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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING:

HELD AT NORMAL, JUNE 22^D AND 23^D, 1870.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING,

JUNE 22D AND 23D, 1870.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
NORMAL, ILLINOIS, JUNE 22D, 1870. }

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS met at their rooms, in the University Building, on Wednesday, June 22d, 1870, at ten o'clock A.M.

PRESENT—Messrs. Coy, DuPuy, Fell, Goudy, Foster, Roots, Mayo, Worthington, and Bateman — 9.

ABSENT—Messrs. Moulton, Clarke, Green, Leal, Wing, Moore — 6.

The President, Hon. S. W. Moulton, being unavoidably absent, B. G. Roots was appointed President *pro tem*.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, the reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with.

Dr. Goudy moved that the Board now hear the report of the Treasurer. Said report was presented and read by Mr. Fell, and, on motion, referred, as usual, to the Auditing Committee.

Upon the motion of Judge Mayo, President Edwards appeared and laid before the Board his semi-annual report, as follows:

REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

GENTLEMEN: In its great essential features, the University remains much as it was last year. The total number of students does not vary materially from that of one year ago. On the whole, however, the work has been somewhat better. The standard of admission has been kept at the highest point of last year, while the standard for graduation has been appreciably raised. The entire graduating class consists of thirty-two members,—twenty-seven from the Normal and five from the High School. This is an increase of fifty per cent. upon the largest preceding class. Had there not been a more vigorous enforcing than heretofore of the requisites for graduation, the number would have reached forty. From the beginning the classes have numbered as follows:

		Normal.	High School.
First Class, 1860, numbered	.....	10	.....
Second " 1861, "	.....	8	.....
Third " 1862, "	.....	8	.....
Fourth " 1863, "	.....	7	.....
Fifth " 1864, "	.....	8	.....
Sixth " 1865, "	.....	11	7
Seventh " 1866, "	.....	15	.....
Eighth " 1867, "	.....	13	.....
Ninth " 1868, "	.....	19	2
Tenth " 1869, "	.....	19	1
Eleventh " 1870, "	.....	27	5

Total of graduates: Normal, 145; High School, 15; total for University, 160.

The shortness of the crops in our state, and the consequent stringency of the money market, have materially diminished our attendance for the last year. Few of our pupils are the children of wealthy parents. With most of them, careful economy is necessary to enable them to attend school; and the falling-off of a few dollars in the annual income of a family often keeps from us a valuable pupil.

It gives me great pleasure to state that our financial condition is better than it has been at the close of any preceding year. The balance of the State Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer is \$6,304.93. Some \$350 still remain to be paid in from tuition fees.

This added gives \$6,654.93. One month's pay must come out of this sum, and also the personal expenses of the members of the Board at the present meeting, besides a few scattering bills. The month's pay will amount to about \$2,300, leaving a balance of \$4,354.93. I do not know the precise amount of the bills to be audited at this meeting of the Board. So far as presented, it is \$207.04, and they will not greatly exceed this. So that we shall close the year with a clean balance of about \$4,000. This is greatly in excess of any previous showing at this time of year.

Mr. Joseph Carter and Miss Mary Pennell have handed in their resignations. Both these teachers have done the state very valuable service. Mr. Carter, in the management and teaching of the grammar school, has exhibited great power and skill, and the utmost faithfulness. His withdrawal from the corps of teachers will be a great and serious loss. Miss Pennell has been patient earnest, faithful, and skillful. It is some consolation to know that her purpose in leaving us is to extend her knowledge and usefulness by further study.

The proper keeping of the books is an exceedingly important matter. Many leaks can thus be stopped and money can be saved to the institution.

The new arrangement in regard to the hours of daily session, by which a long intermission is taken at noon, has worked very satisfactorily. I think the health of both teachers and students has been materially improved by it.

The faculty recommend the following persons for graduation:

Lou C. Allen,	Adella Nance,	R. Arthur Edwards,
Barbara Denning,	Adelaide V. Rutherford,	Samuel W. Garman,
Alice Emmons,	Fannie Smith,	John W. Gibson,
Cara E. Higby,	Amanda S. Thomas,	Benjamin Hunter,
Emma Howard,	Marion Weed,	John W. Lummis,
Margaret E. Hunter,	Benjamin W. Baker,	John H. Parr,
Maria Kimberly,	Joseph Carter,	Levi T. Regan,
Mary D. LeBaron,	Robert A. Childs,	Wade H. Richardson,
Letitia A. Mason,	James N. Dewell,	John W. Smith,
from the Normal School; and		
Almira A. Bacon,	William Burry,	William H. Smith,
Nellie H. Galusha,	Wm. Duff Haynie,	
from the High School.		

