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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS,

HELD AT BLOOMINGTON, JUNE, 1862.

TOGETHER WITH
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS.

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PROCEEDINGS.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., June 25th, 1862.

The annual meeting of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, was held at the Pike House, in the city of Bloomington, on Wednesday, June 25th, 1862; the President, Hon. S. W. MOULTON, in the chair.

Present—Messrs. Moulton, Rex, Bass, Green, Reynolds, Goudy, Wells, Powell, Shannon and Bateman.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Bass presented the following communication :

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,—

Gentlemen : The time of my engagement with the Board being about to expire, I take the liberty to suggest that the office of Principal will be vacant at the close of this term.

Very respectfully yours,

PERKINS BASS.

June 25th, 1862.

The President laid before the Board the following communication, which was read and ordered to be filed :

HEAD QUARTERS, SECOND BRIGADE, FIRST DIVISION A. S. W., }
CAMP NEAR BATESVILLE, ARK., June 16th, 1862. }

PRESIDENT MOULTON,—

Dear Sir : It will be entirely impossible, with my plans for the future, for me to again resume duties in the Normal University; and I beg you to tender to the Board over which you preside, my grateful acknowledgments of the thousand kindnesses which they extended to the first Principal of the University.

I am, very truly,

Your ob't servant,

C. E. HOVEY.

On motion, the Board adjourned till 7½ o'clock P. M.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Dr. Rex offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Perkins Bass, Esq., the Principal of our Normal University during the past year, for the energetic and successful manner in which he has conducted the Normal School, and the judicious and able manner in which he has managed the finances and business matters of the Board.

The Board then, on motion, proceeded to ballot for Principal of the University, which resulted in the unanimous election of Richard Edwards, Esq.

The Committee on Officers presented the subjoined report, which on motion was approved :

The Committee on Officers would respectfully recommend that L. H. Potter, Esq., be employed as a teacher, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, and that another male teacher be also employed.

(Signed,)	A. R. SHANNON, GEO. P. REX, P. BASS,	} Committee.
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The resignation of Miss F. A. Peterson was tendered to the Board and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the capacity to teach an infant or child's model school of a high order, is a rare talent, and ought to be encouraged and sought after; that we recognize that class of talent, in a high degree, in Miss L. E. Ketcham, and as an expression of our appreciation of her success and teaching talent, her salary is hereby raised to the sum of five hundred dollars per annum.

On motion, the salary of Miss M. E. Osband, was increased to six hundred dollars per annum.

Dr. Rex offered the following :

Resolved, That Ira Moore, Esq., be employed as a teacher in the Normal School, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars.

The resolution was not adopted.

The following resolution was moved and adopted :

Resolved, That the Principal, in conjunction with the Committee on Officers, be empowered to employ a teacher at a salary not to exceed thirteen hundred dollars.

Moved and carried :

That the case of Messrs. Walworth, Hubbard & Co., be referred to Messrs. Bass and Wells, with full power to settle with them and conclude the whole matter, in the name and by the authority of this Board.

Moved and carried :

That hereafter the services of a special lecturer on Natural History in the Normal University, be dispensed with.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet at the University Building, at 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday, June 26th.

[Being obliged to leave after the adjournment Wednesday night, the minutes of Thursday's proceedings, as will be seen, were recorded by another hand.

N. BATEMAN, Secretary.]

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, Thursday, June 26th, 1862.

Board of Education met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Messrs. Moulton, Pres't; Wells, Powell, Green, Reynolds, Rex, Bass, and Goudy.

On motion, C. Goudy was appointed Secretary, *pro. tem.*

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Resolved, That S. W. Moulton, Esq., President of the Board, proceed immediately to take such steps, as may be deemed necessary, to perfect and remove all cloud from the title to the University lands, and to use all legal means to make the Board of Education safe from all loss resulting from failure in title to said lands, or from incumbrances thereon; and, further, that he supervise and direct the prosecution or defence of any suit in which the Board are interested.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That twelve dollars and fifty cents, and no more, of the Livery Stable bill rendered, be paid—the same being amount of expenses incurred by the Board at last July and December meetings.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the bill of W. B. Keen, for books, and the bill of C. M. Cady, for services as music teacher, be referred to Mr. Perkins Bass, to report the facts concerning each bill, to the next meeting of the Board.

The Report of Mr. Perkins Bass, late Principal of the

Normal University, setting forth the receipts and disbursements of "contingent fund," was read, approved, and ordered to be filed.

Amount received.....	\$231 30
Amount disbursed on 44 bills.....	166 49
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Leaving a balance of.....	64 81

The Report of Mr. C. W. Holder, Treasurer, was laid before the Board, examined, approved, and ordered to be filed.

Totat amount received.....	\$12, 829 80
Amount of disbursements on 109 orders.....	9, 933 30
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Balance in the Treasury.....	2, 896 50

On motion of Mr. Powell, it was

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Principal, as a "contingent fund," to meet the current incidental expenses of the Institution, until the next meeting of this Board; and that he report the items of expenditure, with vouchers of the same, to the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to contract with some suitable person to furnish coal for heating the Institution the coming winter or until the next meeting of the Board.

Messrs. Thompson & Co. presented a bill for glass furnished the museum, which was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That M. Pearson be allowad and paid \$19 02 for fencing lumber furnished for use of the University.

Ordered, That W. Pearce be allowed and paid two dollars for labor in repairing fence of University.

On motion of Mr. Wells, it was

Resolved, That the President of the Board be requested to employ a competent person to make a careful examination, under his direction and supervision, of all the financial accounts and vouchers of this Board from its organization, and make such additional entries as may be necessary in the books of the Board, and report the result at our next meeting; to the end that we may have before us a full and intelligent exhibit of our financial condition and relations.

