of the School for the Deaf and C. G. White, Chairman of the Murray County Liberty Loan Committee, concerning the refusal of John A. Graham, an employee of the School for the Deaf, to sign a loyalty pledge card and his circulation of the book "The Hidden Mystery".

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS, it appears from the report of the Chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee of Murray County and the Superintendent of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf that John A. Graham, an employee of the School for the Deaf, has refused to sign a loyalty pledge card and has circulated "The Hidden Mystery", the said John A. Graham is discharged from the services of the School for the Deaf as of May 1st, 1918."

All voted aye.

The Board then proceeded to consider the revision of the "Story of the Old World" offered by the World Book Company. After careful consideration of the copy submitted for the revised edition, the following motion was adopted:

"That the Story of the Old World as revised be approved, provided that the pictures found on Pages 94, 96, 98 and 117 be stricken out and that all copies of the old book be withdrawn from sale, and all pupils having copies of said book that they desire to exchange be given the revised book in even exchange."

Voting aye: Mr. Hill, Mr. Shepler, Mr. Sandlin, Mr. Wilson.

The answer of Superintendent Neil B. Gardner of the Oklahoma State Home to the charges filed against him by Mrs. Florence Pigg, former teacher in the State Home, was read. On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Hill, the charges against Superintendent Gardner were dismissed. All voted aye.

Moved by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Hill, that it be the rule of the State Board of Education and the State Home at Pryor that inmates of the said State Home be not permitted to work in close proximity to dangerous machinery such as sorghum mills, silage cutters, etc., and that adult employees be placed in charge of the work about such machinery in order that they may at all times keep the children from getting near enough to such dangerous work that injury may result.

All voted aye.

The Board recessed to 1:30.

Afternoon Session, May 13, 1918.

Members present: Messrs. Wilson, Hill, Shepler, Sandlin:

President J. B. Eskridge of the Southwestern State Normal appeared before the Board and presented the following recommendations:

1. That the salary of J. R. Campbell, Assistant in Education, be placed at \$1650.00 per annum, to take effect September 1, 1918.

Approved on motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Shepler. All voted aye.

2. That I be allowed to expend not to exceed \$50.00 for commencement speakers etc.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the request was granted and the expenditure of not to exceed \$50.00 for commencement expenses authorized in all the state normal schools. All voted aye.

President Stratton D. Brooks appeared and presented the following:

1. (539) I recommend that the salary of Julien C. Monnet, Dean of the School of Law, be fixed at \$4200.00 for the school year beginning September 1, 1918, and be regularly advanced at the rate of \$100.00 per year to a maximum of \$4500.00.

Approved.

2. (555) I recommend that indefinite leave of absence, without pay, be granted to Leon Forest Wood, Instructor in Electrical Engineering, for military service, said leave of absence to date from August 10, 1918.

Approved.

3. (556) Professor William Peter Haseman was granted sabbatical leave of absence from September 1, 1916, to September 1, 1917, and is now completing the school year, extending from September 1, 1917, to September 1, 1918. He has been granted indefinite leave of absence from September 1, 1918. He informs me that it is very doubtful that he will return to the University.

During the sabbatical leave of absence he was paid Eleven Hundred Dollars (\$1100.00), and filed a bond to return that sum unless he taught three consecutive years after the expiration of his sabbatical leave. Under the terms of his bond he would owe the State two-thirds of this \$1100.00, or \$733.33, in case he did not complete the three years of teaching.

I recommend that he be requested to return this amount to the State.

Approved.

4. (557) I recommend that all students required to take military drill be required to make a deposit of \$25.00 with which to purchase the necessary uniform, the surplus, if any, to be refunded to the student.

Approved.

5. (558) Subject to your approval I have appointed the following named persons for the time and at the salary specified:

Bennie Schultz, June 1 to Sept. 15, 1918.....\$150.00 per mo.

William A. Kitchen, June 1 to Sept. 15, 1918....\$100.00 per mo.

Approved.

6. (559) I recommend that the action taken at the last meeting of the Board, appointing J. B. Jones, General Assistant, at a salary of \$900.00 per year, be rescinded, and that he be reappointed for such portion of the year from July 1, 1918, to July 1, 1919, as his services may be necessary and satisfactory, at the rate of \$1000.00 per year.

Approved.

7. (560) I recommend that leave of absence, without pay, be granted to Philip G. Phelps, Extension Field Agent, from May 1 to June 1, 1918.

Approved.

8. (561) I recommend that the previous action appointing Miss Edna Holland Superintendent of Nurses, at a salary of \$960.00 per year be rescinded and that she be appointed beginning July 1, 1918, for such portion of the school year as her services may be necessary and satisfactory, at the rate of \$1200.00 per year. Approved.

