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MINUTES OF BOARD OF REGENTS
MURRAY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

June 13, 1940

The Board of Regents of Murray State Teachers College met in the office of the President at 10:00 A. M. on Thursday, June 13, 1940, as per the call of the Chairman. Dr. C. E. Crume, Judge Charles Ferguson, Mr. Claude Winslow and Mr. George Hart were present. In the absence of Chairman J. W. Brooker, Vice Chairman Ferguson presided.

President's Report

Dr. Richmond presented and read his report as President, as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June 13, 1940

Honorable Board of Regents
Murray State Teachers College
Murray, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

I am submitting the following items for your information and consideration:

- I. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Regents for the meeting held on May 28, 1940
- II. Proposed Bond Issue for Construction of Low-Cost Dormitory
- III. Leaves of Absence
 - a. Miss Ola B. Brock has requested a leave of absence for the summer session because of the serious illness of her mother. I have complied with Miss Brock's request by granting her a leave of absence beginning June 10 and continuing through August 3, 1940.
 - b. Mr. Rue L. Beale has requested a leave of absence in order that he may accept a scholarship at the University of Kentucky and study toward his Doctor's degree next year. I have granted Mr. Beale this leave of absence, beginning September 23, 1940 and continuing through May 31, 1941.
- IV. College Physician

I am recommending the employment of Dr. Alexander Fount Russell as College Physician and that his salary be paid on the basis of \$3,300.00 per annum, beginning September 16, 1940 and continuing through June 30, 1941.

V. Employment of Additional Faculty

- a. Mr. Flavius Wyman has been employed as a member of the faculty for the summer session to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. W. E. Blackburn's leave of absence, at a salary of \$200.00 for the period beginning June 10 and ending August 3, 1940.
- b. Mrs. McKee Thomson has been employed as a member of the faculty in the Department of Library Science for the eight weeks' summer session, beginning June 10 and continuing through August 3, 1940, at a salary of \$200.00 for this period of time.
- c. Miss Margaret Graves, of Murray, Kentucky, has been employed to fill the vacancy in the training school which was caused by Miss Brock's leave of absence, her services beginning June 10 and continuing through August 3, 1940, at a salary of \$180.00 for this eight weeks' period.
- d. Mrs. Dorothy Rowlett has been employed as teacher of Art during the eight weeks' summer session, June 10, 1940 through August 3, 1940, at a salary of \$100.00. Mrs. Rowlett is teaching some of the classes formerly taught by Miss Ruth Hepburn, who is on leave of absence for the summer.

VI. Proposed Fees for College Annual

VII. Report of Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation

VIII. Business Manager's Report

IX. Bookstore Contract

X. Summer School Enrollment

Our summer session this year, as you will remember, was announced for one term of eight weeks instead of two terms of five weeks each, as has previously been the custom. It was predicted by some that this would cause a decided decrease in summer school enrollment. Our summer session opened Monday, June 10, and we are highly pleased with our enrollment and the prospects for a very satisfactory summer school. Our college enrollment at the close of the second day of last summer session was 529, and this year at the close of the third day we had enrolled 560. This figure compares very favorably with the total enrollment for last year's summer session, 634. There are 244 students enrolled in our training school, which brings our total of students on the campus to date up to 804.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Richmond
President

Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Board of Regents for the meeting held on May 28, 1940 were read.

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that the Minutes of May 28, 1940 be approved and signed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Winslow and carried unanimously.

Proposed Bond Issue for Construction of Low-Cost Dormitory

Dr. Richmond stated to the Board that the primary purpose of the meeting was to consider the advisability of a bond issue for the construction of a dormitory. He said that by issuing bonds in the amount of \$25,000.00, which he tentatively recommended, which could be retired in twelve years, or perhaps eight years, a low-cost dormitory could be constructed on our campus which would accommodate our boys in a much more satisfactory way than the NYA Camp which was maintained last year at the former CCC Camp. Dr. Richmond called attention to the fact that he tried to get an appropriation from the Legislature for capital improvements of this kind but was unsuccessful, and that when he appeared before the Legislative Council to discuss our budget request, a member of this body had suggested that bonds could be floated to build new dormitories or add annexes to the present dormitories if our housing situation should become too acute. He commented on the fact that, based upon our present enrollment and prospects for the coming year, it seems imperative that something be done immediately to arrange to take care of these boys. He added that the NYA camp, helpful though it was last year, was far from satisfactory and because of its distance from the campus and the great cost of proper heating, equipment, etc. it was operated at a slight loss. Dr. Richmond stated further that the NYA organization of Kentucky had agreed to allow the college to wreck and move the buildings now at the abandoned CCC Camp and to use all this salvaged material in the construction of a low-cost dormitory and, also, to give us this same privilege in connection with the CCC Camp at Dawson Springs, Kentucky, which is to be wrecked, and to send us a lot of new wallboard, and, in addition to that, to furnish this college an allotment of approximately \$1,000.00 in cash for the construction of this contemplated low-cost dormitory by the boys employed on our NYA Resident Project.

