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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS met at the Normal University, in McLean county, on Wednesday, June 26th, 1867, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT—Messrs. S. W. Moulton, W. H. Green, C. Goudy, J. H. Foster, W. H. Wells, B. G. Roots, Henry Wing, W. M. Hatch, Jesse W. Fell, Elias C. Dupuy, W. L. Mayo, J. H. Moore, and T. R. Leal.

ABSENT—Messrs. N. Bateman and C. P. Taggart.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Hon. N. Bateman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and *ex officio* Secretary of the Board, stating that "unexpected official duties, growing out of the special session of the legislature," would prevent his meeting with the Board; whereupon,

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

On motion of Dr. Wing, the reading of the minutes of the last regular and special meetings of the Board was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Hatch, the Board proceeded to the regular biennial election of officers; when,

The Hon. S. W. Moulton, of Shelby county, was unanimously re-elected President of the Board for two years; and Charles W. Holder, of Bloomington, was re-elected Treasurer, for the same period of time.

President Edwards, by request, then read his regular semi-annual report—as follows:

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

GENTLEMEN: The number of students belonging to the University during the year just closing is as follows:

In the Normal Department.....	327
“ “ Model High School.....	63
“ “ “ Grammar School.....	224
“ “ “ Intermediate School.....	80
“ “ “ Primary School.....	213 — 580

Grand total in the University..... 907

This is an increase upon last year in every department.

The increase in the Normal Department is.....	57
“ “ “ Model “	78

Total increase in the University is.....135

The general condition of the University remains, on the whole, the same as heretofore. The members of the Normal Faculty are all continued, and Professor John W. Powell has been added, as Curator of the Museum. In the Model Department, Mr. John W. Cook, a recent graduate of the institution, has taken the place of Mr. E. P. Burlingham as Principal of the Grammar School, and Mrs. Martha D. L. Haynie has served as assistant in the High School.

But the efficiency of the institution has been greatly enlarged by the appropriations made by the last legislature. Professor Powell is now engaged, with characteristic energy and perseverance, in prosecuting his expedition to the Rocky Mountains. From this expedition great results are expected. Our Museum will be enriched, if this enterprise is successful, with many and rare specimens in the various departments of Natural Science. And to us will belong the credit of having been among the first to explore, in the interest of science, a region supposed to be very rich in the means of guiding the thoughts of scientific men.

The other appropriations, for ornamenting the grounds, and for repairing the heating apparatus, were greatly needed. For the former purpose much larger appropriations will be needed in the future.

And, surely, there should be no squeamishness on our part in reference to asking for such money as we need. The education of the children of the state is the ^{*}grandest of enterprises, and the legislature ought freely to grant whatever is necessary to render efficient the preparation of teachers for the common schools. And united action on the part of the friends of this institution will procure all that is needed. The appropriations of last winter were obtained under very great disadvantages. Had it not been for the contest about the Industrial University, a much larger sum might have been secured, with less labor than was actually expended in getting the little that was given

us. The moral power of the University is sufficiently strong, and there seems to be no valid reason why other forces should not be so adjusted as to secure for us the funds that are essential to its highest success.

And there is no way in which money can be made more useful to us now than in diminishing to the students the cost of board. This subject has already repeatedly engaged your attention, but I feel that it ought to be agitated until the object is attained. A small amount of money, judiciously used for this purpose, will greatly increase the efficiency of the institution; for a little assistance thus given will often determine an able young man or woman, of limited means, in favor of teaching, who would otherwise feel compelled to engage in other pursuits. Thus the money, considered as an investment by the state, will produce results far beyond its mere commercial value.

The members of the Faculty are unanimous in their desire to discontinue the furnishing of books to the students. Many evils accompany this plan. One of these is the expense it entails upon the institution. In early times, when the number of students here was small, this was an unimportant matter; but now it is a grave burden to furnish books to the many hundred that throng our halls. But a still greater evil is the bad effect of the plan upon the habits of the pupils. The tendency of this furnishing of books by wholesale, as it were, is to make them seem of little value. The students therefore become careless about the use of them. And, to a student, the habit of being careless in the use of books is most pernicious.

