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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

ILLINOIS NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT NORMAL,
FEBRUARY 1, 1887.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
H. W. ROKKER, PRINTER AND BINDER,
1887.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

| NAME. | EXPIRATION OF TERM. | RESIDENCE. |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|
| GEORGE HOWLAND | 1887..... | 1420 Wabash Av., Chicago. |
| RUFUS COPE | 1887..... | Flora. |
| B. L. DODGE | 1887..... | Oak Park. |
| ISAAC LESEM | 1887..... | Quincy. |
| H. L. BOLTWOOD..... | 1887..... | Evanston. |
| B. G. ROOTS | 1889..... | Tamaroa. |
| J. C. KNICKERBOCKER..... | 1889..... | Court House, Chicago. |
| P. R. WALKER..... | 1889..... | Rockford. |
| WILLIAM H. GREEN..... | 1891..... | Cairo. |
| E. A. GASTMAN | 1891..... | Decatur. |
| A. L. ATWOOD | 1891..... | Woodhull. |
| W. R. SANDHAM | 1891..... | Wyoming. |
| THOMAS SLADE | 1891..... | Bloomington. |
| RICHARD EDWARDS (<i>ex-officio</i>) | 1891..... | Springfield. |

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

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| GEORGE HOWLAND..... | President. |
| RICHARD EDWARDS..... | Secretary. |
| THOMAS F. MITCHELL, 17 South Elizabeth street, Chicago | Treasurer. |

STANDING COMMITTEE.

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| Text Books and Course of Instruction..... | Edwards, Roots, Atwood. |
| Teachers and Salaries..... | Walker, Cope, Gastman. |
| Buildings and Grounds..... | Slade, Green, Cope. |
| Auditing and Finance | Knickerbocker, Green, Dodge. |
| Training School..... | Boltwood, Sandham, Raab. |
| Museum of Natural History | Gastman, Boltwood, Lesem. |

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading, amending and adopting the minutes.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Report of the President of the Normal University.
 4. Treasurer's report.
 5. Reports of special committees.
 6. Reports of standing committees, in their order.
 7. Communications.
 8. Motions and resolutions.
 9. Unfinished business.
 10. General business.
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Next meeting of the Board will be held June 22, 1887.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

AT A

SPECIAL MEETING, HELD FEBRUARY 1, 1887.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILL., Feb. 1, 1887.

The Board of Education met in the reception room of the University at nine o'clock A. M., the President, Mr. George Howland, in the chair.

There were present—George Howland, Rufus Cope, B. L. Dodge, B. G. Roots, W. R. Sandham, W. H. Green, H. L. Boltwood, E. A. Gastman, P. R. Walker, Thomas Slade and Richard Edwards.

On motion of Mr. Gastman, the reading of the proceedings of the last meeting was dispensed with.

A letter was read from Judge Knickerbocker, giving his views in part upon the decision recently rendered by the Supreme Court, by which the University is declared a private institution; also giving the reason of his absence from the meeting.

A similar letter from Mr. Lesem, of Quincy, was read by President Hewett. Both gentlemen expressed the liveliest interest in the prosperity of the institution, and a strong desire that measures be taken to protect it from injury at this critical moment.

An informal discussion was then had on the decision of the Supreme Court. Judge Green presented the legal aspect of the case, declaring that the decision placed the institution just where it ought to be; also expressing the opinion that there is no reason in law why the decision should bar the Legislature from making the customary appropriations. The discussion was continued substantially in the same line by Mr. Slade and others.

The Secretary stated to the Board that it was very desirable to adjourn this meeting to Springfield, and that he had requested the Committees on Education in the Senate and the House to meet the Board at 4:30 P. M., February 1.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sandham, it was voted that when the Board adjourns it be to meet at Springfield, at 4 P. M. this day.

A desire was expressed by several members that the opinion of the Attorney General be secured in regard to the bearing of the decision of the Supreme Court upon the question of appropriations, but there was no vote taken on this question.

The President, Judge Green and the Secretary were appointed a committee to make a statement to the legislative committees this afternoon, setting forth the motives of the Board in resisting the Bakewell claim. They were instructed to show that this resistance did not arise from a penny-wise policy on the part of the Board, nor from the disposition to defy the authority of the Legislature, but solely from a desire to be faithful to the trust which had been laid upon the Board.

President Hewett and Professor Cook, of the Normal University, were, on motion of Judge Green, invited to accompany the Board to Springfield.

The bill of James S. Ewing, for services as attorney in the Bakewell case, was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Adjourned.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 1, 1887.

The Board met, according to adjournment, at 4 o'clock P. M., the President, Mr. Howland, in the chair.

The Committees on Education in the Senate and House being present, Senator McGrath took the chair as presiding officer of the united body.

Statements were made in behalf of the Board of Education by its President, Mr. Howland, by Judge Green, Mr. Cope, and Hon. T. F. Mitchell, Treasurer.

A part of the decision of the Supreme Court was read by the Secretary of the Board. Encouraging responses were made by Senators Hill of Murphysboro, Thompson of Champaign, and others.

After a harmonious and encouraging conference of more than an hour, the respective committees retired, after which the Board adjourned.

GEO. HOWLAND, *President.*

RICHARD EDWARDS, *Secretary.*