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

April 3, 1930

The Board of Regents of the Murray State Normal School and Teachers College met in the office of the President Thursday, April 3, 1930. Those present were Mr. J. F. Wilson and Mr. G. P. Thomas, whose terms of appointment as members of the Board of Regents expired on April 1, 1930; Mrs. William H. Mason; Mr. G. P. Ordway; the two newly appointed members of the Board of Regents, Mr. Claude T. Winslow and Mr. S. J. Snook; and State Superintendent W. C. Bell, who is exofficio Chairman of the Board of Regents.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Regents on March 12, 1930 and March 14, 1930 were read. Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Ordway, that the minutes be accepted and approved as read. This motion was carried unanimously.

Land Taken from President Wells' Lot

In the presence of the outgoing and the incoming Board of Regents and Dean J. W. Carr, President Wells made a statement in reference to one matter of unfinished business. He called to the attention of the Board that in the first year of the construction of this institution, that the then Board of Regents determined that it would be necessary to take a strip of land off of the north end of his personal residence lot in order to properly lay out the walks and driveways upon the campus; that he consented at the time for the Board of Regents to take whatever was necessary, in their judgment, and that the matter be adjusted when finally determined as to the amount of land taken and an equitable compensation therefor. He further stated that the land was taken and that the Board of Regents afterwards or some members thereof suggested a settlement but other business demanded the attention of the Board from that time until this and that no settlement was ever made nor deed executed and delivered to the Board of Regents for the land taken.

Dean J. W. Carr, who was then President, in substance confirmed the statement of the President, based upon his recollection without any reference to the record as to the facts stated by the President in reference to this matter.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Thomas, retiring members and who were members of the Board of Regents at the time it was first agreed to take and the land was taken, both concurred in the statements that this matter was one of unfinished business and the above are in substance the facts in reference thereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Thomas, that this matter be referred to the new Board of Regents for the purpose of making an equitable compensation for the land taken and now used by the institution and accepting a deed therefor. This motion was unanimously carried.

Retiring Members of Board of Regents

Mr. Bell stated the two new members of the Board of Regents, Mr. Claude T. Winslow and Mr. S. J. Snook, have reported with their commissions of appointment as members of the Board of Regents of the Murray State Normal School and Teachers College.

At this time, President Wells expressed his appreciation of the fine, loyal service that Mr. J. F. Wilson and Mr. G. P. Thomas have given this institution during their membership on this Board of Regents and stated that they had always had the welfare of this institution at heart and had been faithful in the performance of their duty and done everything possible for the development and progress of this college which has already established an enviable record as an outstanding educational institution and has prospects of becoming one of the leading colleges of America.

Dr. Carr asked permission to speak and made the statement that the President had voiced his sentiment and that of the entire faculty when he stated that these two retiring members have rendered very valuable service to this institution, and we all appreciate what they have toward the upbuilding and advancement of this college.

State Superintendent Bell stated that his associations with these two men, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Thomas, had been very pleasant and he appreciated their efforts for the benefit of this institution and knew that they had contributed much to its advancement.

Mr. Snook said that, if on his retirement from this Board he could have the nice things said about him that these gentlemen have, he would feel that he had been successful as a member of the Board of Regents. Mr. Winslow stated that he concurred in these remarks made by Mr. Snook.

Mr. Wilson stated that he appreciated the kind remarks and expressions of appreciation that had been made concerning his efforts and the service rendered this institution while he was a member of its Board of Regents. He said that he had studied carefully the needs and developments of this college since the beginning, with especial attention to the building program and stated that if he could be of any further service to the Board by reason of his knowledge of the plans for the new buildings to be erected soon, he would be glad to do so at any time he might be called upon.

Mr. Thomas said that he felt very grateful for the many kind words that had been said about his services as a member of the Board of Regents of this institution. He stated that he had always tried to do his best and that he left this Board with the best of feelings. He said that he would always be glad to render any help possible to this Board and felt sure that the interests of the institution would be ably cared for by the new members just appointed.

#### Oath Administered to New Members of Board

Mr. Claude T. Winslow and Mr. S. J. Snook submitted commissions evidencing their appointment as members of the Board of Regents of the Murray State Normal School and Teachers College, Murray, Kentucky, for terms beginning April 1, 1930 and continuing for a period of four years. The oath of office as a member of the Board of Regents was administered to Mr. Claude T. Winslow and Mr. S. J. Snook by Mrs. Fay Wall Sledd, Notary Public.

Mr. Snook stated that he felt it a compliment to become a member of the Board of Regents of this institution and pledged his loyalty as a member. He pledged his whole support to making this institution one of the best institutions in America and stated that his sole thoughts whenever any question is brought up for consideration, will be, is it best for the institution.

Mr. Winslow stated that he was very much pleased to be a member of this Board and that the remarks of Mr. Snook covered his intentions as to the cooperation that he would offer President Wells and Dean Carr. He also assured them that he would always try to do the very best he could for the institution, and hoped that when he retired from this Board, this faculty would have the same esteem for him as they do for those members retiring now.

#### Re-organization of the Board of Regents

Mr. Winslow nominated Mr. Snook as Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents. Mr. Snook was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Winslow nominated Mrs. Mason as Secretary of the Board of Regents. Mrs. Mason was unanimously elected Secretary of the Board of Regents.

#### Expenses of Board Members

Motion was made by Mrs. Mason, and seconded by Mr. Ordway, that Mr. Winslow's necessary expense for attending a meeting of the Board

Motion was made by Mr. Winslow, and seconded by Mrs. Mason, that the report of the Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation Committee be accepted and the certificates issued and renewed as recommended. The roll call upon the adoption of this motion resulted as follows: Mrs. Mason, aye; Mr. Ordway, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Snook, aye; Mr. Bell, aye.

#### Insurance

Mr. K. C. Frazee, local insurance agent, came before the Board of Regents to discuss some changes in the insurance now carried on the buildings on this campus. He suggested that the Board of Regents carry insurance on a greater per cent of the total value of the buildings than is now being carried and stated that by doing this the rate per \$1,000.00 would be decreased on the co-insurance plan. This matter was discussed but no official action was taken.

#### Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Bell, and seconded by Mr. Snook, that the Board adjourn to meet again Monday, April 7, 1930. This motion was unanimously carried.

W. C. Bell

Chairman

Mrs. Joan H. Mason

Secretary