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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING:

HELD AT NORMAL, DECEMBER 15TH, 1869.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING,

DECEMBER 15TH, 1869.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
NORMAL, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 15, 1869. }

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS convened at their rooms in the University Building, Wednesday, December 15, 1869, at ten o'clock A.M.

PRESENT—Messrs. Moulton, Coy, Clarke, Dupuy, Fell, Green, Goudy, Foster, Leal, Wing, Roots, and Bateman—12.

ABSENT—Messrs. Mayo, Worthington, and Moore—3.

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

President Edwards appeared and read his semi-annual report, as follows:

REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN: The present condition of the University is so nearly the same as it was one year ago, that it seems hardly necessary to make a full statement of it. We have raised, somewhat, the standard of scholarship since that time, but with no diminution in our numbers. All the members of the long-tried Faculty are retained, and the increase of appropriation made by the last legislature has enabled you to add two to the number. Of the former instructors nothing need be said. They are thoroughly known to you, and their efficiency has been tried. But of the

two last appointed a word may be appropriate. And it gives me pleasure to bear unqualified testimony to their faithfulness and efficiency. Their labors have been in a high degree satisfactory to all concerned, and they enjoy the respect and esteem of the students.

It is the determination of the entire board of instructors to give the institution as high a degree of efficiency as they possibly can, and with the present increased facilities they have good hope of increasing materially its usefulness and fame.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD EDWARDS.

Mr. Fell, appointed by the Board at its previous meeting to procure fuel for the University, made the following report:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

In pursuance of a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board, the undersigned begs leave to report that he inserted a notice in the *Bloomington Pantagraph* inviting proposals for supplying the University with fuel for the ensuing year, and that, the Bloomington and McLean County Coal Companies having made the best bids for the same, he purchased of them 154.07 tons of coal, delivered at the University, at the following prices, to wit:

75 $\frac{22}{100}$ tons of the McLean County Coal Company, at \$3.50 per ton.....	\$263.30
78 $\frac{85}{100}$ tons of the Bloomington Coal-Mining Company, at \$3.50 per ton.....	275.99
10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cords of wood, at \$7.00 per cord.....	75.25
Total.....	<u>\$614.54</u>

Respectfully submitted.

JESSE W. FELL.

Mr. Fell, who had been charged with the duty of repairing and improving the sidewalks around the University, also presented the following report of his doings in respect thereto:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned, having been charged by your action, at our last meeting, with the duty of repairing the sidewalks leading to, and around, the University Building, and the fences inclosing the grounds, would respectfully report that, in accomplishing the object first named, he has expended, as will be seen by the accompanying vouchers, the following sums:

To Blackburn and Brown, for lumber.....	\$179.56
“ A. C. Cowles, for lumber and hauling.....	168.80
“ H. G. Fisher, for work, hauling, nails, etc.....	44.15
	\$392.01

He would further state that some repairs have been made on the fences (the bills for which have, I am sorry to say, not yet been placed in my hands), but that he forbore to expend the full amount (\$200) appropriated to this object till he could submit to the Board the more pressing necessity of repairing, or constructing anew, the sidewalk on the west side of the University grounds, leading to the City of Bloomington. If it is deemed competent for the Board to divert a portion of this fund to the object above indicated, I would recommend the same.

Respectfully submitted.

JESSE W. FELL.

On motion of Dr. Dupuy, J. W. Fell, Esq., was authorized and instructed to arrange with the authorities of the Town of Normal for the latter to build a sidewalk on the other side of the street on the west side of the University grounds, upon the condition that the material for said walk belonging to the Board should be turned over to said town authorities.

Mr. Fell further reported relative to his action in tree-planting, etc., as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned, charged by order of this Board with the duty of ornamenting the grounds by the planting of trees, begs leave to submit the following report of what has been done during the present season.

From the report of a committee, appointed at my request, and charged with the investigation of this matter, made at the December session of the Board, 1868, it appears that there was then in my hands an unexpended balance, applicable to this object, of \$245.15.

By an examination of a bill for trees planted and work done, during the year 1869, it will be found that I have planted during that year 107 deciduous ornamental trees, ranging in size from three to five inches in diameter, and 101 evergreens, ranging in height from five to fifteen feet, the aggregate cost of which is \$237.55

There is also charged, in said bill, for work done in planting and protecting said trees, pruning, etc., 23 days' work at \$2.00 per day, teaming, etc., amounting to..... 52.00

Total..... \$289.55

Notwithstanding, as will thus be seen, the fund for this object is exhausted, I propose, during the coming spring, to plant some additional trees, in lieu of some that have died. It may not be inappropriate to remark that of the large evergreens, planted in the spring of 1868, all are living but one, and that the place of the missing, or dead, tree has been supplied at my own expense; and further, that the trees planted during both seasons, 1868 and 1869, are very generally living.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JESSE W. FELL.

