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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
MURRAY STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AND TEACHERS COLLEGE
January 18, 1927

The Board of Regents of the Murray State Normal School and Teachers College met in the office of the President with the following members present: Mr. G. P. Thomas, Mr. J. P. Wilson, Mr. T. H. Stokes and Dr. McHenry Rhoads.

Reading of the Minutes
The minutes of November 26th were read, approved and signed.

Addition of Stone Returns on Front Coping of Auditorium
Motion was made by Mr. Stokes that, upon recommendation of Mr. G. Tandy Smith, Jr., Architect, the stone returns on the front coping of the Auditorium Building be added at a cost not to exceed $9.50. The roll was called upon the adoption of said motion with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.

Change in Stone Coping on Auditorium Building
Architect, G. Tandy Smith, Jr., made a report of the proposed change in the stone coping on Auditorium Building and recommended that the change be made. He stated that this change in the stone would entitle the Board of Regents to a credit on their contract of $137.50. Motion was made by Mr. Wilson that we accept the recommendation of Mr. G. Tandy Smith, Jr., for changing the stone coping on the Auditorium, at a credit to the Board of $137.50. Motion was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The roll was called upon the adoption of this motion with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.

Change in Plans for Floor
It was moved by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Stokes that the Board agree to the change in the corridor floor of the Training School Building proposed by Architect G. Tandy Smith, Jr., and that President Wells be appointed a committee of one to negotiate the cost of the change on the most advantageous terms.

The roll was called upon the adoption of said motion with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.

Percentage of Contracts to be Paid as Work on Buildings progresses
The President submitted to the Board itemized statements furnished by contractors of expenditures on the Auditorium and Training School Buildings up to the present time. After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the President be instructed to approve these bills not to exceed 80% of the labor and materials used in the buildings and not to include any payment of the bonds. The roll was called upon the adoption of this motion with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.

Mr. Wilson suggested that the contractors be required to file in the President's office a certified copy of statement of all materials delivered for use in these buildings, in order to determine exactly how much to remit as the work progressed.

Roof for Auditorium and Training School Buildings
A representative of the Phillip-Carey Roofing Company came before the Board and discussed the roofing proposition, giving the merits of the Carey roof.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Stokes, to adopt the Carey roof for both the Auditorium and Training School Buildings. The roll was called upon the adoption of this motion with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.
Acoustics of the Auditorium

It was moved by Mr. Stokes and duly seconded that when this Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Tuesday, February 8th, at which time the acoustical properties of the new buildings will be discussed. This motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Stokes, that Architect G. Tandy Smith, Jr., be instructed to advertise and receive bids, for acoustical work on the Auditorium, to be presented at the Board meeting on February 8th. This motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Wells suggested that bids be received at the same time for correcting acoustics in the auditorium now in use.

Repair of Plastering and Floors in Wells Hall

Mr. Wells reported that the dormitory roof had been repaired satisfactorily, he thought, and it was now time to repair the plastering. He also stated that the ceiling and floor of the two rooms in the south wing of the dormitory, damaged by water, should also be repaired.

Use of "Standard" Plumbing Fixtures

Dr. McHenry Rhoads presented to the Board a letter from the Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co., Louisville, Kentucky, asking the Board to allow the contractors to use their "Standard" plumbing fixtures in the Auditorium and Training School Buildings.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Stokes, that the Redmon Heating Company, Louisville, Kentucky, be granted the privilege of using as an alternate bid the "Standard" products, in the same quality as specified in bid, under its present contract, if it so desires. The roll was called with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.

President and Dean to Attend National Educational Association

It was moved by Dr. Rhoads and duly seconded that the Board authorize President Wells and Dean Carr to attend the National Educational Association in Dallas, Texas, the latter part of February and first of March, with all expenses borne by this institution. This motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Misses Jordan, Gabbert and Higgins be authorized to attend the same meeting. This motion was unanimously carried.

