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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

HELD AT NORMAL, JUNE 27 AND 28, 1866;

TOGETHER WITH

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING,

JUNE 27 and 28, 1866.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILL., JUNE 27, 1866.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS met at the Normal University Building, June 27th, 1866, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present:—Messrs. Goudy, Mayo, Roots, Green, Taggart, Leal, Foster, Wells, Hatch, and Bateman.

Absent:—Messrs. Moulton, Turner, Wing, Rex, and Fell.

Hon. S. W. Moulton, President of the Board, being necessarily absent, on motion of Mr. Bateman,

W. H. Wells, Esq., of Chicago, was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last stated meeting, which, on motion of Dr. Goudy, were approved as read.

Judge Green offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Principal of the Normal University be hereafter officially known and called "President," and that the principal male teachers thereof be known and called "Professors."

The Report of the Treasurer was read, and, on motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

Mr. Hatch presented sundry claims, which, on motion of Mr. Bateman, were also referred to the Auditing Committee.

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, viz:

Miss Harriet M. Case, of Lee County.	Miss Sarah E. Raymond, Kendall Co.
“ Martha Foster, of Knox “	“ Olive A. Rider, Pike “
“ Harriet A. Fyffe, McLean “	“ Julia E. Stanard, Bureau “
“ Margaret McCambridge, McLean County.	Mr. Philo A. Clark, Macon “
“ Mary E. Pearce, McLean “	“ Nelson Case, Lee “
“ Alice B. Piper, McDonough “	“ John Ellis, jr., Woodford “
“ Helen M. Plato, Kane “	“ Joseph Hunter, Winnebago “
	“ Richard Porter, Macon “

The following communication from the Faculty of the University was submitted to the Board, and, on motion, read by the Secretary:

To the Honorable The Board of Education:

I venture, gentlemen, only after somewhat careful thought and observation, to call your attention to-day to the want, which is growing with the growth of the University under your guardianship, of suitable appliances of Physical Culture.

That students who work hard upon their lessons for ten hours, or more, a day need to take exercise regularly, I need not attempt to prove; neither shall I suggest that to provide the means for this exercise is incumbent upon you; for I know that in your watchful oversight of this school these matters have not escaped your attention. I ask you to consider a brief presentation of our necessities, and a plan for meeting them.

There are about two hundred students in regular attendance here, whose daily pursuits do not involve any considerable amount of physical exercise. They could, doubtless, in many cases, find some work to do, or take a walk for an hour or more each day; or they could play ball, or engage in other out-door amusements. But, in the absence of a good play-ground, ball-playing, etc., does not flourish; walking for exercise soon becomes irksome to most young people, especially when the pedestrian must follow the highway or the railroad track; opportunity for regular work is not easily secured, and manual labor, after hard study, does not usually afford the relaxation which the student needs and craves. It is often but the laying-down one burden to take up another.

The object of Physical Exercise, as I understand it, is to give a man command over his body, so that he can use it with vigor, ease, and grace; and to promote such a degree of health that he may be, so far as health has any thing to do with it, in the best possible condition for his work.

To attain this object in the case of the student, it seems to be necessary that he should take a proper amount of exercise regularly; and also that the exercise be of such character that it shall wake up his interest, and make him forget, for the time, all thought of study. The properly constructed and furnished gymnasium, better than any other means I know of, affords the place for regular exercise; and the system of exercises known as Dio Lewis's certainly succeeds in interesting the pupils to a wonderful degree.

That such gymnastic exercises promote strength, grace, and health

of body, the history of gymnasiums, from their foundation in Greece down to the present day, abundantly shows.

Of the fifty who have been members of the class that has been in operation during the term, none, with one or two exceptions, have been absent from school for a single day, and not one has left the school on account of ill health.

I transmit herewith a plan for a Gymnasium Building. It provides for a large hall 40 by 80, which will accommodate, for most exercises, one hundred and sixty persons at once; also for two smaller halls, one 35 by 40, in which could be put some heavier apparatus for the use of the young men; and one 25 by 30, for young ladies, where they could have such opportunities for private exercise as they may need. Adjacent to each of the smaller halls is a dressing-room.

From a comparison of this building with our new school-house, I am confident that \$10,000 is a high estimate of the expense. The furnishing can be done for \$1,000, including a piano.

The management of the building would not require an addition to the number of teachers. Mr. Burlingham and I have, without feeling too much burdened, conducted the class this term, one hour, for five evenings in the week.

One word as to what other institutions of learning have done, and I will not trespass on your time longer. All the principal colleges in our country have erected, within a few years, commodious buildings, and many of them employ, upon good salaries, competent instructors. Dartmouth College has just commenced operations upon a building which, furnished, is to cost, if the report of the papers is correct, \$29,000. At Harvard College, in 1859, a building was put up at the expense of \$10,000. Vassar Female College has a large gymnasium, furnished with the apparatus of Dio Lewis's system, and connected with this is a riding-school. So far as I am aware, no Normal School has a gymnasium building, though all do considerable with the so-called Free Gymnastics. I am sure you will not think this need deter you from setting a good example.

