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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS,
HELD AT BLOOMINGTON, JULY 1859:
TOGETHER WITH
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS.

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PROCEEDINGS.

BLOOMINGTON, July 1, 1859.

THE Board of Education of the State of Illinois convened at Major's Hall, in the City of Bloomington, on Friday, July 1, 1859, at 8 o'clock A.M., and was called to order by A. R. Shannon, President *pro tem*.

Present — Messrs. Shannon, Powell, Wright, Moulton, Bunsen, Hovey, Wilkins, Rex, Gillespie, Wells, Bass, and Bateman.

On motion of W. H. Powell, the Board proceeded to the election of President for the next biennial period. The ballot having been taken, S. W. Moulton, Esq., of Shelby county, was declared duly elected, and took his seat as President of the Board.

On motion, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Building Committee being called for, the following papers were presented to the Board :

[I.] PROCEEDINGS OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

BLOOMINGTON, April 12, 1859.

The Committee convened in the office-room of the University. Present — Messrs. Rex, Post, Powell, and Hovey. Absent — Messrs. Moulton, Denio, and Wilkins.

Mortimer & Loberg proposed to settle with the Board according to their previous bill, with the addition of interest since the bill was rendered (one year), and pay for services of the men who had been employed to take charge of the walls and rubble stones. The proposition was declined.

It was agreed that considerable sacrifice should be made, if necessary, to secure the inclosure of the building this year. Mr. Powell was appointed Agent of the Committee, with instructions to personally supervise the mason-work as it should progress,

and notify the architect if any thing should be done in an unsatisfactory manner.

It was agreed to proceed at once to re-let the mason-work, provided any one could be found to take the job, and our *assets* in pay therefor.

Adjourned to meet again on the call of the Agent of the Committee.

DR. REX, Chairman *pro tem*.

C. E. HOVEY, Secretary *pro tem*.

At the call of the Agent of the Building Committee, the Building Committee of the Normal University met in the office of the Principal, April 19, 1859, at 9 o'clock A.M. Present—C. B. Denio, W. H. Powell, C. E. Hovey, and D. Wilkins. Absent—Messrs. Rex, Moulton, and Post.

Mr. Denio was chosen Chairman.

Mr. S. D. Rounds presented a proposition to take the job of erecting the walls of the University Building, and take the assets of the Board for pay; which, after a long discussion and some changes, was accepted. For further particulars, see contract entered into with S. D. Rounds.

Messrs. Denio and Powell were appointed a committee to settle, if possible, with the former contractor of the mason-work.

Adjourned.

C. B. DENIO, Chairman *pro tem*.

D. WILKINS, Secretary.

(II.) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND MESSRS. MORTIMER & LOBERG.

WHEREAS, on or about the 19th day of August, 1857, an agreement in writing, dated that day, was made by and between the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, of the one part, and Mortimer & Loberg, masons, and Thomas H. Soper, carpenter, of the other part, by the terms of which it was in substance provided that the party of the second part were to erect a building at Bloomington, McLean county, for a Normal University, according to certain plans and specifications accompanying such agreement, and were to receive therefor, from the said party of the third part, the sum of eighty-three thousand dollars, of which same the said Mortimer & Loberg were to receive the sum of forty thousand dollars as their share for the mason-work to be done by them; and whereas, the said Mortimer & Loberg, pursuant to said agreement, commenced the work and put up a portion of the walls, and have now ready upon the ground, or in the vicinity, a large quantity of materials not yet used in the structure, but the said party of the first part have found themselves unable to meet the payments according to the terms of the agreement, and therefore propose to make a contract with other parties for the completion of the mason-work, and the said Mortimer & Loberg are willing to give up the contract as far as they are concerned, on being secured the payment of the balance justly due them for the work done and materials furnished by them up to this time:

Now, this witnesseth, that, on a final estimate made and accounting had by and between the said Board of Education and the said Mortimer & Loberg for the work done and materials furnished by them up to this time, including the said