At this point, Mr. Levy and Mr. Sullivan of Stein Bros. & Boyce, Louisville, Kentucky, were called before the Board of Regents to discuss the possibility of a bond issue of the character which Dr. Richmond previously had tentatively discussed with Mr. Levy. Mr. Levy submitted and read a proposed contract for the issuance of bonds for the construction of a dormitory, and, in response to Dr. Richmond's question as to how soon we would be able to sell these bonds in case a contract is made with his company, he stated that if Stein Bros. & Boyce's attorney, Arthur Grafton, can start work on this assignment immediately, they should be able to advertise the sale of the bonds within ten days.

The proposal submitted by Stein Bros. & Boyce follows:

Board of Regents of the
Murray State Teachers College,
Murray, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

We are advised that the College contemplates the erection of additional dormitory facilities, materials for which will be largely donated to the College by the Civilian Conservation Corps, and that the College will need approximately \$30,000 to defray the cost of construction. In order to aid the College in the financing of this construction, we make you the following Proposal:

1. We will employ bond counsel to prepare appropriate Resolutions providing for the authorization and public sale of \$50,000 of DORMITORY BUILDING REVENUE BONDS maturing over a period of 1 to 15 years, on a schedule to be agreed upon between us.
2. We will pay all expenses in connection with the setting up of the bonds, including legal expense, printing of the bonds, advertising of the sale thereof, and such other incidental expenses as may be involved, and we will assist you in conducting the public sale as required by Kentucky Law.
3. Said bonds shall bear coupons for the payment of interest at the rate of 4% per annum, and shall be callable on any interest payment date on thirty (30) days notice in inverse order of maturities at a call premium equal to 1/4 of 1% for each year that such call date precedes the stated maturity of the bonds, and the bonds shall be made payable at the office of the Treasurer of the College, or at such bank or trust company in Murray, Kentucky, as you may designate.
4. The College may elect prior to the sale, the number of bonds to be sold, which number shall not be less than \$30,000 and the bonds not sold shall be held unexecuted for the purpose of sale in the event that additional funds are needed for the completion of the building.
5. In order to compensate us for our services, to reimburse us for our expenses, the College shall undertake and agree to pay to us from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds, a sum equal to 5% of the face value of the bonds so sold if the college receives a bid of 100 for bonds bearing a coupon rate of 4% or better. In the event the College does not receive a bid equal and equivalent to the one above set forth, then the College is to be under no obligation to compensate us as herein set out.
6. The bonds shall be set up pursuant to the Kentucky Statutes and to the usual and general provisions governing such bonds. We are advised that counsel will require the certification of a recognized architect, that the funds to be derived from the sale of the bonds will be sufficient to complete and equip the contemplated building. The College will then be required to agree to pay into the

"Bond and Interest Redemption Fund" a sum annually sufficient to service the bonds, and the College in turn will be required to adopt a Resolution fixing the charges to students calculated to produce such sums to the College. In the event, however, that such student charges are not sufficient, the College will be required to make up the deficit from such other funds as the College may have available.

If this Proposal is agreeable to you, please have the Board of Regents adopt a Resolution approving it, and forward us two certified copies thereof. We will thereupon immediately proceed to the preparation of the necessary papers and forward them to you for your action.

STEIN BROS. & BOYCE

By

Bond Issue for Construction of Low-Cost Dormitory Authorized by Contract with Stein Bros. & Boyce; Employment of Architect

After lengthy and detailed discussion of the proposed contract with Stein Bros. & Boyce for the issuance of bonds for the construction of a low-cost dormitory, this company's representatives were excused from the meeting.

Dr. Richmond recommended the signing of the proposed contract with Stein Bros. & Boyce, subject to the approval of the State Finance Department, the employing of an architect in order that work on the low-cost dormitory may be started as soon as possible and, further, the sending of the Business Manager of the college to Frankfort to see that there are no hitches in the contract which we are to sign.

Motion was made by Mr. Winslow that the recommendation of the President be approved and that the President and Secretary be and are hereby authorized to sign the proposed contract with Stein Bros. & Boyce, Louisville, Kentucky, for the issuance of bonds for the construction of a low-cost dormitory when said contract is approved by the State Finance Department, and that the President and Mr. George Hart be authorized to employ an architect for the construction of this dormitory. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crume, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Dr. Alexander Fount Russell Elected College Physician

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that the President's recommendation be approved and Dr. Alexander Fount Russell be elected College Physician, that his services begin September 16, 1940 and continue through June 30, 1941 and that his salary be paid on the basis of \$3,300.00 per annum. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crume, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Employment of Additional Faculty Approved

Motion was made by Mr. Winslow that the Board of Regents approve the action of the President in employing the four additional faculty members for the summer, as

outlined in his report. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Fees for College Annual

Dr. Richmond reported to the Board that the college annual, "The Shield", heretofore had been published annually by the senior class and that the publication of this year-book had been accomplished with good results except from a financial standpoint, more often than otherwise a deficit existing at the close of the year. He stated further that he had come to the conclusion that this annual should be financed by the collection of a certain fee from each student when he enrolls, thereby placing its publication on a sound financial basis. Dr. Richmond then recommended that a special fee of \$1.50 per semester, none for the summer session, be charged each student for the purpose of publishing the annual and that the President be granted authority to work out the plan for its publication and the handling of its finances.