Hoping that this communication will be received in the spirit in which it is presented, and that the importance of the subject will not be judged to be slight, although I may have presented it poorly,

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

[Signed]

W. L. PILLSBURY.

The undersigned would respectfully commend to your honorable body the importance of the above subject.

[Signed]

RICHARD EDWARDS,
E. C. HEWETT,
J. A. SEWALL,
E. P. BURLINGHAM,
O. F. McKIM.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Course of

Study, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes and published therewith.

A letter was here read from Hon. S. W. Moulton, President of the Board, regretting that his public duties in Washington prevented his attendance. The letter was placed on file.

President Edwards, by request, then read his regular Semi-Annual Report, herewith subjoined.

Gentlemen of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

The present condition of the University does not seem to demand a very extended report.

The numbers in the Institution have been, for the year, as follows:

In the Normal School,—Males	100
Females	179
Total	279
In the Model School,—Males.....	276
Females.....	225
Total	501
Total in the University	780

The pressure for boarding accommodations has been so great that for some years we have refrained almost entirely from advertising. I am confident that a reasonable use of the newspapers in this respect would double our attendance. The number of buildings in the village has now so far multiplied that it would seem best during the coming vacation to try a new policy, and to advertise somewhat extensively. The need of a boarding-house is greatly felt in this connection. We should rejoice to be able to assure pupils from all parts of the State that they can be well and cheaply lodged and fed during their stay here.

The members of the Faculty in the Normal School continue as heretofore, and I am happy to say that the same efficiency and harmony that have marked them for the last four years are rather on the increase than otherwise.

The Model School has increased in numbers about one hundred during the year. Its income has also gone up from \$3,500 to \$5,000, in round numbers. The expenses for the year, for teaching merely, have been \$3,900, in round numbers. With the erection of the new school-house, now in progress, by the authority and at the expense of School District No. 2 of this township, a large additional increase will doubtless take place both in numbers and income. We have been careful to keep the expenses of this school largely within its income, and the same policy should govern the future. But the circumstances not only warrant but demand an increase in the teaching force employed here.

Since your last meeting, Mr. E. P. Burlingham, late of Geneseo, Henry County, has been employed, on consultation with the Teachers'

Committee of your honorable Board, as an additional instructor in this school. Mr. Burlingham came here with a very high reputation, and it has been fully sustained in his new position. He has given a new impulse to the subject of Physical Culture, having very successfully introduced, more fully than it had been before done, the system of Mr. Dio Lewis. The effect has been in all respects admirable.

I recommend that Mr. Burlingham be continued in the service of the Board at a salary of \$1,400.

Also, that Miss Olive A. Rider, a member of the present graduating class, be employed at a salary of \$550.

Also, that the salary of Miss Edith T. Johnson, Principal of the Primary School, be raised to \$650. It is now \$550. The aggregate of these salaries, added to that of Mr. Pillsbury, Principal of the High School, will be \$1,000 less than the last year's income.

I wish to put on record here my appreciation of the high degree of faithfulness and success with which the instructors of the Model School have performed their duties. Mr. O. F. McKim retires from the Board of Instruction with the fullest confidence and best wishes of all here concerned. His labors have been very acceptable.

I also recommend that the salary of Miss Emaline Dryer, Preceptress of the Normal Department, be placed at \$900. It is now \$800. Miss Dryer's services in guiding the minds, and improving the habits and tastes of the young ladies, have been very valuable.

I also recommend, if the state of the funds will allow it, that the reception-room be fully furnished. This has never been done, and the present appearance of the room hardly comports with the dignity of the Institution.

The duty assigned to Dr. Sewall by the Board, at its last meeting, of improving the ventilation of the building, has been very satisfactorily performed. The offensive odor is entirely removed, and the rooms and halls filled with pure air.

For the last two or three years, there has been much delay on the part of the State Treasurer to pay over to your Treasurer the funds due on the first day of January of each year. The consequence has been an entire derangement of the finances of the Institution. Great delay becomes unavoidable in the payment of bills which ought to be settled at once. Members of the Faculty find it necessary to resort to perplexing expedients for want of money justly due them. The evil is a very serious one; and if additional legislation is necessary to correct it, as, I understand from the Honorable Superintendent of Public Instruction, is the case, I sincerely hope that the attention of the legislature may be early and effectually called to the matter. As it now is, the Institution and the members of the Faculty both incur no inconsiderable loss.

