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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
January 5, 1968

The Board of Regents of Murray State University met in the Board Room of the Administration Building on the campus, in the City of Murray, Kentucky, on January 5, 1968. The meeting was originally scheduled for January 3, 1968, but was postponed due to the hazardous condition of the roads for travel.

Chairman Wendell P. Butler called the meeting to order and asked the Secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following answered present: Mr. C. H. Hall, Mrs. Lochie Hart, Mr. Bob T. Long, Mr. Bill Powell, Mr. O. B. Springer, and Chairman Butler. Mr. E. G. Adams was absent.

Also present were Dr. R. H. Woods, President, and Mrs. Patsy R. Dyer, Secretary to the Board.

Chairman Butler declared a quorum present and called for action on the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 20, 1967.

Mr. Powell moved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on November 20, 1967, be approved as received. Mr. Hall seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Butler then stated that the purpose of this meeting was to select a President of Murray State University. He stated that he knew of no more important duty of the Board than that of selecting a president of this institution, and then asked the Board for nominations.

Mr. Springer presented the following motion:

"Mr. Chairman, in accordance with the authority invested in the Board of Regents of Murray State University by the provisions of KRS 164, I move that Dr. Harry M. Sparks be appointed President of Murray State University for a term of four years, beginning January 8, 1968, and continuing through January 7, 1972, at a minimum annual salary of \$28,000.00, and that he be required to live in the President's Home."

Mr. Hall seconded and the question was called for; the roll was called with the following voting "aye": Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hart, Mr. Long, Mr. Powell, Mr. Springer, and Mr. Butler. Voting "nay": none.

The Chairman asked for the vote count, and the Secretary reported there were six "ayes" and no "nays". The Chairman declared that the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Butler stated that he has known Dr. Sparks for many years, that he has his doctorate from the University of Kentucky, was head of the department of education and psychology at Murray State for 16 years, was President of the Kentucky Education Association, and has just completed a four-year term as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He further stated that he knew of no man who is better qualified to succeed Dr. Woods.

Chairman Butler then requested Dr. Woods to call Dr. Sparks and inform him of the Board's action and see if he would accept. Dr. Woods called Dr. Sparks and he accepted.

Mr. Powell read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF THE OUTSTANDING
SERVICE TO MURRAY STATE COLLEGE AND
MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY BY
Dr. Ralph H. Woods

Whereas, Dr. Ralph H. Woods, a dedicated and energetic educator and talented administrator, has served Murray State College and its successor, Murray State University, for more than twenty-two years in a remarkably outstanding way; and

Whereas, his vision and foresight have brought orderly progress and major developments to the university in such a way as to avert hardship or loss of efficiency in the rapid growth of Murray State; and

Whereas, the dedication and energies of Dr. Ralph H. Woods have consistently and steadfastly been for the benefit of both physical and educational improvements of an institution that often faced almost insurmountable problems; and

Whereas, Dr. Ralph H. Woods has always sought, and brought about with remarkable success, improvements, additions, and developments in a balanced way for all those interested in or benefiting by the resources of the institution; and

Whereas, Dr. Ralph H. Woods, with enthusiasm, fervor, loyalty, and pure affection has been a symbol of leadership that has inspired others to lead and to efficiently serve; and

Whereas, he has followed failure with persistent renewed efforts in such a manner as to often turn apparent loss into gain for Murray State, and in such a way as to create great loyalty and dedication on the part of others also concerned with the welfare of the institution; and

Whereas, Dr. Ralph H. Woods has always conducted himself as a gentleman where lesser leaders might have resorted to littleness or become bogged down in wasteful frustration; and

Whereas, this outstanding man has contributed lavishly and unselfishly his talents and great spirit to education in general and Murray State specifically; and even in retirement and as president emeritus of Murray State, can be counted upon as a staunch friend and helper of the institution; be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of Murray State University recognize, honor, and pay tribute to Dr. Ralph H. Woods, who as President of Murray State, has done more for the institution than anyone else, as he chose in the crowning years of his remarkable educational career to go far beyond duty or the requirements of the presidency solely in the interest of a greater Murray State, and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the news media and also be made a part of the official records of Murray State University.

Mrs. Hart stated that in addition to the praise for Dr. Woods, we should pay our respect to Mrs. Elizabeth Woods and recognize her untiring efforts and devotion throughout the years, and a copy of this statement be mailed to her.

Mr. Hall moved that the Board adopt this resolution and that it be incorporated into the Minutes.

Mr. Long seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hall then presented Dr. Woods with a silver tray on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Butler stated that he has served as Chairman of the Board for eight years during Dr. Woods tenure as President, and that he knows of no president in this country that has served as greatly as Dr. Woods. He further stated that Dr. Woods' leadership and contribution to the State of Kentucky has been great and that his influence will linger for a long time.

Dr. Woods thanked the Board for the kind words and stated that it has been a challenging task to move as we have moved at Murray State. The enrollment in 1945 was 565, and this fall, 1967-68, it is 7,018. He further stated that since 1945 we have built 41 major buildings, that I have worked diligently to bring in the best people we could to the end that we have 37 people with the doctorate today that we did not have last year. Many of our departments on campus rank nationally--namely, our music department is now in the top six in the country.

At this time, President-elect Sparks came into the meeting, and stated as follows:

"I thank the Board for its faith in appointing me to this position. My heart lies in Murray State University. Most of my professional life has been here. I hope that I can build on this fine basis. I will keep you informed

about what we hope to achieve and the aspirations of our young people. Later on, Dr. Woods and I will consult and will come to you for approval of plans and programs. I am honored to work with you, and I will do everything that I can to promote this outstanding university. I know that you will support this effort."

Mr. Springer: "I have worked with Dr. Woods for 17 years as a member of this Board. Praises cannot be high enough. I have appreciated the opportunity and enjoyed working with him for these years."

Mr. Long: "Mr. Springer's statements express the feelings of this Board."

Mr. Springer moved that the Board express appreciation to Governor Nunn for applying no pressure in the selection of a president and allowing the Board freedom of choice.

Mr. Hall seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Powell moved, Mr. Long seconded that this meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Springer moved that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the members of the Board are gathered to select a President of Murray State University, and

WHEREAS, this has been accomplished, and

WHEREAS, there is some other important business that calls for immediate action at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be called to order and that all notice of this meeting be waived.

Mr. Hall seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Butler declared this meeting in session.

Agenda

President Woods presented the following Agenda:

AGENDA
for
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
January 5, 1968

I. Minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 20, 1967.

II. Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Corinne Kemp	Winslow Cafeteria	12- 4-67
*Angie Gibbs	Student Union Cafeteria	12-31-67
Norman Hale, Jr.	Catfish Research Project	12-31-67
Faye Manning	Secretary, Student Financial Aid	11-21-67

* retired

III. Adjustments in Salary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lila McCuiston	Duplicating Service	\$1.50 p/hr	\$290.00 p/mo.	1-1-68--6-30-68
John Mooney	Supplemental Painting in Art		400.00 extra for period ending and payable 12-31-67	
Cletous Young	Janitor, Adm. Bldg.	\$250.00	260.00	1-1-68--6-30-68

IV. Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Monthly Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Joseph Schmeltz	Catfish Research Project	\$200.00	1-1-68--6-30-68
Sylvester Ellis	Grounds	375.00	12-1-67--6-30-68
Doris M. Bartlett	P-T Inst., Nursing	400.00	2-1-68--5-31-68
Fred Carson	Janitor, Adm. Bldg.	250.00	1-2-68--6-30-68
Harry F. Combs	Security Clerk	300.00	1-2-68--6-30-68
Brenda Rowland	Clerk Library	1.70 p/hr.	12-8-67--12-31-67
		266.67 p/mo.	1-1-68--6-30-68

