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The Board of Regents of Murray State Teachers College met in the office of the President at 4:00 P. M. Monday, March 16, 1936, as per the call of the Chairman. Mr. T. H. Stokes, Mr. B. L. Trevathan and Dr. C. E. Crume were present.

Mr. B. L. Trevathan Elected Chairman Pro Tem

In the absence of Chairman H. W. Peters and Vice Chairman Bunk Gardner, Mr. T. H. Stokes nominated Mr. B. L. Trevathan to serve as Chairman Pro Tem of this meeting. Dr. Crume seconded the nomination and Mr. B. L. Trevathan was elected Chairman Pro Tem.

Reading of Minutes

The minutes of February 17, 1936 and March 5, 1936 were read, approved and signed.

Changes in Plans and Specifications

Dr. Carr read to the Board a copy of a letter which he had written to President James H. Richmond in reference to changes in the plans and specifications for the new buildings which were recommended by the Architect, also, the list of suggested changes.

At this point, Dr. Carr stated to the Board that Dr. Richmond had suggested to him over the telephone that, since he was unable to be in Murray for this meeting of the Board, only such matters in reference to the new buildings as needed immediate attention be considered at this meeting and all routine business be held over until the next meeting of the Board.

After Dr. Carr had read the entire list of suggested changes, Mr. G. Tandy Smith, Jr., Architect, was asked to explain the necessity for adding two feet to the length of the South end of the swimming pool unit at rear of building. Mr. Smith stated that it was understood by all parties when the change in the heating plant was agreed upon, that it would be necessary to make the building two feet longer in order to make space for the heating boiler, as is indicated in Item 1 of Suggested Changes in Plans and Specifications.

Mr. W. L. Bruner, Resident Engineer Inspector of the P. W. A., who was also present at the meeting of the Board of Regents, was asked to give his opinion concerning these suggested changes. Mr. Bruner stated that they met his approval and that if and when they were approved by the Board of Regents, he would recommend that they be approved finally by the P. W. A., which final approval is necessary before any changes may be made in the plans and specifications.

Mr. G. Tandy Smith, Jr. advised the Board that the P. W. A. instructions provided that recommendations for approved changes in plans and specifications should not be made every time any single change was desired but that these requests should be held up temporarily so that it would be possible to determine whether or not other changes would be necessary; and, if so, all these changes should be presented for approval at one time and avoid a constant flow of requests for approved changes in plans and specifications.
Motion was made by Mr. Stokes that the extension, as recommended by the Architect in Item 1 of his suggested changes and approved by the Resident Engineer Inspector, be approved by the Board of Regents and incorporated in Change Order No. 1 which is to be submitted to the P. W. A. officials for final approval. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crwne, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Mr. Stokes, aye; Dr. Crwne, aye; Mr. Trevathan, aye. The motion was carried unanimously, and Item 1 of the Architect's recommended changes follows:

1. Add 2' in length to South end of swimming pool unit at rear of building increasing space occupied by filters. Omit Pump Room shown on Ground Floor plan and provide Filter Alcove alongside of pipe space on West side of swimming pool. This change also includes erection of boiler flue. It is necessary that the above change be made to accommodate Heating boiler which is now to be installed in this building whereas in the original plan it was intended that heat be supplied from Central Heating Plant.

Add to contract price ................ $600.00

Motion was made by Mr. Stokes that the Board approve the change recommended in Item 6 of the Architect's suggested changes, omission of Celite specified for concrete work, which change has been approved by the Resident Engineer Inspector, and incorporate this change in Change Order No. 1 which is soon to be submitted to the P. W. A. officials for final approval. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crwne, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Mr. Stokes, aye; Dr. Crwne, aye; Mr. Trevathan, aye. The motion was carried unanimously, and Item 6 of the Architect's recommended changes follows:

6. Omit Celite specified for concrete work. This change is recommended because of duplication in the waterproofing specification. Hydrated lime waterproofing is specified for all essential concrete, and Celite will add nothing to the durability or value of the building.

Deduct from contract price ........... $639.00

Motion was made by Mr. Stokes that the Board approve Item 11 of the Architect's suggested changes, permitting contractor to furnish steel columns, not shown on plans, for supporting ends of wall bearing trusses, as outlined by the Architect and approved by the Resident Engineer Inspector, and incorporate this change in Change Order No. 1 which is soon to be submitted to the P. W. A. officials for final approval. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crwne, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Mr. Stokes, aye; Dr. Crwne, aye; Mr. Trevathan, aye. This motion was carried unanimously, and Item 11 of the Architect's recommended changes follows:

11. The contractor asks permission to furnish a number of steel columns not shown on plans. Where wall bearing trusses are indicated in certain cases the contractor elects to furnish columns for supporting the ends of such trusses so practically the entire steel frame may be erected off the foundations and ahead of masonry. This will facilitate the progress of the work and will improve the structure. The only conflict caused by these columns extending to foundation walls is that one steel window in Toilet off Varsity Locker Room in basement will be shifted from the position shown and will be decreased to five lights in width instead of six lights as shown. This will not affect this small room adversely. Permission is granted the contractor to furnish the extra columns.

No change in contract price.
Next, consideration was given to the purchase of brick to be used in the construction of the Physical Education and Home Economics Buildings. Mr. W. H. Creason and Mr. Nat Erlanger, representatives of Owensboro Clay Products Company, Owensboro, Kentucky, came before the Board and submitted samples of the brick which this company proposed to furnish for these new buildings. After discussing with these gentlemen the merits and the price of the brick offered by their company, the Board excused the Architect, the Resident Engineer Inspector, the representatives of the Owensboro Clay Products Company and Judge J. W. McDonald, Legal Adviser of the Board, so that the purchase of brick could be given further consideration in private session.

It was first agreed that the purchase of brick for the new buildings should be postponed until a later date when all members of the Board of Regents could be present, and notice to this effect was given to the persons interested. Then, after further consideration of prices submitted and the necessity to purchase the brick soon enough to avoid delaying the Contractor in his progress with the building, motion was made by Mr. Stokes that the Board purchase the brick from the Owensboro Clay Products Company, Owensboro, Kentucky, at the price of $21.00 net to the college, subject to the approval of Dr. James H. Richmond, Judge Bunk Gardner and Superintendent H. W. Peters. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crume, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Mr. Stokes, aye; Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Trevathan, aye.

Judge J. W. McDonald, Legal Adviser of the Board of Regents in connection with the P. W. A. building program, when he appeared before the Board of Regents at this session, presented the Murray State Teachers College Building Revenue Bonds, amounting to $145,000.00, for the signature of the Secretary of the Board of Regents. Mr. T. H. Stokes, Secretary of the Board of Regents, signed each one of these bonds. These bonds were then returned to Judge J. W. McDonald who was instructed by telephone conversation with President James H. Richmond, while the Board was in session, to bring them immediately to Louisville for the signature of the Chairman of the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Stokes, seconded by Dr. Crume, and carried unanimously that the Board adjourn.