The Faculty unanimously recommend as fit candidates for graduation the following persons, constituting a class larger by one-half than any that has preceded it :

Miss Harriet M. Case, Lee County.	Miss Sarah E. Raymond, Kendall Co.
“ Martha Foster, Knox “	“ Olive A. Rider, Pike “
“ Harriet A. Fyffe, McLean “	“ Julia E. Stanard, Bureau “
“ Margaret McCambridge, McLean “	Mr. Philo A. Clark, Macon “
“ Mary E. Pearce, McLean “	“ Nelson Case, Lee “
“ Alice B. Piper, McDonough “	“ John Ellis, jr., Woodford “
“ Helen M. Plato, Kane “	“ Joseph Hunter, Winnebago “
	“ Richard Porter, Macon “

The following names of young ladies and gentlemen who constituted the first graduating class of the Model School, should have been inserted in the report of last year :

Charles L. Capen, Bloomington.	William McCambridge, Normal.
Hosea Howard, jr., “	Robert McCart, jr., Bloomington.
Howard C. Crist, “	Gertrude K. Case, Normal.
Clara V. Fell, Normal.	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed]

RICHARD EDWARDS.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the Report was received and ordered to be spread on the minutes and printed with the proceedings of this meeting; and, upon the further motion of Mr. Bateman, the recommendations of the Report in respect to salaries were approved and adopted by the Board.

President Edwards also reported disbursements and condition of the Contingent Fund, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Messrs. Green and Taggart, to whom had been intrusted the supervision of the lands belonging to the Board in Jackson and Woodford Counties, respectively, made verbal statements in respect to the condition of said lands; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That whenever W. M. Hatch, Esq., receives satisfactory evidence of the amount necessary to redeem the University land in Jackson County and Woodford County, he is authorized to draw his order on the Treasurer for the amount so necessary, and that he report to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Judge Green, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary have five hundred copies of the proceedings of this meeting printed, and that he cause a copy of the same to be sent, if practicable, to every newspaper in the State.

Dr. Goudy, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the report of C. W. Holder, Treasurer of the Board of Education, reported that they had examined the same, and the vouchers accompanying, and found it correct.

The following is an abstract of the Report:

STATE FUND.

To am't received from Meth. Church for use of room and coal	\$39.00
“ “ “ Congregational Ch “ “	60.00
“ “ “ Tuition in Model School	4,304.97
“ “ “ Rent of Farm	135.00
“ “ “ State of Illinois	12,445.99
	<u>\$16,984.96</u>

Contra.

By amount brought forward, overpaid, per last report.....	\$545.11
“ “ disbursements on 74 orders.....	11,636.60
“ “ on hand to balance	4,803.25
	<u>\$16,984.96</u>

BUILDING FUND.

To amount on hand, as per last report	\$2,602.50
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Contra.

By amount disbursements on two orders.....	\$333.82
“ “ on hand to balance	2,268.68
	<u>\$2,602.50</u>

Mr. W. M. Hatch, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, further reported that they had examined the following bills, and recommended them to be paid—

FROM THE STATE FUND, VIZ:

To J. W. Maxwell & Co., for books and stationery.....	\$58.00
“ N. C. Nason, for printing Minutes of December meeting..	31.50
“ J. M. Major, for chemicals, etc.....	50.74

The Auditing Committee also reported that they had examined the following bills, and recommended them to be paid out of the

BUILDING FUND, VIZ:

To C. W. Holder & Co.....	\$31.59
“ Holder, Milner & Co.	103.35
“ Sheriff of McLean County, Ill., costs in Supreme Court in Greenbaum & Sons vs. The Board of Education of the State of Illinois.....	22.70
“ Clerk Circuit Court of McLean County, Ill., for costs in said court in Greenbaum & Sons vs. The Board of Education of the State of Illinois.....	38.75
“ the same clerk, for costs in P. F. Shesken vs. Board of Education of the State of Illinois.....	36.65
“ Minter and Cooper, for carpenters' work.....	11.20
“ Dr. J. A. Sewall, for moneys paid out by him.....	9.00
“ “ “ for services in overseeing repairs on ventilation	20.00
“ Hayes and Evens, for blackboards.....	42.40

The committee further recommend that there be paid—

To M. W. Butler, for the use of G. O. Robinson, in full for his claim, on giving a full receipt therefor (for plastering).....	48.10
“ E. M. Prince, assignee of A. Sherman & Co. (for materials furnished and put into the building) on delivery of note	800.00
“ H. D. Keays, on order held by him, after he shall have paid the costs of court and ordered the suit to be dismissed, and delivered his order to W. M. Hatch.....	332.00

To J. E. McClun, for commissions at 2 per cent. on \$39,760.53, Building Fund disbursed by him in 1858, 1859, 1860, and 1861	795.20
“ John R. Dodge, for gates and labor.....	44.55

On motion of Mr. Leal, the several items of the above reports of the Auditing Committee were considered *seriatim*, and, after discussion, the several accounts were adjudged to be correct, and were all allowed and ordered paid.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock A.M., Thursday, June 28th.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
THURSDAY, 8 O'CLOCK A.M., JUNE 28, 1866. }

The Board convened pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Wells in the chair.