The Auditing Committee reported upon the contingent fund as follows:

CONTINGENT FUND.

Appropriated at June session, 1869	\$500.00
Deduct amount advanced by Mr. Edwards, prior to June, to balance account.....	339.91
	<u>160.09</u>
Balance for use.....	\$160.09
Amount expended by Mr. Edwards on 22 orders.....	115.95
	<u>44.14</u>
Balance in the hands of Mr. Edwards.....	\$44.14

WM. H. GREEN,	} Auditing Committee.
T. R. LEAL,	
C. GOUDY,	

Upon the motion of Mr. Coy, it was

Ordered, That an order be drawn upon the Treasurer for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be placed at the disposal of President Edwards as a 'contingent fund', to defray necessary incidental expenses till the next stated meeting of the Board; and that he then report the items of expenditure, with vouchers therefor, as usual.

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

Resolved, That President Edwards be instructed to keep the books and accounts of the Board, and that all orders drawn on the Treasurer be sent to him, before payment, to be properly entered upon the books: that, when so entered, he mark on each order the particular fund out of which the same is payable; and that, in order to enable him to comply with this regulation, the Treasurer is hereby instructed to pay no orders which are not countersigned by President Edwards.

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

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due to the officers of the Illinois Central and Chicago and Alton Railroad Companies, for their kindness and liberality in furnishing to the Normal students railroad fare at greatly reduced rates, to enable them to visit their respective homes during the Christmas Holidays, and that W. S. Coy and Jesse W. Fell be a committee to present to said officers our grateful acknowledgments of the same.

On motion of Mr. Roots, the Board adjourned till 2 o'clock P.M.

DECEMBER 15, 1869, 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Board convened, pursuant to adjournment. The same members were present as at the morning session.

Judge Green, from the Auditing Committee, reported that they had examined the account of C. W. Holder, Treasurer of the Board of Education, and the vouchers accompanying, and found the same correct.

The following is an abstract of said report:

STATE FUND.

To amount on hand, at last report.....	\$200.55
“ “ received from State Treasurer.....	9,000.00
“ “ “ “ Model School.....	1,075.35
	—————\$10,275.90

Contra.

By cash disbursements on 62 orders.....	\$9,626.10	
“ “ on hand, to balance.....	649.80	
		<u>10,275.90</u>

FUND FOR ORNAMENTING GROUNDS.

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

To cash balance on hand, at last report.....		<u>\$1,168.86</u>
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Contra.

By cash disbursed on one order.....	\$100.00	
“ “ on hand, to balance.....	1,068.86	
		<u>1,168.86</u>

WATER-CLOSET FUND.

To cash received from State Treasurer.....		<u>\$500.00</u>
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APPARATUS AND LABORATORY FUND.

To cash received from State Treasurer.....		<u>\$1500.00</u>
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Contra.

By amount paid on one order.....		<u>1500.00</u>
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SIDEWALKS.

To cash received from State Treasurer.....		<u>\$500.00</u>
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Contra.

By amount paid on one order.....		<u>500.00</u>
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FURNITURE.

To cash received from State Treasurer.....		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
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Contra.

By amount paid on one order.....	\$500.00	
“ cash, on hand to balance.....	1,500.00	
		<u>2,000.00</u>

BUILDING REPAIRS.

To cash received from State Treasurer.....		<u>\$2,500.00</u>
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Contra.

By balance paid overdraft, per last report.....	\$163.64	
“ amount paid on one order.....	349.55	
“ cash, on hand, to balance.....	1,986.81	
		<u>2,500.00</u>

FENCE AND IMPROVING GROUNDS.

To cash received from State Treasurer	\$500.00	
<i>Contra.</i>		
By amount paid on one order	\$200.00	
“ cash, on hand, to balance	300.00	
		<u>500.00</u>

RECAPITULATION, SHOWING AMOUNT OF CASH ON HAND.

State Fund	\$649.80
Fund for Ornamenting Grounds	180.08
Heating-Apparatus	1,068.86
Water-Closet	500.00
Furniture	1,500.00
Building Repairs	1,986.81
Fence and Improving Grounds	300.00
	<u>\$6,185.55</u>

Judge Green offered the following resolution, which, after discussion, was unanimously concurred in:

Resolved, That hereafter the Professors and Teachers in the University are requested to discountenance the presentation of gifts to them by the students.

Dr. Wing offered the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board that there should be two sessions of the schools in the University each day, with a recess of at least one hour and a half between the sessions.

The resolution was adopted.

Dr. Goudy then moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized and requested to receive and receipt for the annual installment, \$12,445.99, of the College and Seminary Fund, due January 1st, 1870,—said amount being necessary for the State Normal University the ensuing year.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Board then adjourned till its next stated semi-annual meeting, which will be Wednesday, June 22d, 1870.

S. W. MOULTON, President.

NEWTON BATEMAN, Secretary.