It is desirable that some action be taken by the Board in reference to the receiving of district pupils into the Model School. This school has grown up from a few classes of small children, until now it numbers 580, according to the figures just given you. In the past it has been, to a great extent, under the management of the President of the University. Its present magnitude, however, demands a more detailed attention from the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD EDWARDS, *President.*

Charles W. Holder, Esq., presented his official bond, in the sum of \$25,000, with sureties, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed.

Judge Green moved that a committee of three be appointed to examine into the proposed changes to be made in the Model-School Department; whereupon,

The Chair appointed Messrs. Green, Wells, and Fell, said committee.

President Edwards presented his report of the receipts and expenditures of the "Contingent Fund," which, with sundry miscellaneous accounts, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The President laid before the Board the Treasurer's report, which was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Judge Green, from the committee appointed to examine into the situation of certain tracts of land belonging to the University, in Jackson county, reported progress, and asked further time; which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Roots, W. M. Hatch, Esq., was empowered to examine into the situation of University's lands in Woodford county; and, if sold for taxes, endeavor to redeem the same; and that the President of the Board be authorized to issue his order for the necessary amount.

On motion of Dr. Wing, it was

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Board, it is highly important to the interests of education in the state that some means should be devised for reducing the cost of those attending this institution, in order that the number of students may thereby be increased.

On motion of Mr. Wells, it was

Resolved, That this Board express its hearty sympathies with "The Illinois State Teachers' Institute," in their efforts to extend the benefits of normal-school instruction, by holding a special session of four weeks, commencing in August next.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Board be tendered to the President and Professors of the State Normal University, for the sacrifice to which they voluntarily subject themselves, by devoting so large a portion of their summer vacation, gratuitously, to the instruction of this special institute or temporary normal school.

Resolved, That the free use of the Normal-University Building be tendered to the Institute for the session which is to be held during the approaching vacation of the University.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Ordered, That an additional member be added to the Auditing Committee.

President Moulton then announced the following Standing Committees for the ensuing two years:

1. *Buildings and Grounds*—Messrs. Jesse W. Fell, W. M. Hatch, C. Goudy, T. R. Leal, and W. L. Mayo.

2. *Course of Study*—Messrs. N. Bateman, W. H. Wells, and Henry Wing.

3. *Text-Books*—Messrs. C. Goudy, W. H. Green, and N. Bateman.

4. *Officers and Teachers*—Messrs. W. H. Wells, W. H. Green, and W. M. Hatch.

5. *Rules and Regulations*—Messrs. B. G. Roots, J. H. Moore, and Elias C. Dupuy.

6. *Auditing Committee*—Messrs. W. M. Hatch, C. Goudy, J. H. Foster, and T. R. Leal.

On motion of Mr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, That the following students are entitled to graduation, with the highest honors, in the Normal University:

Mary W. French, Pike Co.	John R. Edwards, McLean Co.
Emily C. Chandler, Iroquois Co.	Onias C. Barber, Washington Co.
Mary Pennell, Putnam “	Cyrus W. Hodgkin, Indiana.
Nellie Forman, McLean “	George E. Hinman, Putnam “
Emily H. Cotton, Pike “	Jas. S. Stevenson, Randolph “
Eurania G. Gorton, Rock Island Co.	Frederick J. Seybold, Lasalle “
Mary R. Gorton, “ “ “	

Mr. Hatch, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer, reported that they had examined the same and compared it with the accompanying vouchers, and find the same correct.