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD EDWARDS.

Judge Green here appeared and took his seat in the Board.

Mr. Fell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to inquire into, and report to the next meeting of this Board, the propriety of shortening the duration of the school terms, so as to terminate on or about the first day of June of each year.

Mr. Joseph Carter, Principal of the Grammar School, and Miss Mary Pennell, Assistant in said school, tendered to the Board their resignations, which, on motion, were accepted. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Coy, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the resignations of Mr. Joseph Carter as Principal of the Grammar School connected with this institution, and of Miss Mary Pennell as assistant in the same, have been tendered to this Board;

Resolved, That, in accepting these resignations, we take pleasure in bearing testimony to the skill, earnestness and fidelity with which these teachers have done their duty. We heartily commend Mr. Carter, as an able manager and most efficient instructor, and Miss Pennell, as a most estimable lady and able teacher.

The President named, as the committee of five called for by the resolution of Mr. Fell, in the matter of shortening the school term, Messrs. Fell, Green, Coy, Mayo, and Bateman.

On motion of Judge Green, the Board then adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of changing the University terms be also instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the Winter semi-annual meeting of the Board.

Letters were read,—one by Pres. Edwards, from Gen. Moore, relative to the eminent services rendered by Prof. J. W. Powell, to the University and to the cause of science; and one by the Secretary, from Hon. S. W. Moulton, containing suggestions in regard to retrenchment in the expenses of the University.

On motion, said letters were placed on file.

Dr. DuPuy offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Teachers be requested to report to the Board to-morrow at 8 A.M.: said report to include the name of every professor and teacher employed in the Normal proper, and also the name of every one employed in the Model School; and to state definitely the duties which have been discharged by each, what classes are taught by each, and

what time is devoted to each class, and of how many each class consists; the time to be covered by the report to extend from Jan. 1, 1870, to this 22d of June.

President Edwards presented a statement of disbursements made by him of Contingent Fund, which was referred to the Auditing Committee, as usual.

By request, Major Powell appeared and made a brief statement of the progress and results of his explorations and labors thus far, and of his plans for the future prosecution of the work.

The Board then adjourned until two o'clock P.M.

JUNE 22D, 1870, 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment. Attendance same as in the forenoon, except Dr. Foster, who was obliged to leave on account of ill health.

The Secretary read the subjoined communication from Prof. J. A. Sewall:

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, JUNE 22, 1870.

To the Honorable Board of Education.

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully ask your honorable body to appropriate a small sum, not exceeding \$100.00, to make good the loss, by breakage and necessary wear, of the chemical apparatus, and also to increase the supply of chemicals now on hand.

A class of ten has worked in the laboratory during nearly the entire year.

Respectfully,

J. A. SEWALL.

On motion, the sum of fifty dollars was appropriated for the objects set forth in said communication.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following students are entitled to graduation, with the highest honors, in the Normal University and High School respectively, viz:

FROM NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

- Miss Maria L. Kimberly, DuPage county.
 " Letitia A. Mason, McLean county.
 " Amanda S. Thomas, Logan county.
 " Margaret E. Hunter, Cook county.
 " Alice Emmons, Cass county.
 " Adelaide V. Rutherford, Macoupin county.
 " Louisa C. Allen, Macon county.
 " Adella Nance, Henry county.
 " Cara E. Higby, Kankakee county.
 " Barbara Denning, Lasalle county.
 " Mary D. LeBaron, Knox county.
 " Emma Howard, Rock Island county.
 " Marion Weed, McLean county.
 " Fannie Smith, Tennessee.
- Mr. John W. Parr, Putnam county.
 " Joseph Carter, Livingston county.
 " John W. Smith, " "
 " Benjamin W. Baker, Coles county.
 " James N. Dewell, Pike county.
 " Robert A. Childs, Boone county.
 " R. Arthur Edwards, McLean county.
 " Levi T. Regan, Logan county.
 " John W. Lummis, Adams county.
 " Samuel W. Garman, Stephenson county.
 " John W. Gibson, Ogle county.
 " Benjamin Hunter, Winnebago county.
 " Wade H. Richardson, Alabama.

FROM MODEL-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

- Mrs. Almira A. Bacon, Ogle county.
 Miss Nellie H. Galusha, Grundy county.
 Mr. William H. Smith, McLean county.
 " William Duff Haynie, McLean county.
 " William Burry, Canada.

