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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

HELD AT BLOOMINGTON, DEC. 1858 AND 1859.

TOGETHER WITH

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS.



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# PROCEEDINGS.

BLOOMINGTON, December 24, 1858.

The Board met at the city of Bloomington, on the twenty-fourth day of December, 1858, and was called to order by the President. The following members were present:

Messrs. Edwards, Denio, Rex, Bunsen, Gillespie, Wright, Moulton, Wilkins, Moseley, Hovey, and Powell.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Board of Education be signed by the Members of the Board, and that the Secretary be requested to present the same to the Legislature.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Auditor of the State for the sum of \$9,818.93, to be expended in carrying on the Normal School during the coming year.

The President presented the following Report of the Treasurer of the Board, which, on motion of Mr. Moulton, was referred to the Auditing Committee, with instruction to examine the same, and report to the Board.

*To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:*

GENTLEMEN—I herewith present you my report of the receipts and expenditures in support of the State Normal University for the year ending July 3, 1858.

Very respectfully, yours, J. E. McCLUN.

BLOOMINGTON, December 23, 1858.

## ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. E. McCLUN, *Treasurer of the Board of Education,*

### DEBTOR.

To amount of interest on the College and Seminary Funds, received January 2, 1858..... \$9,754 74

### CREDITOR.

By amount paid to teachers.....	\$5,820 00
By amount paid for books, maps, etc., and incidentals.....	2,000 85
By amount paid for expenses of the Board of Education...	1,442 58
Whole amount paid up to July 3, 1858.....	<u>\$9,263 43</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$491 31

Mr. Wright presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Board of Education be requested to pay the salaries of the teachers monthly, upon the order of the Principal of the University.

On motion of Mr. Moulton, it was

*Resolved*, That the Principal of the University be and he is hereby authorized to employ Dr. Roe to lecture on Chemistry and Physiology, at \$12 50 per lecture, not exceeding one per week, till the further ordering of the Board.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education employ no teacher in this University who is at the same time engaged in any other occupation or employment which will divide his labor or duties.

The Principal of the University having presented his report, the Secretary was requested to publish and present the same to the Legislature.

The Auditing Committee presented the following bills and recommended their allowance:

N. W. Edwards, traveling expenses.....	\$9 50
S. W. Moulton, " " .....	24 00
George Bunsen, " " .....	24 00
George P. Rex, " " .....	24 75
J. J. Gillespie, " " .....	21 50
F. Moseley, " " .....	15 00
S. Wright, " " .....	13 50
W. H. Powell, " " .....	9 00
C. B. Denio, " " .....	32 50
W. E. Foote, " " .....	54 75
J. F. Eberhart, advertising.....	60 00
W. B. Smith & Co, Books.....	21 87
E. Rogers.....	41 50
Nason & Hill, printing.....	47 50
J. G. Hovell.....	45 85
P. Harper.....	47 60
Ira Moore, salary.....	400 00
S. Willard, salary.....	400 00
E. C. Hewett, salary.....	400 00
C. M. Cady, salary.....	200 00
E. R. Roe, salary.....	75 00
D. Wilkins, copying minutes.....	12 50
C. E. Hovey, salary and sundry bills.....	1,288 04
D. Wilkins, traveling expenses.....	10 00

The bill of Dr. Warriner, for stationery, being incorrect, was re-

committed to the Auditing Committee, and Mr. Wilkins authorized to examine the bill and audit it when found to be correct.

The bill of C. E. Hovey, for traveling expenses, amounting to \$25, was allowed, and ordered to be paid.

The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's Report correct, and recommended that so much of the same as related to the education fund should be adopted; which recommendation was concurred in.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the suggestions of the Principal, in regard to Diplomas, be adopted by this Board.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the regular biennial meetings of the Board be held on Friday before the fourth day of July, commencing in July, 1859, and every two years thereafter.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That Judge McClun receive the thanks of this Board for the able and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties, and for his uniform, gentlemanly and obliging conduct towards all the members of the Board.

On motion, the Committee on a Course of Study was discharged.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

N. W. EDWARDS, *President*.

W. H. POWELL, *Secretary*.

(NOTE BY THE PRESENT SECRETARY.)

The Report of this meeting should have been published with the proceedings of the meeting held July, 1859, but was inadvertently omitted.

BLOOMINGTON, December 21, 1859.

The Board of Education of the State of Illinois, met in the office of the Principal of the Normal University, in the city of Bloomington, on Wednesday, December 21, 1859, and was called to order by S. W. Moulton, President.

On motion, J. J. Gillespie was appointed Secretary, *pro tem*.