The following is an abstract of said report:

STATE FUND.	
To cash on hand, as per last report.....	\$475.09
“ “ received from rent of farm.....	74.50
“ “ Tuition in Model School.....	3,371.75
“ “ State Treasury.....	12,445.99
	<u>\$16,367.33</u>
<i>Contra.</i>	
By cash disbursed, on 25 orders.....	\$14,712.30
“ “ on hand, to balance.....	1,655.03
	<u>\$16,367.33</u>
BUILDING FUND.	
To cash on hand, as per last report.....	<u>\$69.06</u>
FUND FOR ORNAMENTING THE GROUNDS.	
To cash received from State appropriation.....	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
FUND FOR HEATING APPARATUS.	
To cash received from State appropriation.....	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
FUND FOR SALARY OF CURATOR, ETC.	
To cash received from State appropriation, for salary of Curator of Museum.....	\$1,500.00
<i>Contra.</i>	
By cash disbursed, on two orders.....	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
FUND FOR INCREASING MUSEUM.	
To cash received from State appropriation.....	\$1,000.00
<i>Contra.</i>	
By cash disbursed, on two orders.....	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Mr. Fell, from the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, reported that they had made progress in the duty of ornamenting the grounds

surrounding the University, and asked further time, which was granted.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Hon. N. Bateman, which was read and ordered to be filed.

“DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
“SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE, *Springfield, Ill., June 26th, 1867.*” }

“HON. S. W. MOULTON, *President Board of Education*—

“DEAR SIR: I should have reported in my note to you of yesterday—

“1. That, as directed by the Board at its last stated meeting, I have made further progress in my investigations concerning the right of the Normal University to the whole of the “University and Seminary Fund,” and expect to be able to make final report at the next meeting of the Board.

“2. That, in regard to the collecting, collating, and causing to be bound in one volume, certain proceedings of the Board, progress has been made; and that they will be ready by the next meeting of the Board.

“3. That I caused extra copies of my last biennial report to be printed, with the last report of President Edwards, and sent copies of the same to all the leading newspapers published in the state: considering that the instructions received from the Board on the subject were thereby substantially carried out; and especially as it was done without expense to the Board.

“4. That I printed 500 copies of the proceedings of the last stated meeting, together with those of the special meeting held March 26th, 1867, and sent a copy to each newspaper in the state, as ordered by the Board.

Very respectfully yours,

“NEWTON BATEMAN, Sec’y of Board.”

On motion, adjourned till 4 o’clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY 4 O’CLOCK P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Wells,

Prof. J. R. Jacques was granted leave to read a communication to the Board, touching on the supposed interests of the institution, in its relations to the Methodist Episcopal denomination; which was referred to the Committee on Officers and Teachers.

Mr. Hatch, from the Auditing Committee, reported that they had examined the account of President Edwards of the receipts and dis-

bursement of the Contingent Fund, since the 1st of March, 1866, and compared it with the accompanying vouchers, and found the same correct.

The following is an abstract of said report:

STATEMENT.

To Cash appropriated June 23th, 1866.....	\$300.00
“ “ “ December 19th, 1866.....	200.00
“ “ advanced, credited in new account to balance..	145.92
	\$645.92

Contra.

By cash disbursed, as per vouchers rendered.....	\$645.92
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On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the treasury for the sum of three hundred dollars, and placed at the disposal of the President of the Normal University, as a Contingent Fund, to defray incidental expenses of said institution for the ensuing six months, and for meeting existing deficiencies, and that he report the items of expenditure (with vouchers) to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Hatch, from the Auditing Committee, further reported that they had examined the following claims referred to them, and recommend that they be allowed and paid:

FROM STATE FUND.

To Amos Kemp.....	\$44.65
“ S. Bogardus.....	48.30
“ D. D. Hazzard.....	6.50
“ Messrs. Holder, Milner & Co.....	14.10
“ Peter Kettleon.....	30.00
“ N. C. Nason.....	69.10

FROM FUND FOR ORNAMMENTING THE GROUNDS.

To Jesse W. Fell.....	\$552 67
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The Auditing Committee would still further report that Prof. W. L. Pillsbury, by the direction of the President of the University, has paid from cash received by him from Model School, and not paid into the treasury, the following bills, viz:

To N. C. Nason, for printing 150 copies of the proceedings of the Board, held December 21, 1865.....	\$31.50
To N. C. Nason, for printing 2,000 copies of Catalogue of 1865-'66, 250.82	
“ paid sundry items for current use in the institution.....	66.30

For all of which he has presented vouchers, with his report thereof. Your committee suggest that this mode of paying bills, before they have been examined, approved and audited, be hereafter discontinued.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the several reports made by the Auditing Committee be approved and placed on file.