Attendance of Dean Carr at Southern Association of Colleges

The President reported that he had requested Dr. J. W. Carr, Dean, to attend the Southern Association of Colleges at Jackson, Miss., in December 1926 and paid his expenses out of funds of the institution, and asked that the Board approve his action in this matter.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Stokes that the President's action in this instance be approved. The roll was called upon the adoption of said motion with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.

Membership in Association of Colleges

President Wells reported that we had made application for membership in the Kentucky College Association and the Southern Association of Colleges, that a committee visited this institution last week and complimented this school highly; but that their report will not be made until their meeting in April at the Kentucky Educational Association.
Separation of Faculty to Conform to Requirements of Southern Association of Colleges

The President reported that one requirement of entrance to the Southern Association of Colleges was to separate the faculty into at least eight departments with their respective heads, and asked the permission of the Board to separate the faculty into departments.

It was moved and seconded that the President be authorized to separate the faculty into eight departments as suggested, in order to conform to the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges. This motion was carried unanimously.

Election of Registrar

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Cleo Gillis Hester, of Lexington, Kentucky, be elected Registrar of this college at $200.00 per calendar month or $2,400.00 per year, effective on reporting for duty and continuing until the end of this school year, June 30, 1927.

The roll was called upon the adoption of said motion with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.

Election of Assistant Librarian

President Wells reported to the Board the need of an Assistant Librarian and recommended Miss Verna Goode, of Lattimore, North Carolina for this position.

It was moved by Mr. Stokes, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that Miss Verna Goode, Lattimore, North Carolina, be elected Assistant Librarian at a salary of $1,800.00 per calendar year, effective on reporting for duty and continuing until June 30, 1927. The roll was called upon the adoption of this motion with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.

Custodian of Surety Bond

Dr. Carr stated that during his presidency he had in his keeping a surety bond and that he thought that this bond should now be given over to the hands of President Wells.

Motion was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Thomas that the President be designated as custodian of the surety bond. This motion was carried unanimously.

Painting of Thomas P. Norris

The President reported that a friend of Dr. Carr's had painted a picture of Mr. Thomas P. Norris, which is now hanging in this office, and that we expect to unveil this picture at some future date and place it in the library; but that the artist had never received any compensation from this Board for his work, and suggested that he be given some remuneration.

It was moved by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Wilson that an appropriation of $200.00 be made to the artist for Mr. Norris' picture. The roll was called upon the adoption of said motion with the following result: Thomas, aye; Wilson, aye; Stokes, aye; Rhoads, aye.

Report of Committee on Certification

The President submitted the report of the Committee on Certification and recommended that the students named therein be granted certificates.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Stokes that the certificates be granted upon recommendation of the Certification Committee as follows:
January 18, 1927

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.

Singleton, Mrs. Mary
Solomon, Bethel

3. We further recommend that the person 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.

Carter, Mrs. Crystal

Very truly yours,

Committee

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

This motion was carried unanimously.

Signing of Contracts for Auditorium and Training School Buildings

The President reported that the contracts for the erection of the Auditorium and Training School Buildings had never been approved by this Board and signed by the Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the following contracts be approved and signed by the Chairman of this Board:

J. T. Jackson Lumber Company, Lexington, Kentucky $132,000.00
Key-Langston Construction Company, Murray, Kentucky $129,225.34
Redmon Heating Company, Louisville, Kentucky 24,473.00
Harris-Beyer Electric Company, Paducah, Kentucky 8,475.00

This motion was carried unanimously.

President's Report of Water Bills

The President reported that the water bills for this institution since May, 1926 had been exceedingly high and out of reason entirely. He submitted the statements presented each month, and the cause of these enormous water bills and possible ways of reducing same were discussed but no definite action taken.
Statement of the Standard Printing Company

The President brought up the matter of the Standard Printing Company's bill for $390.00 for stones used in printing diplomas and college certificates for this institution, and the ownership of said stones. He reported that the Attorney General was working on this question but had not rendered complete and final decision. It was agreed that said bill be paid according to the decision of the Attorney General when it is finally settled.

The Board adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, February 8th.

McHenry Rhodes
Chairman.

J.L. Wilson
Secretary.