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that a special fee of \$1.50 per semester, none for the summer session, be charged each student for his copy of the college annual and that the President be authorized and directed to work out the plan for publishing the yearbook and handling the finances in connection with it. This motion was seconded by Mr. Winslow, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Report of the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation

Next, Dr. Richmond presented the report of the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation and recommended that the certificate be renewed in accordance therewith, as follows:

June 13, 1940

To the Board of Regents
Murray State Teachers College

Gentlemen:

As per the duties assigned to the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification, and Graduation we report as follows:

We recommend that the Standard Certificate of the person named below be renewed for life, as she has taught successfully for at least one year and has attended college for at least two years since her certificate was issued and has fulfilled all other requirements as set forth in the law.

Kendall, Dorothy (Mrs. W. R. Perry)

Yours very truly,

Cleo Gillis Hester
J. W. Carr
W. Everett Derryberry
Floy Robbison
A. M. Wolfson

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that the recommendation of the Committee and the President be approved and the certificate be renewed as recommended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Winslow; and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Bookstore Contract

At this point Dr. Richmond recommended that the Board of Regents execute the same type of contract for the operation of the College Bookstore during the coming year as has been in effect this year.

Motion was made by Mr. Winslow that the contract with Mr. Lee Clark for the operation of the College Bookstore be renewed for the coming year on the same basis as the present contract and that the Secretary be authorized and directed to sign same on behalf of the college. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crume, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Report of the Business Manager

At the request of the President, Mr. R. E. Broach submitted his report as Business Manager, which report was received and filed.

James B. Deweese's Note Due Thomas P. Norris Loan Fund

Mr. R. E. Broach, Custodian of the Thomas P. Norris Student Loan Fund, presented to the Board a note for \$170.00 which was signed by James B. Deweese on June 13, 1932 and on which a payment of \$25.00 was made April 1, 1939. Mr. Broach stated that several months ago, when the Board had directed him to collect the old notes for loans from the Thomas P. Norris Fund which were past due, he had insisted that this note be paid and it was then that he received this payment of \$25.00. He added that now, Mr. Deweese states to him that he borrowed this money for a period of six months without interest and that he claims the agreement to pay interest was added to the note after he signed it. Under the circumstances, Mr. Broach asked the direction of the Board of Regents in handling this situation, since Mr. Deweese is asking the privilege of paying only the face of the note and requesting that the interest charges be waived.

Dr. Richmond stated that, under the circumstances, he was willing to recommend that the \$25.00 payment on this note be accepted in lieu of interest for the full life of the note provided the full face of the note is paid immediately.

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that the Board of Regents authorize Mr. R. E. Broach, Custodian of the Thomas P. Norris Student Loan Fund, to accept the \$25.00 payment made by Mr. James B. Deweese on his note for \$170.00 in lieu of all interest charges on the said note, provided he promptly pays the full face value of \$170.00. This motion was seconded by Mr. Winslow, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Flying Training Field

At this point, Dr. Richmond requested Mr. Winslow to outline to the Board of Regents the plan which he discussed with him a few days ago. Mr. Winslow explained in considerable detail his ideas with reference to the advisability and the possibility of locating a flying training field in this section. He called attention to the fact that, in perfecting the great national defense program which our government is now launching, it will undoubtedly become necessary to establish one great central air base and flying training field, and he emphasized the strategic location of this western Kentucky area for this field. He said that he had discussed such a plan with some air plane pilots and engineers who are familiar with the area referred to, and they agreed that the idea seems feasible and should be thoroughly investigated.

Mr. Winslow stated further that the mass training of air plane pilots and mechanics, such as will be necessary for the immediate enlargement of our nation's air corps, might be effectively started in the thousands of NYA organizations which are already functioning. He closed his remarks by suggesting that right here in the person of Dr. James H. Richmond, our college president, we have the man who is best acquainted with the purposes and the policies of the National Youth Administration and who is most capable of any one whom he knows to take the initiative in submitting to the proper officials in Washington such a plan for a central flying training field and in securing its establishment in a location where Murray State Teachers College can aid in its development and operation.

The other members of the Board concurred in this suggestion, and Dr. Richmond agreed to go to Washington and do what he could toward securing the establishment of a flying training field in this section.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Winslow that the Board adjourn. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously.

Charles Ferguson
Vice Chairman

Alice Keys
Secretary