On motion of Judge Green, it was

Resolved, That hereafter the Normal University be not used for any purpose whatever, other than the regular course of instruction, unless permission be granted by the Board of Education, or by a majority of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Dr. J. A. Sewall, on behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to investigate as to the best systems of ventilation and heating apparatus, for institutions of learning, reported a plan (with verbal explanations), which was ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Prof. Roots, it was

Resolved, That W. M. Hatch, Esq., be requested, on behalf of the Board, to contract for and furnish a supply of coal and wood, for the use of the University, for the ensuing year, on the lowest available terms, for the best quality, for such use.

On motion of Dr. Wing, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be tendered to Dr. J. A. Sewall, for his labors in connection with the Committee on Ventilation, and Heating Apparatus.

On motion, the Board adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH, 1867.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment.

Judge Green, from the Committee on the proposed changes in the Model-School Department, made the following report:

To the Board of Education:

The undersigned, a majority of the committee to whom was referred the subject of the connection of the Model School with the District School, beg leave to report that they have had the matter under consideration, and are of the opinion that it is better that the schools be separated.

[Signed]

WM. H. GREEN,
W. H. WELLS.

The report was received and the committee discharged; when the Board passed the following:

Ordered, That the President of the University, with the advice and consent of the President of our Board, be authorized to negotiate with the Board of Education of the City of Normal, and make any arrangement that may be regarded

as mutually advantageous, whereby the instruction of the Public Schools of the city shall be furnished wholly, or in part, by the State Board of Education; but no contract for such instruction shall be made for more than one year at a time; and the President of the University shall from time to time report to this Board whatever arrangements or contracts may be made with said Board of the city, and account for all receipts and expenditures arising from such arrangements.

On motion of Dr. Wing, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Education have never known the denominational or party opinions of any of the teachers of the Normal School; that the Board desires to avoid every shade of denominational bias in the teaching of the institution; they believe that, so far, that policy has been carried out in the strictest sense; and if any facts of a different character have appeared to exist, or shall hereafter arise, the Board desire to have the facts made known to them.

On motion of Mr. Wells, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to procure a new boiler for the heating apparatus of the University, and to make additional arrangements, by increasing the amount of pipe, putting hot-air chambers in the basement, constructing necessary flues, etc., whereby the heating and ventilation of the building may be improved.

On motion of Mr. Leal, it was

Resolved, That the Hon. N. Bateman, Secretary of the Board, be requested to continue his investigation concerning the right of the Normal University to the whole of the University and Seminary Fund; and, further, that his report be approved.

On motion of Prof. Roots, it was

Resolved, That the regular meetings of this Board shall be held on the second TUESDAYS preceding Christmas and the Fourth of July respectively, and continue its sessions at least two days. The first day shall be devoted to the government and educational interests of the University, and the second day to the financial and other business of the institution.

Mr. Fell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be given to the Bloomington and Normal Horse-Railroad Company to lay down and operate their road over the grounds inclosing the University building, for the term of —— years, and in such manner, and upon such restrictions and limitations, as may be imposed by this Board, or a committee appointed thereby.

This resolution called forth considerable discussion, when, the question recurring upon its passage, the yeas and nays were demanded, and resulted as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Roots, Wing, Fell, Moore, and Mayo—5. Those who voted in the negative are Messrs. Green, Dupuy, Foster, Hatch, Leal, Wells, and Moulton—7.

The President declared the resolution lost.

Bills for necessary traveling expenses of the members attending the present meeting of the Board were presented and ordered paid, as follows:

W. H. Green.....	\$31.00	Elias C. Dupuy.....	\$27.00
S. W. Moulton.....	25.00	T. R. Leal.....	23.00
W. H. Wells.....	15.40	B. G. Roots.....	28.00
J. H. Foster.....	15.40	J. H. Moore.....	10.00
Henry Wing.....	30.00	W. M. Mayo.....	35.00
Calvin Goudy.....	25.00		

On motion, the Board adjourned.

S. W. MOULTON, President.

CALVIN GOUDY, Sec'y *pro tem.*