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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTSMURRAY STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AND TEACHERS COLLEGE

April 4, 1929

The Board of Regents of the Murray State Normal School and Teachers College held a meeting in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Thursday, April 4, 1929 at 12 M. The following members were present: Rainey T. Wells, President, W. C. Bell, Chairman, Mrs. William H. Mason, G. P. Ordway, Jas. F. Wilson and G. P. Thomas. Absent none. Mr. Smith, Architect from Paducah also present.

Core Curriculum for Standard Certificate, College Elementary Certificate and Group Requirements for College Certificates

Standard Certificate

	Minimum		Maximum	
	12	Sem. Hrs.	18	Sem. Hrs.
Education				
Psychology		3		
Introduction to Teaching or Classroom Management and Control		2	3	
Observation & Participation		2		
Directed (or Student) Teaching		3		
English	9		16	
Freshman English		6		
Survey of English or American Literature		3		
Mathematics	2		16	
Arithmetic		2		
Science (Not including Geography or Health & Disease)	6		20	
Geography	3		9	
Social Science (Including History, Economics, Sociology and Government American History)	6	3	12	
Health	2		6	
Agriculture	2		12	
(Students who have had a minimum of one half unit of agriculture in an accredited high school may be excused from the college requirement.)				
Music	1		12	
Art	1		6	
Physical Education	1		4	
	Total		45 Sem. Hrs.	

College Elementary Certificate

Education	3	
Arithmetic	2 to 4	
English	3	
The remaining required hours shall be selected from the following:		
American History	3	
General Agriculture	2	3
Geography	3	
Music & Methods	1	2
Teaching of Reading	2	3
Public Speaking	2	

Group Requirements for College Certificate

Education	18 Semester Hours
English	12 Semester Hours
Social Science	12 Semester Hours
Science	12 Semester Hours
Mathematics	7 Semester Hours

Mr. Wells presented the above report on the action of the Executive Council recommending to the Board of Regents 'core' curriculum for the Standard Certificate, College Elementary Certificate and Group Require-

ments for graduation and the Conference of the College Certificate. He recommended its adoption. Mr. Thomas moved the adoption as recommended by President Wells. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. All voted 'Aye'. Motion was declared carried.

Supplemental Financial Report.

Mr. Wells presented a Supplemental Financial Report, as follows:

April 3, 1929

Board of Regents  
Murray State Teachers College  
Murray, Kentucky

Esteemed Members of the Board:

Supplementing a financial statement which I presented to you at a former meeting, I desire to bring to your attention at this time for your consideration a financial statement covering the past financial history of the Murray State Teachers College. Our records disclose that there has been expended in the construction and equipment of the buildings and other major improvements upon the campus the following sums:

Administration Building	\$145,301.60
Library Building and Library	\$205,697.84
Wells Hall	\$305,000.00
Auditorium Building	\$174,561.55
Training School Building	\$169,520.63
Heating Plant	\$ 52,957.45
Roads, Walks, Driveways and Campus Lighting	\$ 35,000.00
Real Estate	\$ 18,500.00

Total capital investments \$1,106,539.07.

By reference to the Acts of the General Assembly and Bi-ennial Appropriation Acts, it will be ascertained that there has been appropriated, for capital investments to this institution the total sum of \$900,000.00, in addition to the \$116,000.00 donated by the city of Murray and Calloway county, making a total sum of \$1,016,000.00 donated and appropriated for capital investments at this institution.

We have appropriated and unexpended for capital investments the sum of \$125,000.00, which will be due and payable by the State Treasurer on July 1st, 1929 for the purposes for which it was appropriated by the 1928 General Assembly. It will be observed that there has been expended for capital investments \$90,539.07 in excess of the amount which has been received by donation and specific appropriations. During the first years of the operation of this institution you were able by reason of the small student body to transfer from the maintenance fund to the building fund this sum of \$90,539.07 to meet this excess of capital investments, as authorized by law. During the past three years the student body has increased to such an extent that it has been necessary to use the entire maintenance fund provided for this institution for the payment of teachers' salaries, maintenance of the plant and administration of this institution. There has not been any sum within the past three years nor will there be any at the end of the present year, remaining available for use for any other purpose than the maintenance of this institution. In fact, our present financial statement shows that there will probably be a deficit in our maintenance fund at the end of the present fiscal year.

I am submitting with this report the financial statement submitted to you at a previous meeting which verifies the last statement made above. Since this statement was prepared, we have found that our maintenance fund is \$13,000.00 less for the past three months than the maintenance income received for the same period of time last year, upon which this financial statement was based.

These statements bring us to a definite realization that our maintenance fund in the future will not meet the actual expenses of the administration of this institution with the most careful economy.

Therefore, you will be unable to contract for any additional improvements without depending entirely upon specific appropriations to meet their costs.

In view of the fact that we are in great need of a Library Building to maintain the high academic standard of this institution, I trust we may be able to make some arrangements for sufficient funds to meet the cost of this building, with equipment, at the earliest time. I am presenting to you tentative plans for a library which have been prepared by your Architect and am advised by him that the cost of this building and its equipment will amount to approximately \$225,000.00. In order to meet the cost of this additional building, it will be necessary for us to have an additional appropriation of at least \$100,000.00. This does not take into consideration any additional future needs of the institution.

Sincerely yours,

Rainey T. Wells  
President

In connection with the report Mr. Wells discussed with the Board the financial condition of the Murray Teachers' College. Mr. Wilson moved that the Board receive and file the Supplemental Financial Report. Mr. Ordway seconded the motion. All voted 'Aye'. Motion was declared carried.

The Board met at 2:00 P. M. in the office of the Governor, with Governor Flem D. Sampson and Judge John B. Lewis, Members of the State Budgeting Commission, and discussed the future budget of this institution. The members of the Budget Commission expressed themselves favorably toward additional finances for the institution.

The Board adjourned to meet again at the call of the chairman.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary