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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
MURRAY STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AND TEACHERS COLLEGE
October 7, 1926

The Board of Regents of the Murray State Normal School and Teachers College met in the office of the President October 7, 1926 with the following members present: Mr. T. H. Stokes, Mr. James P. Wilson and Mrs. Laurine Wells Lovett.

Reading of the Minutes

The reading of the minutes was deferred on account of the absence of other members of the Board.

Bond and Contract of Harris-Beyer Electrical Company

Mr. G. Tandy Smith, Architect, advised that the bond has been made and contract completed by Harris-Beyer Electrical Company and will be placed on file with this Board immediately.

Bond and Contract of Key-Langston Construction Co. and Redmon Heating Co.

Mr. G. Tandy Smith, Architect, advised that Key-Langston Construction Company and Redmon Heating Company have completed their contracts and bonds and they have been placed on file with the President.

President's Report Regarding Employment of Teachers

President Rainey T. Wells recommended that Miss Anna H. Augustus be employed as teacher of French and Latin at a salary of $2,800.00 per-calendar year, payable in equal calendar monthly installments, and that said employment end on June 30, 1927. On account of two members of the Board of Regents not being present it was suggested that action upon this recommendation be deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

The President reported that the enrollment in the Freshman and Sophomore college years was so much larger than had been anticipated that it was necessary to employ an additional teacher to take care of the necessary work to be given during this semester, and recommended that Miss Evelyn Linn be employed at a salary of $1,920.00 per calendar year, payable in equal calendar monthly installments, and that said employment end at the close of the present semester, January 28, 1927. On account of two members of the Board of Regents not being present it was suggested that action upon this recommendation be deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

The President also reported that the enrollment in the Training School was also exceedingly large. He recommended that instead of refusing to enroll all of the students desiring to be admitted into the Training School that the faculty be increased sufficiently to organize the Training School from the first to the eighth grade, inclusive, in order that the Training School may be completely organized and ready for occupancy of the new Training School Building when it is completed and to take care of the anticipated large enrollment at the beginning of the winter semester. He recommended that Miss Naoma Maple be employed at a salary of $1,800.00 per calendar year and Miss Emma De Bold at a salary of $1,700.00 per calendar year and Mrs. Reba Miller at a salary of $1,700.00 per calendar year, each to be paid in equal calendar monthly installments and that the employment of Misses Maple and De Bold end on June 30, 1927 and that Mrs. Miller's employment be made as a supply teacher at the pleasure of the Board. On account of two members of the Board of Regents not being present it was suggested that action upon these recommendations be deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

The President reported that the Instrumental Music Department had likewise outgrown all expectations and that we have now enrolled in the college orchestra twenty six students and in the brass band
more than thirty students as well as a large number who take private lessons on piano and violin; that in order to continue the successful development of the musical departments it is necessary to employ an additional teacher. He recommended that Mr. Sheppard Lehnhoff be employed at a salary of $2,100.00 per calendar year, payable in equal calendar monthly installments, and that this employment end on June 30, 1927. On account of two members of the Board of Regents not being present it was suggested that action upon this recommendation be deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

The President reported that the enrollment of the students for the present semester shows that ninety per cent of the students enrolled in this institution are taking college work; that this is a very high percentage of college students for teachers colleges in this state and that the average for State Teachers Colleges is much less. He reported that the faculty and students are doing splendid work and the prospect for a successful year is very flattering.

Post Office

The President reported that the equipment for the Post Office had been installed and the Post Office was in operation; that the United States Government has contracted and agreed to pay $600.00 annually for the maintenance and operation of the Post Office. He reported that the Book Store is being operated in the same room with the Post Office and by this means we are able to employ three young men to keep the Book Store and Post Office open from 7:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. for the accommodation of the student body.

Report of Committee on Contract for Brick

Mr. Stokes reported that the committee appointed by the Board of Regents to contract for the purchase of face brick for the new Auditorium and Training School Buildings had contracted with W. G. Bush & Company, Nashville, Tennessee, to furnish the same brick as was used in the other buildings at a price of $22.50 per thousand.

Superintendent of Buildings

The need of a superintendent of buildings at this time was discussed. The Board was advised that Mr. Sam Robinson had applied for this position and that Mr. C. L. Poole had also made application and would like to have the position. Mr. Stokes said that he had inquired of Mr. Robinson's qualifications and ability and from the best information he could get he thought he was qualified to do the work. Mr. Wilson suggested that if we have a superintendent of buildings, we should employ one now and let him follow the buildings and inspect the construction thereof from the foundation up.

The Board agreed and directed that President Wells should advise Mr. Robinson by telegram that the Board of Regents would employ him at a salary of $150.00 per calendar month for supervision of the construction of the new Auditorium and Training School Buildings, if he could satisfy the Board of Regents and the architect as to his qualifications and ability, said employment to continue as long as his services were entirely satisfactory and during the time that work on said buildings was in progress.

Roofs for Training School and Auditorium Buildings

Mr. Phillips, representative of Johns-Manville Company, was called before the Board to discuss the character of roof to be installed on the Auditorium and Training School Buildings. After some discussion of this matter it was agreed that final decision and the selection of the character of roof to be installed be deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

Report of Committee on Certification and Graduation

The President presented the report of the Committee on Certification and Graduation and recommended that the certificates recommended there in be granted and issued by the Board of Regents as follows:
October 7, 1926

To the Board of Regents
Murray State Teachers College:

As per the duties of the Committee on Certification and Graduation, we report as follows:

1. We have examined the credentials in reference to age and moral character of each of the persons listed below and it is our opinion that each person fills the requirements in regard to age and moral worth.

2. We have examined the grades and official records of each person listed in this section of the report and recommend that the following persons be granted the STANDARD CERTIFICATE, valid for three years and renewable for life after three years' successful teaching, on conditions set forth in the law, as each has completed the course of study for such a certificate and has at least sixty-four (64) semester hours of credit:

   Edwards, Elna
   Ford, Mrs. H. W.
   Greene, Marion
   Farris, Lula B.
   Hargrove, Wilson
   Heflin, W. W.
   Hargrove, Wilson
   Houston, Estelle
   Seay, Eloise

3. We further recommend that the persons listed in this section of the report be granted the COLLEGE ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATE, valid for two years, as each has completed at least sixteen (16) semester hours of credit and has fulfilled all other requirements for such a certificate:

   Brown, Robbie
   Hillman, Annie F.
   Jenkins, Iloff
   Lovelace, Gladys E.

Very truly yours,

( W. R. Bourne, Chmn.
( Mary W. Moss
Committee ( J. G. Glasgow
( Chas. Hire
( C. S. Lowry

It was ordered by the Board of Regents that the certificates as requested by the Committee on Certification and Graduation be granted and that the President prepare these certificates for the signatures of the officers and deliver same to the students. The roll was called upon the adoption of this motion with the following result: Mr. Stokes, aye; Mr. Wilson, aye; Mrs. Lovett, aye.

The Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

[Signatures]

Chairman. Secretary.