Mr. Fell made a verbal statement of matters connected with the renting of the University Farm, and, on motion of Dr. DuPuy, Messrs. Fell and Coy were appointed a special committee, with power to act in the premises.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, That J. W. Fell, Esq., be appointed the agent of the Board to procure the necessary fuel for the ensuing year; and that the President of the Board be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

On motion of Mr. Coy, it was

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of \$480.08, being the balance, now in his hands, of the Fund for Ornamenting Grounds and for Fence and Improvements, in favor of Mr. Fell, to be used by him for such object.

On the further motion of Mr. Coy, a committee of three was appointed to consider the matter of printing the theses, on subjects of Natural Science, prepared by the Graduating Class. The President appointed Messrs. Coy, Goudy and Bateman as said committee.

The Board then, on motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23D, 1870, 8 O'CLOCK A.M.

The Board convened, as per adjournment, the same members being present as at the preceding afternoon session.

Judge Green, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

CONTINGENT FUND.

To cash balance in hands of Pres. Edwards, at last meeting of the Board.....	\$44.14	
To amount appropriated December session, 1869....	150.00	
		———— \$194.14

Contra.

By amount expended by Pres. Edwards since December 15, 1869.....	\$94.81	
Balance in hands of Mr. Edwards, June 23, 1870....	99.33	
		———— <u>\$194.14</u>

WILLIAM H. GREEN, } C. GOUDY, } N. E. WORTHINGTON, }	} Auditing Committee.
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The Auditing Committee, having examined the report and vouchers of Prof. J. W. Powell, for money expended from the Museum Fund, find the same to be correct, as reported herewith.

WM. H. GREEN, C. GOUDY, N. E. WORTHINGTON, }	} Auditing Committee.
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The Auditing Committee report as follows concerning expenses from

STATE FUND.

Maxwell, Hogg & Co.—school-books	\$18.50
Iverson, Phinney, Blakeman & Co.—books	6.00
Nason — printing	28.10
Scibird & Waters — printing	22.25
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.	51.00
J. P. Yoder — stationery	33.94
Peter Keulisen — janitor's supplies	18.25
Loer & Rawlings — “ “	10.25
Jesse W. Fell — money advanced to Board	16.90

Auditing Committee further report the following bills correct and charged against

REPAIR FUND.

A. M. Loughlin — repairs on laboratory	\$ 6.50
Geo. McIntosh — repairing steam-pipe, etc	73.75
J. S. Ross — repairing pump, twice	7.00
Champion Bros. — 175 ft. roofing, and other work on roof ...	36.16
J. Davis Wilder — covering 70 blackboard rubbers	26.50

Auditing Committee report the following bills correct and chargeable to

FURNITURE FUND.

Richard Edwards — freight on furniture	\$ 9.55
“ “ “ “ “	46.00
Henry M. Sherwood — furniture castings	39.33

WM. H. GREEN,	} Auditing Committee.
C. GOUDY,	
N. E. WORTHINGTON,	

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the account of Mr. C. W. Holder, Treasurer of the State Board of Education, and the vouchers accompanying, and found them correct.

The following is an abstract of said report:

STATE FUND.

To amount on hand at last report	\$649.80
“ cash received from State Treasurer	21,445.99
“ “ “ “ Model School	4,190.05
“ “ “ “ Rent of Piano	63.99
	—————\$26,349.83

Contra.

By cash disbursements on 109 orders.....	\$20,044.90
“ “ on hand to balance.....	6,304.93
	<u>\$26,349.83</u>

FUND FOR ORNAMENTING GROUNDS.

To cash balance on hand, as per last report.....	<u>\$180.08</u>
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HEATING-APPARATUS FUND.

To cash balance on hand, at last report	<u>\$1,068.86</u>
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WATER-CLOSET FUND.

To cash balance on hand, at last report.....	<u>\$500.00</u>
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FENCE AND IMPROVING GROUNDS.

To cash balance on hand, at last report	<u>\$300.00</u>
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BUILDING REPAIR FUND.

To cash balance on hand, at last report.....	\$1,986.81
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Contra.

By cash disbursed on 10 orders.....	\$1,031.01
“ “ on hand to balance.....	955.80
	<u>\$1,986.81</u>

FURNITURE FUND.

To cash balance on hand, at last report.....	\$1,500.00
“ “ overdrawn, to balance.....	201.67
	<u>\$1,701.67</u>

Contra.