Present: Messrs. Moulton, Powell, Rex, Wright, Hovey, Gillespie, Wells, Post and Denio.

On motion, The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

On motion, All the committees were requested to report on Thursday A. M.

Judge Post offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take under consideration the expediency of establishing an Agricultural Professorship in connection with the Normal University, and to consider the propriety of appointing a committee to confer with the Agriculturists of the State on the subject.

The chair appointed the following gentlemen as said committee—Messrs. Post, Denio and Wright.

On motion, The Board adjourned till Thursday, at 8 o'clock A. M.

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THURSDAY, December 22, 8 o'clock.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Messrs. Moulton, Post, Gillespie, Denio, Wilkins, Bass, Hovey, Wright, Rex, Wells, Powell and Bateman.

Mr. Wells, from the Committee on Course of Study, made a brief report, and asked further time, which, on motion, was allowed.

Dr. Rex, of the Committee on Officers, presented the following report :

The Committee on Officers would respectfully report: That, since our last meeting, Mr. L. H. Potter, of the Chicago High School, has been employed in the department of Language, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Samuel Willard. Mr. Potter has fulfilled the duties of his appointment, to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, and they would respectfully recommend that he be permanently employed as a teacher in that department, at a salary of \$1200 per annum.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE P. REX, }  
S. WRIGHT, } Committee.  
PERKINS BASS, }

Mr. Wright, of the Committee on Text Books, reported as follows:

The Committee on Text Books would respectfully report: That they have had the subject under advisement, and would recommend the adoption of—

MITCHELL'S SERIES OF GEOGRAPHIES,

GRAY'S BOTANIES,

HANFORD & PAYSON'S BOOK KEEPING.

ROBINSON'S ELEMENTARY AND UNIVERSITY ASTRONOMIES.

ROBINSON'S ELEMENTARY AND ANALYTICAL GEOMETRIES.

ROBINSON'S SURVEYING AND NAVIGATION,

GUYOT'S EARTH AND MAN,

MAURY'S PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY OF THE SEA,

HAVEN'S AND HAMILTON'S MENTAL PHILOSOPHY,

ANDREWS' SERIES OF LATIN BOOKS,

for the use of the Normal University.

S. WRIGHT,  
J. J. GILLESPIE, } Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Mr. Powell, of the committee on Rules and Regulations, stated that the Committee had no report to present, and asked that the same be discharged, which, on motion, was granted.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Board, it is competent for the Board of Education to review the action of the County Examiners, and to reject candidates who are not found to be qualified for admission into the University.

After discussion, the Ayes and Noes being called, the resolution was adopted by the following, vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Moulton, Post, Gillespie, Denio, Wilkins, Bass, Hovey, Wright, Rex and Bateman.

Noes—Messrs. Powell and Wells.

Mr. Hovey offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three members of this Board, be appointed for the purpose of obtaining a loan of money, necessary to the prosecution of the work on the Normal University Building, and that they have power to use, for this purpose, any of the assets or property of the Board of Education.

The Chair appointed as the Committee called for by this resolution, Messrs. Moulton, Denio and Bateman.

Judge McClun, Treasurer of the Board, presented the subjoined report of the condition of the State Fund:

*To the Honorable The Board of Education of the State of Illinois:*

The undersigned, your Treasurer, begs leave to present the following report of the condition of the State fund in his hands for the support of the Normal University.



To amount on hand as per last report.....	\$1,386 28
By amount paid L. P. Clover.....	180 00
“ “ N. Bateman .....	10 50
“ “ S. W. Moulton.....	14 00
“ “ Geo. P. Rex.....	40 50
“ “ A. R. Shannon.....	25 00
“ “ W. H. Powell.....	42 00
“ “ Wm. H. Wells.....	13 50
“ “ Geo. Bunsen.....	32 00
“ “ J. J. Gillespie.....	25 80
“ “ P. Bass.....	15 50
“ “ S. Wright.....	17 00
“ “ D. Wilkins.....	20 00
“ “ S. Willard.....	240 00
“ “ Nason & Hill.....	22 00
“ “ Miss Peterson.....	50 00
“ “ C. E. Hovey.....	38 62
“ “ C. M. Cady.....	60 00
“ “ C. E. Hovey.....	10 00
“ “ C. & C. Merriam.....	36 12
“ “ S. C. Griggs & Co.....	12 00
“ “ C. E. Hovey.....	82 00
“ “ J. R. Crum.....	8 50
“ “ Wm. E. Foote.....	17 75
“ “ Henry Myers.....	26 00
“ “ C. E. Hovey.....	500 00
	\$1,538 79
	\$152 56

Leaving a balance due me of one hundred and fifty-two and 56-100 dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. McCLUN,

Treasurer State Board of Education.

