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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTSMURRAY STATE NORMAL SCHOOLJUNE 4, 1924.

The Board reconvened again at 8:45 A. M., Vice Chairman, T. H. Stokes, presiding. Present: Mr. T. H. Stokes, Mrs. Laurine Wells Lovett and Mr. G. P. Thomas. Absent: Mr. Rhoads and Mr. J. F. Wilson.

Letter to Olmsted Brothers

The following letter was drafted and ordered sent to Olmsted Brothers for their guidance.

June 4, 1924.

Olmsted Bros., Landscape Architects,  
Brookline, Mass.

(Attention Mr. Whiting)

Dear Sirs:

The members of the Board of Regents have given careful consideration to your tentative sketch for the layout of the Murray State Normal School Campus and submit the following for your consideration:

1. Immediate and ultimate needs of the school are to be considered. The immediate needs are for the location of class room building, women's dormitory and the athletic field with necessary grand stand; also necessary sewer system, walks and drives which will meet our immediate needs.

2. No additional land will be purchased east of the campus and north of the boulevard. An effort was made yesterday to obtain some of this land and we found the price is prohibitive. So do not take into consideration the purchase of any of that tract. A portion of the rear or a few feet off the Wells' lot can be secured.

3. A central heating plant as indicated in your sketch will not be considered at this time, if at all. Mr. Gore estimated the cost to begin with at \$25,000.00. This sum of money is not available for this purpose now. Mr. Gore says he thinks it is possible to install a central heating plant in connection with the present building which will take care of the class room building and the woman's dormitory. The Board authorized him to make tentative plans and prepare estimates relative to the installation of such central heating plant.

4. The Board tentatively approved the plan for the class room building with gymnasium and library as submitted by Mr. Gore. The same to be located approximately as indicated on your sketch.

5. The general location of women's dormitories was looked on with favor but no action relative to approval was taken. Several questions were asked in reference to same. One was whether or not the main dormitory should not be nearer the public highway and face toward it (probably have a double facing as the class room building).

6. The location of the men's dormitories was not favored at all, so it will be necessary for you to work out another plan. The Board might approve of the president's home as located but not the men's dormitories.

In planning the location of men's dormitories, consider only one dormitory. There probably will never be more than one. There will always be three women to one man.

The question was raised whether or not the men's dormitory could not be placed opposite the women's dormitory on east side of campus facing the boulevard.

7. The location of practice school was not looked on with favor. The question was raised whether or not it might be placed north of the women's dormitories where the children might have advantage of woods and at the same time the location not be so prominent.

8. The members of the Board are a unit in their opinion that the south woods should be used for a park rather than be dotted with buildings. So you should take this into consideration in working out your plans. If necessary, all residences other than that of the presidents may be omitted from your scheme. It is further suggested that the president's house should be east of Mr. Wells' property probably between the drive way and east line.

9. It seems that your athletic field is laid out on too comprehensive a scale and the track extends too far north. The land near the north line has a depression which will require considerable filling.

The track may well skirt the corners of the foot ball field and be a fifth instead of a fourth mile.

We only contemplate building a grand stand at present which will seat 400 or 500 persons, providing bleachers for 300 or 400 more. We can only afford to invest \$6000.00 to \$8000.00 in athletic field at present. You should take this into consideration when preparing your plans.

10. In reference to the gymnasium, it seems to be well located.

11. Provide no street on east side of property.

12. It is of the greatest importance that another tentative sketch be submitted to the Board at the very earliest date possible. The next meeting of the Board will be June 18, and plans should be submitted before that time. Remember that sewer system must be installed, roads and walks constructed before school can be opened next September.

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Very truly yours,

J. W. Carr,  
President.

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#### Members of Graduating Class of 1924

The President submitted the names of the following persons as members of the graduating class of 1924.