By cash disbursed on 8 orders.....	<u>\$1,701.67</u>
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NATURAL HISTORY FUND.

To cash, received from State Treasurer	\$2,500.00
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Contra.

By cash disbursed on 2 orders.....	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
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RECAPITULATION, SHOWING AMOUNT OF CASH ON HAND.

State Fund.....	\$6,304.93
Ornamenting Grounds.....	180.08
Heating-Apparatus.....	1,068.86
Water-Closet	500.00
Fence and Improving Grounds.....	300.00
Building Repairs.....	955.80
	<u>\$9,309.67</u>

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$9,309.67
<i>Contra.</i>	
Furniture Fund overdrawn.....	201.67
Balance on hand	<u>\$9,108.00</u>
WM. H. GREEN, C. GOUDY, N. E. WORTHINGTON,	} Auditing Committee.

As instructed the previous day, the Committee on Teachers submitted the following report:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

The Committee on Teachers, to whom was referred the resolution of inquiry concerning the number of classes taught by each professor and teacher, etc., report that each professor and teacher has submitted a written report in answer to that resolution, which written reports are herewith submitted.

The committee would further report that it is impossible to express any opinion upon said reports, without a careful analysis of said reports, which can not, within the time allotted to the committee, now be made.

The committee recommend that similar reports be prepared by the professors and teachers and furnished to this committee on the first day of the next semi-annual meeting of the Board, in the forenoon.

N. BATEMAN, WM. H. GREEN, W. S. COY,	} Committee on Teachers.
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The same committee further reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

The Committee on Teachers respectfully report that it is the opinion of the committee that the services of an assistant in the Grammar School, in the position recently held by Miss Mary Pennell, resigned, may be dispensed with, and the duties of that position performed by the Assistant of the High School, and by more general use of the services of the more advanced students of the Normal Department.

The committee also recommend the appointment of Benjamin W. Baker as Principal of the Grammar School, with a salary of \$1,000 a year.

By the above changes there will be a saving of \$1,050 in the expenses of the Model School.

N. BATEMAN,	} Committee on Teachers.
WM. H. GREEN,	
W. S. COY,	

On motion of Dr. DuPuy, it was

Resolved, That the President of the University report to this Board, at its annual June meeting, the number of applicants for graduation at the commencement of the term preceding said meeting, and the cause of rejection, if any.

On the motion of Mr. Roots, it was

Ordered, That the school year consist of thirty-nine weeks, in stead of forty weeks as at present, and that the week taken from the school year be added to the Christmas Holidays.

On the further motion of Mr. Roots, it was

Resolved, That the semi-annual Winter session of this Board be hereafter held on the Tuesday and Wednesday after the first Monday in December of each year.

On motion of Mr. Worthington, it was

Resolved, That President Edwards be requested to furnish to the Board, at its stated meetings, full information as to the examination required for admission to the University, and the number of applicants, if any, who fail to pass the examination.

Mr. Coy, of the special Committee on Printing Theses, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

Mr. Roots moved the appointment of a special committee of three to inquire into the expediency of erecting a suitable fire-proof building for the safe keeping of the Museum of the University, with its valuable treasures, the loss of which would be an irreparable public calamity.

The motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Roots, DuPuy and Worthington as such committee.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Ordered, That J. W. Fell, Esq., be directed to cause the repair of the hose and render it more safe in the University building, and make such other repairs as may be necessary; and that the President of the Board be directed to draw an order on the Treasurer for amount so expended.

On motion of Mr. Roots, the thanks of the Board were unani-

mously returned to R. C. Allen, Esq., of Harristown, Macon county, Illinois, for a very valuable collection of Birds presented by him to the Museum of the University.

Messrs. Miller and Tankersley, photographers, of the City of Bloomington, presented to the Normal University, through the Board, a group containing the entire Faculty of the University and the Graduating Class of 1870, very artistically executed and handsomely framed; for which, on motion of Dr. Goudy, the thanks of the Board were tendered to them.

On motion of Mr. Worthington, it was

Resolved, That one hundred dollars be appropriated and placed at the disposal of President Edwards, as a "contingent fund," to defray necessary incidental expenses, till the next stated meeting of the Board.

The Board then adjourned till its next stated semi-annual meeting, which, under the resolution hereinbefore given, will be Tuesday, December 6th, 1870.

B. G. ROOTS, President *pro tem*.

NEWTON BATEMAN, Secretary.