9. (562) I recommend that Wann M. Langston, Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology and Microscopy, be granted indefinite leave of absence without pay, for military service, to date from July 1, 1918.

Approved.

10. (563) Subject to your approval I have appointed Felix Gastineau, Instructor in Clinical Pathology and Microscopy, in the School of Medicine, to date from July 1, 1918 to July 1, 1919. Owing to the fact that this position covers eleven months' service during the year, I recommend that his salary be fixed at \$200.00 in addition to the regular salary for his rank, namely at \$1400.00 per year.

Approved.

11. (564) On the suggestion of the Dean of the Medical School I recommend that the State Board of Education offer to the United States Government the use of its hospitals for any service that may be necessary in connection with the war.

Approved.

12. (565) I recommend that indefinite leave of absence, without pay, be granted to John P. McClure, Instructor in English, for military service, said leave of absence to date from July 20, 1918.

Approved.

13. (566) I recommend that leave of absence, without pay, be granted to L. W. W. Morrow, Professor of Electrical Engineering, for military service, said leave of absence to date from July 20, 1918. Approved.

14. (567) 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:

Jefferson
Braman
Elmore
Winnepah

Shamrock
Calvin
Laverne
Stroud

Blanchard
Elmore
Luther

A representative of the Scientific Supply Company of St. Louis appeared before the Board and presented the Opto-Industrial collection, requesting the approval of this collection for sale to the schools of Oklahoma at a price of \$140.00 for the collection.

No action.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Shepler, Superintendent Gossom's recommendations for teachers and employees of the State Training School were approved as follows:

Secretary	L. E. Griffin	\$60.00 per mo.
Principal of School		75.00
Teacher		50.00
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Cook	F. L. Claston	60.00
Physician	Dr. N. H. Lindsay	50.00
Nurse (Temporary)	Mrs. S. R. Sawyer	25.00
Farmer	S. R. Sawyer	75.00
Dairyman	Hermann Phipps	60.00
Engineer	R. E. Braden	75.00
Tailor	Mrs. R. E. Braden	25.00
Snoemaker	J. W. Hollingsworth*	40.00
Laundryman	T. R. Cunningham	50.00
Matron	Mrs. T. R. Cunningham	25.00
Company Officer	David Rouser*	40.00
Do	John Suitor*	40.00
Do	R. A. Holt*	40.00
Do	Martin Green	35.00
Night Guard	John Scott	35.00
Do	Herman Cunningham	35.00
Do	Henry Rubrecht	35.00
Do	Ed Cox	35.00
Relief Officer	J. A. Johnson	50.00
Matron Dining Room	Mrs. David Rouser	25.00
Ministerial Alliance of Pauls Valley		20.00

* Salary to be increased to \$50.00 per month after six months of service at \$40.00 per month.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, Superintendent Neil B. Gardner's recommendations for teachers and employees at the State Home at Pryor were approved as follows:

W. E. Butler	State Agent	\$125.00 per mo.
A. W. Page	Bookkeeper	60.00 per mo.
Tony Bedwell	Office Asst.	10.00
Miss Elizabeth H. Bard	Teacher	60.00

Mrs. Jessie Knudson	Teacher	60.00
Mrs. Ada G. Page	Teacher	60.00
Miss Fanny McKinney	Teacher	60.00
Mrs. Ida G. Wall	Teacher	50.00
Mrs. W. B. Taylor	Teacher	50.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell	Matron	50.00
Mrs. Emma Hively	Matron	50.00
Mrs. C. A. Moore	Matron	50.00
Mrs. Mary Kimbrough	Matron	50.00
Mrs. Louise Prewitt	Matron	50.00
Mrs. W. L. Beavers	Matron	50.00
Mrs. Ella Butler	Matron	50.00
Mrs. Laura K. Hill	Matron	60.00
Mrs. Ava Hissong	Matron	50.00
Mrs. T. M. Meyerding	Matron	40.00
Mrs. Sue H. Betts	Seamstress	50.00
T. M. Mabry	Laundryman	50.00
Mrs. T. M. Mabry	Laundress	50.00
J. S. Hively	Deliveryman	50.00
A. R. Bennett	Engineer	40.00
A. J. McKenzie	Night Fireman & Watchman	40.00
Dr. J. L. Mitchell	Physician	50.00
Mrs. N. B. Moore	Nurse	50.00
W. B. Taylor	Farmer	50.00
Jesse Dunkerson	Farm Hand	\$15.00 per mo.
James Price	Farm Hand	15.00
Virgil Walker	Farm Hand	15.00
William Buster	Farm Hand	10.00
Roger Grear	Farm Hand	10.00

On motion by Mr. Shepler, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, the salary of Neil B. Gardner, Superintendent of the Oklahoma State Home, was fixed at \$2200.00 per annum beginning September 1, 1918.