Miss Mayme Bagwell, Murray, Route 4, Calloway County.  
Miss Bernice Boughter, Smithland, Livingston County.  
Miss Kathleen Boyd, Murray, Calloway County.  
Miss Larene Carter, Wingo, Graves County.  
Miss Mattie Lou Chambers, Murray, Calloway County.  
Miss Irene French, Utica, Daviess County.  
Miss Amy Fuqua, Farmington, Graves County.  
Mr. Clarence Gentry, Paducah, Route 4, Hickman County.  
Miss Flo Imes, Almo, Calloway County.  
Miss Lillian Jones, Benton, Marshall County.  
Miss Julia Shemwell, Benton, Marshall County.  
Miss Lucile Hicks, Fulton, Route 4, Hickman County.  
Miss Roxie Sparkman, Murray, Route 6, Calloway County.  
Miss Lottie Suiter, Murray, Route 4, Calloway County.  
Miss Margaret Wooldridge, Hazel, Calloway County.

By unanimous consent, it was ordered that these persons be graduated from the school and the Advanced Certificate ordered to be given to each after he has completed the prescribed course and fulfilled other requirements of the Board.

Rules relative to Certification of Teachers who are undergraduates of the School.

The President submitted the following letters relative to the interpretation of the laws governing certification of teachers.

Murray, Kentucky,  
May 27, 1924.

Mr. McHenry Rhoads,  
Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
Frankfort, Ky.

My dear Mr. Rhoads:

In canvassing the classes of different students, I find that by strict interpretation of the law of 1924 governing the granting of certificates by normal schools, that some students that have only an equivalent of one year high school, will receive the same sort of certificate as a student who is a high school graduate and will have as many as many as thirty semester hours' of work of college level.

To illustrate: Mr. A entered the Normal School last September and has taken the first year of the course, and will receive a Provisional Elementary Certificate of the second class. Mr. B entered last September and had completed the high school. He has taken thirty hours' of work, and by strict interpretation of the law, is entitled to receive a Provisional Elementary Certificate of the second class.

We have a large number of experienced teachers who have completed the high school but who have only been here long enough to make sixteen to eighteen semester hours' of college level. They, too, by strict interpretation of the law, are entitled to a Provisional Elementary Certificate of the second class. While students who have had but one year of high school but who have been here since last September and have completed eight units of work, will receive a Provisional Elementary Certificate of the first class.

Have you any suggestions to offer? Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

J. W. Carr,  
President.

JWC:AK

Frankfort, Ky.  
May 31, 1924

Pres. J. W. Carr,  
Murray Normal School,  
Murray, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Carr:

Your letter of May 27th indicating certain conditions relative to certification received.

I have no suggestion to offer, other than that, in my judgment, a liberal interpretation of the law will be permissible for the first certificates. After the Murray Normal School has been under way for some time these apparent differences will disappear.

Very truly yours,

McHenry Rhoads,  
Superintendent Public Instruction.

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By common consent, the president was authorized to place a liberal interpretation ~~up~~ the part of the law relative to residence requirement at the Murray State Normal School which was interpreted to be directory, but not upon the portion relative to the required units and semester hours, which was held to be mandatory.

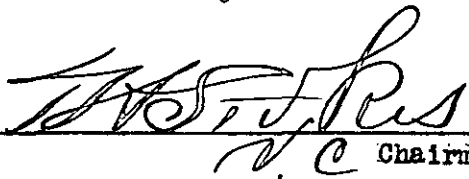
Moved by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Lovett, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet June 18, 1924 at 9:30 A. M. Carried.


The Board then recessed to attend the first annual Commencement Exercises of the Murray State Normal School. The Class address was delivered by Hon. William J. Fields, Governor of Kentucky. It was understood that the Board would reconvene at the close of the public dinner given in honor of Governor Fields.

The Board reconvened at 3:00 P. M. Present: Mr. Stokes and Mr. Thomas. It was understood that Mrs. Lovett would join her colleagues when notice was given that the Board was ready to reassemble.

Mr. Thomas explained that it was necessary for him to leave for his home at once.

The Board adjourned.

  
Chairman.

  
Secretary.