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PROCEEDINGS.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, }
BLOOMINGTON, *Wednesday, June 22, 1864.* }

The State Board of Education met at ten o'clock A. M., at the Normal University, Bloomington, on Wednesday, June 22, 1864. The following members were present: Messrs. Goudy, Bass, Medill, and Wing.

On motion, Dr. Goudy was elected President *pro tem.*, and Dr. Wing was elected Secretary.

No quorum being present, on motion, the Board adjourned, to meet at four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, June 22, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, the following members being present: Hon. S. W. Moulton, President; John P. Brooks, Secretary; Hons. Goudy, Medill, Bass, Hatch, Wells, Bateman, Wing.

The following claims were presented, and, on motion, referred to the Auditing Committee:

Prof. Cady, for services in University as teacher of music..\$310 00
M. W. Butler, for work on Normal University..... 48 10

Mr. HATCH made a statement to the Board concerning claim of Mr. ROGERS against the Board, amounting to \$145 63, and an additional statement concerning the indebtedness of Mr. ROGERS to the Board, when, on motion, the case was disposed of by the adoption of a resolution offered by Mr. HATCH.

A statement of the claim of Mr. GREENBAUM was made by himself, with a request that the claim (being a lien) be secured by a policy of insurance on the University.

On motion, it was resolved that the Board execute an insurance upon the University building to the amount of \$10,000, at a rate not exceeding one-half per cent., and that the policy of said insurance be assigned to Mr. GREENBAUM as security.

Statements were made by Mr. LEAMING on behalf of Mr. PIKE, concerning the lands belonging to the University, when, on motion, the whole subject was referred to the Auditing Committee, with a request that President MOULTON act with said Committee in the consideration of the subject.

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

Eight o'clock, P. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The resignation of Miss. M. E. OSBAND was presented, and, on motion of Dr. WING, accepted.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. WELLS, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Miss M. E. OSBAND with sincere regret.

Resolved, That the Board has ever found in Miss OSBAND a teacher of uncommon ability, and of peculiar fitness for the responsible position she has been called to occupy.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board are specially due to Miss OSBAND for the elevating and refining influence which she has ever exerted in the University, and which has contributed in a marked degree to the high standard of character and deportment which has been attained by the students.

Mr. EDWARDS, Principal of the University, read his report of the condition and prospects of the institution, which, on motion of Mr. HATCH, was accepted.

On motion, it was resolved that the use of the large hall of the University be allowed to Messrs. FARGO and PALMER for session of N. W. Musical Academy, in consideration of the gratuitous instruction in music to students of the institution during the time of said session.

The report of C. M. HOLDER, Treasurer of the Board was presented and read, and, on motion, referred to Auditing Committee.

The following is a synopsis of the report:

To balance on hand at last report.....	\$891 49
To amount received from Farm.....	22 25
For amount received for tuition in Model School....	457 50
To amount received from State.....	12,445 99
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	\$13,817 23

CONTRA.

By disbursements on 74 orders.....	\$10,981 44
Balance on hand.....	2,835 79

\$13,817 23

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was resolved that the following persons are entitled to graduation in the Normal University, with the highest honors of the institution:

LYMAN B. KELLOGG, of McHenry County; GEORGE COLVIN, of McLean County; PHILO A. MARSH, of Woodford County; ANNA P. GRENNELL, of McLean County; HARRIET E. DUNN, of McLean County; EDITH T. JOHNSON, of La Salle County; ISABELLA MOORE, of Pike County; HARRIET E. STEWART, of Putnam County.

President EDWARDS submitted his report of disbursement of contingent fund, which was approved.

On motion, it was ordered that the sum of \$250 be placed at the disposal of the President of the University, as contingent fund, to meet the expenses of the institution for the ensuing six months, and that he report the items of expenditure (with vouchers) to the next meeting of the board.

On motion, resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to contract for coal for the use of the University during the ensuing year.

Dr. Goudy, from the Auditing Committee, reported the following claims as approved, which were ordered to be paid:

FROM THE STATE FUND.

Maxwell & Ridelhuber, for books and stationery.....	\$89 14
R. Thompson & Co., for incidentals.....	86 57

FROM THE BUILDING FUND.

Oscar F. McIntyre.....	\$91 50
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On motion, Board adjourned till eight o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

Thursday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Board met.

The committee appointed at the last meeting (December) to investigate the disbursements of Legislative appropriation of \$65,000 to Normal University, reported progress and asked further time, which was granted.

Mr. MEDILL offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the policy of this Board to administer its affairs in entire independence of partisan politics, and without any recognition of political parties ; and that the Board desires this rule to be recognized in the conduct of the institution ; therefore,

Resolved, That in the sense of this Board it is improper for teachers in the Normal University to take an active part in partisan politics ; that to do so distracts their attention from their duties, and tends to impair their usefulness to the cause of education, by exciting political prejudice against not only the participants but the institution itself.

Resolved, That in expressing these views, the Board disavow any intention to interfere with the right of teachers to exercise the elective franchise, or to enjoy their political sentiments, free from censorship or dictation from any source.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

S. W. MOULTON, President.

JOHN P. BROOKS, Secretary.

NOTE.—The following should have appeared in the published proceedings of December, 1868 :

" *Committee on Text Books*.—Messrs. Goudy, Wright, Bateman.

" On motion, it was unanimously ordered that " WELLS' GRADED SCHOOL " be added to the list of text books in the Normal University."

JOHN P. BROOKS, Secretary.