Present:—Messrs. Wells, Leal, Hatch, Foster, Goudy, Taggart, Mayo, Green, Roots, and Bateman.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, 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 the ensuing year, on the lowest available terms, and of the best quality.

Dr. Goudy, on behalf of the Committee on Text-Books, recommended that President Edwards's Fifth Reader be added to the catalogue of Text-Books for use in the Normal University. The recommendation was adopted :

Judge Green offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter all parties, before they furnish goods or materials, to be used in or about or concerning the Normal University, or its grounds or lands, be required first to procure an order from the President or Secretary of the Board, the President of the University, or of a member of this Board residing in McLean County; and that no goods or materials otherwise furnished will be paid for by this Board; or the bills considered; that a copy of this resolution be furnished to our Treasurer.

The following resolution was offered by C. P. Taggart, Esq., and, on motion, the same was adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the President of the Normal University, as a “contingent fund,” to meet incidental expenses of the Institution for the ensuing six months, and for existing deficiencies, and that he report the items of expenditure (with vouchers) to the next meeting of the Board.

Dr. Foster offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, It is believed that the entire proceeds of the Seminary Fund are by law appropriated to the use and benefit of the State Normal University; and *whereas*, It is alleged that a portion of said proceeds has heretofore been diverted to another Institution; it is therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Bateman, Secretary of this Board, be, and he is hereby, appointed a committee to investigate the subject, and report to the Board at its next stated meeting; and that Mr. Bateman notify the State Auditor that the entire proceeds of the University and Seminary Fund are found to be necessary for the maintenance of the State Normal University.

The preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Dr. Goudy, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, reported that they had examined the account and vouchers rendered of the disbursement of the "Contingent Fund," by President Edwards, and found the same correct. The following is an abstract of said account:

STATEMENT.

To amount on hand, as per last report.....	\$38.21
" " appropriation Dec. 20, 1865.....	200.00
" " advanced, over appropriations.....	94.65
	—————\$332.86

Contra.

By amount of disbursements on 32 orders.....	\$332.16
" " " on error70
	—————\$332.86

Mr. Leal offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board be authorized to have the Minutes or Proceedings of certain years (now out of print) reprinted; and that he then have thirty copies, or thereabouts, bound in one volume, containing all the printed proceedings of the several years, including the present meeting; and that he report his action in the premises to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Hatch, of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted :

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds beg leave to report, that, in accordance with the order of the Board made at its last meeting, your committee procured insurance on the University Building, amounting to \$60,000, as follows:

In the North American, of New York	\$10,000
In the Peoria, of Illinois.....	5,000
In the Sangamo, of Illinois	10,000
In the Security, of New York	10,000
In the Home, of New Haven	10,000
In the Lorillard, of New York	7,500
In the Insurance Co. of N. America, Philadelphia	7,500

at an aggregate cost of \$850, which insurance is for a term of five years. Some of the policies will expire January 22, 1871; one, February 1, 1871, and two of them, February 24, 1871.

Your committee also report that they have caused a sidewalk to be built on two sides of the lots owned by the Board in Normal, at a cost of \$19.92.

They also report that they have caused the privies in the building to be ventilated, in accordance with the plan suggested by Dr. Sewall, at quite a large expense, viz :

Tinners' work and materials (which bill has been paid).....	\$313.90
Carpenters' work	11.20
Cash paid out and labor by Dr. Sewall.....	29.00

The subject of the insurance of the Normal University Building being under consideration, on motion of B. G. Roots, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the North American Insurance Company, of New York, Home Insurance Company, Peoria Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and Sangamo Insurance Company, be paid the same premium for insurance on the Normal Building as the Lorillard, Security, and North American, of Philadelphia, Insurance Companies, are now paid.

Dr. Foster offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Green be appointed a committee to ascertain if this Board has the legal right and authority to sell the lands and lots belonging to the University, and if not, what action is necessary to vest the power in the Board.

The resolution was adopted.

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

C. Goudy	\$30.00	T. R. Leal	18.25
B. G. Roots.....	25.00	C. P. Taggart.....	17.00
W. L. Mayo.....	35.00	J. H. Foster	15.50
W. H. Green	31.00	N. Bateman.....	17.00
W. H. Wells	13.90	W. M. Hatch.....	5.00

There being no further business, on motion of Judge Green, the Board adjourned till its next stated meeting, being Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1866.

[Signed]

W. H. WELLS, President, *pro tem*.

NEWTON BATEMAN, Secretary.