Mr. Sandlin introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that each employee of the institutions under the jurisdiction of said Board and each and every teacher in the city and rural schools of the state shall, before entering upon his or her duties for the next school year, take and subscribe an oath of office to the effect that such employee or teacher will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, the State of Oklahoma, and support the Red Cross, Liberty Loans, War Stamp Sales, Food and Fuel Administrations, and all war relief societies and organizations and societies, and especially to cooperate with the County and School District Councils of Defense in the matter of reporting disloyal statements and stamping out disloyalty and to teach patriotism.

That the Secretary and Chairman of this Board prepare forms in accordance with this resolution to be used by this Board and its employees and county superintendents and school boards.

Adopted on motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Hill. All voted aye.

The recommendations of Superintendent J. R. Johnson of the State Institute for Colored Deaf, Blind and Orphans were presented.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Shepler, the recommendations of Superintendent Johnson were approved and an increase of \$5.00 per month granted to each of the employees recommended except Mrs. Dora H. Johnson; the following being a list of the employees, with salaries:

POSITION	NAME	SALARY
Principal Grammar Dept.	C. G. Noble	\$70.00 per mo. 9 mo.
Asst. Principal Grammar Dept.	Alonzo Lewis	65.00
Asst. Principal Grammar Dept.	Miss B.A. Lemme	55.00
" " " "	To be filled	55.00
Teacher of Deaf	Monroe Ingram	65.00
Matron	Mrs. J. V. Ingram	55.00
Matron	Mrs. Alice Perkins	55.00
Sewing	To be filled	55.00
Domestic Science	Dora Hyder Johnson	60.00
Engineer	M. A. McConnell	80.00
Asst. Engineer	H. C. Talley	65.00
Cook	Azella Bell	45.00
Farmer	B. J. Jackson	45.00
Farmer	C. H. Hodges	45.00
Stockman	Isom B. Washington	45.00
Watchman	David P. Robinson	45.00

A communication was read from Superintendent J. W. Blattner and ordered filed.

A communication was read from President G. W. Gable.

A communication was read from Professor J. C. Adamson of the Central State Normal and on motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Shepler, was referred to President J. W. Graves for his consideration.

President J. W. Graves of the Central State Normal appeared and discussed the location of the President's home to be erected at Edmond. No action.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Shepler, President Graves was authorized to employ an assistant art instructor at \$100.00 per month for the summer school should the necessity arise.

The Board recessed.

Morning Session, May 14, 1918.

Members present: Messrs. Wilson, Hill, Shepler, Sandlin.

President J. W. Gordon of the East Central State Normal appeared and presented his recommendations for the faculty of the East Central State Normal for 1918-19 as follows:

FACULTY	POSITION	SALARY
M. L. Perkins	Education & Tr. School	\$1980.00
C. G. Bradford	Psychology & Military	1650.00
R. G. Sears	History & Geography	1650.00
M. B. Molloy	English	1650.00
Irma Spriggs	English	1210.00
Kate K. Knight	Mathematics	1210.00
E. A. MacMillan	Biology	1540.00
B. A. Pratt	Agriculture	1650.00
R. R. Robinson	Chemistry & Physics	1650.00
E. E. Ericson	Manual Arts	1650.00
A. A. Cruz	Music & Spanish	750.00
B. Alice Francisco	Home Economics	1210.00
Helen A. Turner	Public School Art	1210.00
Emma K. Keller	Public School Music	1320.00
Lucy Pepon	Grade Supervisor	1200.00
Gertrude Graham	Grade Supervisor	1200.00
Mabyl Rucker	Grade Supervisor	1200.00
A. Stauffer	Penmanship & Commercial	1200.00
E. C. Wilson	Librarian & Asst. History	1600.00
Emma E. McClure	Latin & Registrar	1210.00
Mildred Covington	Sec. to President	1100.00
R. S. Newcomb	Athletics & Math.	1600.00
Esea G. Roger	Asst. English	1100.00
Josephine Clark	Latin & German	1400.00

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, President Gordon's recommendations were approved. All voted aye.

President S. D. Brooks of the University of Oklahoma appeared before the Board and presented the plans of the Geology building to be erected at the University.

On motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Sandlin, the plans as presented were approved. All voted aye.

A communication was presented from Professor W. E. Sloat of the Northwestern State Normal asking for a leave of absence for the purpose of study during the summer term, the request being approved by President Faulkner.

On motion by Mr. Sandlin, seconded by Mr. Hill, a leave of absence was granted Mr. Sloat. All voted aye.

The Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

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President, State Board of Education

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Secretary, State Board of Education