BLOOMINGTON, Dec, 22, 1859.

The report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Judge Post, of the special committee appointed under the resolution, offered by him on Wednesday, submitted the following report:

*To the Board of Education:*

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of taking under consideration the expediency of establishing an Agricultural department in connection with the Normal University, and to report upon the expediency of co-operating with the Agriculturists of the State on the subject, beg leave to report:

That they have had the subject under advisement, and find by reference to our charter, that the object of the Normal University shall be to qualify teachers for the Common Schools of the State, and that the students are required, upon entrance into the University, to sign a declaration that they will teach in the Public Schools of the State.

So far as the letter and spirit of the charter are concerned, there is no doubt but the object of the University is, to furnish competent teachers for the Common Schools, so much needed in all parts of the State; and the University would hardly be able to furnish that thorough and extended course of study upon Agriculture that would be satisfactory to the Agriculturists of the State.

And even if the Board were competent to furnish the necessary instruction for a first-class Agricultural School, they have not the means at their command to improve a Model Farm, (though they have one hundred acres that might be used for the purpose,) erect the necessary buildings and fixtures, and furnish an establishment commensurate with the interests and wishes of the Agriculturists of the State.

But your Committee, knowing the anxiety of the Board to further Agricultural education, have endeavored to ascertain how far the Board can do this with their present means.

Your Committee find that the University building will probably be completed by the first of September next; and when so completed, there will be ample room for the accommodation of our Agricultural friends, so far as lecture rooms, halls for examination, and laboratory rooms may be needed; and your committee would recommend that the Board appoint a committee of three to confer with the applicants, if application be made, and that the Board grant the use of so much of the University Building and Lands as can be done without interfering with the legitimate aims and purposes of the University, under such rules and regulations as may be established by your Board. Your committee, having reported, beg leave to be discharged.

J. S. POST,  
C. B. DENIO, } Committee.  
S. WRIGHT,

On motion, the report was accepted and the Committee was discharged.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

*Resolved*, That the powers of the Board, in regard to the admission of students, be delegated to the Faculty of the University, during the interim of the sessions of the Board, and that the Principal be required to report to the Board any action of the Faculty under the resolution, at the meeting of the Board next subsequent to such action.

The Chair appointed as the committee recommended in the report of Judge Post, Messrs. Denio, Wright, and Post.

Mr. Wilkins, of the Auditing Committee, made the following report:

The Auditing Committee have examined the report of the Treasurer, upon the condition of the State Fund, and find the same to be correct and accompanied by the proper vouchers.

D. WILKINS,  
W. H. POWELL, } Auditing  
J. J. GILLESPIE, } Committee.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

Board met pursuant adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

At the instance of Mr. Denio, Mr. Powell made a statement in relation to the services rendered by him in superintending the construction of the Normal University Building.

On motion, the further consideration of the compensation due Mr. Powell for his services was referred to the Building Committee.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer, in securing deeds, etc., act under the instructions of the Committee appointed to borrow money.

Mr. Denio offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Messrs. O'Donald and Warner be requested to pay their subscription immediately; and in case it is not paid at once, that our Treasurer be requested to commence suit for the amount as soon as practicable.

The resolution was adopted.

Moved :

That when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet on the *Wednesday* before July 4, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Denio, of the Building Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Mr. Powell's compensation, reported as follows :—

The Building Committee beg leave to report that they employed Mr. Powell as their agent in the erection of the Normal School building, for whose services they recommend that \$100 per month, and expenses, not to exceed \$100, be paid out of the assets of the Board.

Other matters, which should perhaps come from this Committee, have been anticipated by the Board.

C. B. DENIO, } Committee.  
J. S. POST, }

The report was adopted.

The subject of embellishing the University grounds with trees and shrubbery was, on motion, referred to the Building Committee.

Orders were drawn on the Treasurer for the traveling expenses of members of the Board in attendance, as follows :—

J. J. Gillespie an order for .....	\$27 80
S. Wright " " " .....	22 70
George P. Rex " " " .....	21 00
C. B. Denio " " " .....	16 00
John R. Eden " " " .....	20 00
S. W. Moulton " " " .....	15 00
Perkins Bass " " " .....	15 50

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W. H. Wells an order for .....	14 00
W. H. Powell " " " .....	12 80
N. Bateman " " " .....	12 50
J. S. Post " " " .....	11 20
W. H. Powell (for electrotype plates) .....	10 00
Daniel Wilkins .....	2 00

On motion, the Board adjourned.

S. W. MOULTON, *President.*

N. BATEMAN, *Secretary.*