Mr. Powell, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, made the following report of claims as correct, which were ordered to be paid:

A. Guthrie.....	\$10 00
Hayes & Evans.....	3 90

Ira Moore.....	5 15
Steele & Carpenter.....	10 25
Capen & Son.....	14 80
Grover & Winslow.....	7 65
Amos Kemp.....	5 75
Humphrey & Wakefield.....	1 25
G. & T. Fene.....	8 22
F. F. Mathews.....	13 60
Ed. Mendel.....	8 00
Bushnell & Co.....	2 00

\$90 60

Mr. Powell, from the Auditing Committee, further reported, that they had examined the following bills and report them back for further action.

W. B. Keen.....	\$75 25
Wm. Mathews.....	55 00
C. M. Cady.....	310 00

On motion, Dr. Goudy was appointed to notify Richard Edwards, Esq., of his election as Principal of the Normal University.

On motion, the Board adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Dr. Goudy reported that he had notified Richard Edwards, Esq., of his unanimous election as Principal of the Normal University, and received the following reply :

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., June 26th, 1862.

DR. GOUDY,—

My Dear Sir : In reply to your note of to-day, I answer that I cheerfully accept the appointment you have done me the honor to tender me ; and I invoke the co-operation of the members of the Board in my attempts, feeble though they may be, to make this school what it ought to be, THE BEST NORMAL SCHOOL ON THE CONTINENT.

Very respectfully,

RICHARD EDWARDS.

On motion of Mr. Bass, it was

Ordered, That the President of the Board draw an order for seventy-five dollars in favor of Wm. M. Hatch, in part on account of legal services rendered.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, That the resolution passed last year by the Board providing for the payment of the current expenses of the Institution, be continued in force for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Resolved, That one hundred and twenty-five dollars, to be paid out of the "apparatus fund," be appropriated for the purchase of the *Microscope* owned by Mr. Hamilton Spencer.

On motion of Dr. Rex, it was

Resolved, That seventy-five dollars be appropriated to liquidate the bill of Ed. Mendel, of Chicago, for lithograph diploma.

On motion of Mr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, That C. W. Holder, Treasurer, and S. W. Moulton, President of the Board, be appointed to superintend and cause the erection of a fence on the south line of the Normal University grounds—if necessary, in the event of a road being opened through the same.

Resolved, That the President be directed to draw an order not exceeding two hundred dollars, to be applied in finishing the Museum connected with the Normal University.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the following member of the Graduating Class are entitled to receive diplomas:—

James F. Ridlon, of Warren Co.;	Lorenzo Dow Bovee, of Will Co.;
Logan H. Roots, of Perry Co.;	Esther Maria Sprague, of Will Co.;
Sarah E. Beers, of Hancock Co.;	Helen Frances Grennell, of McLean Co.;
Emma M. Trimble, of Tazewell Co.;	Elizabeth Carleton, of Pike Co.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Resolved, That the President of the Board is requested, at as early a day as practicable, to have the lawn, surrounding the University building, re-surveyed, according to the plat of the grounds already made, and that he have the same planted in trees and shrubbery; and, further, that he request the Principal to assign to each student a portion of the lawn to be kept in good order.

On motion of Mr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, On behalf of the friends of education, and as the cheerful tribute of this Board, that we tender our thanks to Prof. C. E. Hovey, late Principal of the Normal University, for his efficient services in building up said Institution, and his attention to the varied and important business connected therewith.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Officers be authorized to employ a female instead of a male teacher, for the ensuing year, if it should be deemed expedient to do so.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Education tender thanks to Mr. B. E. Messer, Professor of Music for his valuable services, and his ability in that Department is most cheerfully acknowledged.

On motion of Dr. Rex, it was

Resolved, That the President of the Board draw an order for three hundred dollars, in favor of John Marble, on account of his adjusted bill for furniture furnished Normal University.

On motion of Mr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, That the exercises and examinations at the University rooms, during the present week, are of a high order, and worthy of the commendation of this Board and of every friend of Education and Common Schools in Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Resolved, That the interesting and elegant address of Richard Edwards Esq., Principal elect of the University, on Thursday evening before the Literary Societies, is well worthy of preservation among the archives of the University; and that we recommend that the two Societies publish the same, and that we will aid them in so doing.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, it was

Resolved, That subordination to rules, obedience to laws, respect for Legislative enactments, and a high love for the State of Illinois, as our own State, should be a leading feature in the instructions imparted in the Normal University.

On motion of Mr. Bass, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Mr. J. W. Lusk, for the eminent and practical services he has rendered to the Normal University in the Department of Penmanship; that in him we recognize a teacher of the highest rank in his profession; and that we cordially approve of the practical workings of the "Spencerian System of Penmanship," and earnestly recommend it and the systematic methods of teaching the same, as pursued by Mr. L., to the schools of Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Pickett, it was

Resolved, That in Miss F. A. Peterson, we recognize a teacher of the first order, and regret her withdrawal from the University.

Bills of members for traveling expenses were allowed and paid as follows:

H. G. Reynolds.....	\$16 00
S. W. Moulton, (two meetings).....	40 00
W. H. Wells.....	15 75
Geo. P. Rex.....	47 25
T. J. Pickett.....	20 00
A. R. Shannon.....	35 00
W. H. Green.....	32 00
W. H. Powell.....	13 00
Calvin Goudy.....	22 00
N. Bateman.....	10 00

On motion, the Board adjourned.

S. W. MOULTON, President.

C. GOUDY, Secretary, *pro. tem.*