V. Night and Saturday Classes - First Semester 1967-68

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rodney Fink	Agriculture 549	\$100.00
Charles Chaney	Agriculture 602	100.00
John Mooney	Art 304, 404, 504	100.00
Gerald DeSchepper	Art 521	100.00
John Thompson	Business 507	100.00
Thomas Miller	Business 600	100.00
John Devine	Business 633	100.00
Delbert Honchul	Business 140-14	100.00
Eugene Hurn	Business 650	100.00
William Seale	Business 667	100.00
Annette Gordon	Chemistry 500	100.00
Marshall Gordon	Chemistry 675	100.00
Billie Downing	Education 539	100.00
Gwendolyn Grossman	Education 602	100.00
Franklin Fitch	Education 626	100.00
Ray Moore	Education 630-2	100.00
Arvin Crafton	Education 630-3	100.00
Jerome Hainsworth	Education 641-2	100.00
Eugene Russell	Education 647	100.00
S. Matarazzo	Education 650	100.00
Donald Jones	Education 653	100.00
William Ryan	Education 661	100.00
S. Matarazzo	Education 663	100.00
H. Noffsinger	Education 665	100.00
H. Noffsinger	Education 674	100.00
James Claypool	History 530	100.00
Ken Harrell	History 601	100.00
Charles Porter	History 602	100.00
Pauline Waggener	Home Ec. 687	100.00
G. T. Lilly	Industrial Arts 671	100.00
Rezina Senter	Library Science 600	100.00
Johnny Reagan	Physical Education 216	100.00
Chad Stewart	Physical Education 525	100.00
James Frank	Physical Education 550	100.00
Diana Mills	Psychology 562-2	100.00
Charles Moore	Psychology 591	100.00
Frank Kodman	Psychology 661	100.00
Willis Bartlett	Psychology 685	100.00
Willis Bartlett	Psychology 687	100.00
Ben Humphreys	Psychology 689-2	100.00
Ben Humphreys	Psychology 693	100.00
Robert Roulston	English 508	100.00
William Segall	Education 622	100.00
John Baker	Physical Education 640-1	100.00
Leo Blair	Music 123	100.00

VI. Election of President of Murray State University

VII. Other Matters that Need to Come Before the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ R. H. Woods
President

Resignations, Accepted

Mr. Long moved that the Board accept the resignations of persons listed in Item II of the Agenda.

Mr. Springer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjustments in Salary, Approved

Mr. Long moved that the Board approve the adjustments in salary as outlined in Item III of the Agenda.

Mr. Springer seconded and the roll was called on the adoption of the motion with the following voting: Mr. Hall, aye; Mrs. Hart, aye; Mr. Long, aye; Mr. Powell, aye; Mr. Springer, aye; and Mr. Butler, aye.

Employment, Approved

Mr. Long moved that the Board approve the employment of persons as listed in Item IV of the Agenda.

Mr. Springer seconded and the roll was called on the adoption of the motion with the following voting: Mr. Hall, aye; Mrs. Hart, aye; Mr. Long, aye; Mr. Powell, aye; Mr. Springer, aye; and Mr. Butler, aye.

Budget Request for 1968-70 Biennium

Dr. Woods explained the budget plans for the next biennium and presented the Board with copies of our Budget Request.

Building Program

President Woods discussed the three buildings on the drawing board--the addition to the Fine Arts Building, the Classroom Building, and the Stadium-Athletic Complex.

Letter from Dr. Sparks

Chairman Butler called attention to the fact that he had received a letter from Dr. Sparks and read the letter.

Mr. Hall moved that the following letter be incorporated in the Minutes of this meeting; Mr. Long seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

January 5, 1968

Board of Regents
Murray State University
Murray, Kentucky 42071

Gentlemen:

I am honored to accept your appointment as President of Murray State University beginning January 8, 1968, and for the following four years.

I accept the salary stipulated in your motion and pledge myself to serve this institution to the best of my ability. May I thank you for your trust in me and for your support of my appointment.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Harry M. Sparks

Adjournment

Mr. Springer moved, Mr. Powell seconded that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

Wendell P. Butler
Chairman

Patay R. Dyer
Secretary