materials so procured but not used as aforesaid, it has been ascertained and agreed that said work and materials are worth the full sum of seventeen thousand eight hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-five cents (\$17,845.65), of which there has been heretofore paid the sum of eight thousand four hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-five cents (\$8,445.65), leaving a balance due of nine thousand four hundred dollars (\$9,400). And the said The Board of Education of the State of Illinois hereby promise and agree to pay unto the said Mortimer & Loberg the said sum of nine thousand four hundred dollars within two years from the date hereof, with interest on the same at the rate of ten per cent. per annum: *provided, however*, that if the said Board shall have or receive any money before that time, such money, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be promptly paid over to said Mortimer & Loberg on the above-mentioned indebtedness, and more particularly the proceeds of the claim which the County of McLean has against the United States to have refunded for the sale of swamp lands, whenever the said Board may be able to obtain such proceeds from said county; and it is also admitted and agreed by the said Board of Education of the State of Illinois, that the said Mortimer & Loberg are entitled to and shall have a first lien upon the lands and improvements where the work is being done, for the payment of said sum of \$9,400, as aforesaid, which lands are known and described as being the one hundred and sixty acres situated west of and near the junction of the Illinois Central Railroad and the Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad, in North-Bloomington, and which divers persons have agreed to donate to said Board.

And the said Mortimer & Loberg, in consideration of the promises, do hereby sell and transfer and assign to said Board all the materials so provided by them as aforesaid, consisting of a quantity of rubble stone and cut stone situated on the grounds in the vicinity of the building, or at the railroad near by, together with the shanty, barn, scaffolding, and trussing. And they do also release and discharge the said Board from all further claim or demand arising out of such written agreement as far as they are interested therein; it being, however, distinctly understood that nothing herein contained shall affect the contract between the said Board and Thomas H. Soper. But the said Mortimer & Loberg are not to be held liable for the performance by the said Soper on his part.

The Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by _____.

Dated, *Chicago, April 23, A.D. 1859.*

[III.] CONTRACT BETWEEN SAM'L D. ROUNDS AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

This Agreement, made and entered into this 25th day of April, A.D. 1859, between Samuel D. Rounds, of Bloomington, Illinois, of the first part, and The Board of Education of the State of Illinois, of the second part, witnesseth: That the said Rounds agrees to build, erect, and do all the brick work to be done in the construction of the Normal University building, now being erected near Bloomington, Illinois, and to furnish all brick and material of whatever sort necessary for said work; and, further, to complete said work on or before the first day of October, 1859, in every respect according to the plans and specifications made for said building (so far as the same relates to the brick-work and materials) by G. P. Randall, Architect, dated Chicago, July 6th, 1857, and signed by said Randall; and said Rounds further agrees, that said work shall be executed in the best and most workmanlike manner, and agreeably to such directions as shall be given, from time to time, by said architect, or such other person as may be employed by the party of the second part to superintend said work; and said work, when completed, shall be measured and estimated by the said architect, and his decision shall be final.

In consideration of all which, the party of the second part agrees to pay the said Rounds for said work, etc., the sum of fourteen dollars per thousand brick laid up in the wall, to be measured and estimated, as aforesaid, by said architect; and payment for the same is to be made as follows: the said Rounds is to take from the notes and subscriptions to said Board of Education for said building, which may now be on hand, enough thereof to make full payment for said work and materials; and he is to have his choice and selection from said notes and

subscriptions, to be taken by said Rounds at the full amount for which they are given, with such interest as may have accumulated thereon.

It is also further agreed between said parties, that said Rounds shall do any stone work that the party of the second part may require to be done on said building, for the sum of twenty-two dollars (\$22) per cord, the said party of the second part furnishing the stone only, and said Rounds all other materials; and in case said Rounds furnishes the stone, then he is to have forty dollars (\$40) per cord for such stone work which he may do and furnishing the stone; and the said Rounds on such stone work is to be paid fifty cents per superficial foot for dressing the ashlar stone, over and above the price per cord just above stated.

It is further mutually agreed, that no part of said work shall be sub-contracted without the written consent of the party of the second part or their architect; and that payment for the stone work shall be made in the same manner, in said notes and subscriptions, as provided in reference to said brick work.

And it is further provided, that, should any circumstances arise to prevent the contractor from proceeding with the work agreeably to the terms and conditions of this contract, the party of the second part may then have the power to take the work out of the contractor's hands, employ other workmen to complete the unfinished works, and deduct the expense from the amount that may be due to said contractor, and may also hold said contractor and his sureties responsible on their bond.

It is further agreed, that in the measurement of the brick work and stone work the openings shall be included; and that, unless notice shall be given to the contrary by next Monday, the provisions in reference to the stone-work shall be considered absolute, and said Rounds may proceed to do the necessary stone work as above provided.

Witness the seals of the parties the date first above written.

The Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by _____.

[IV.] BOND OF SAMUEL D. ROUNDS.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Samuel D. Rounds as principal, and E. H. Rood and Meshack Pike as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, in the penal sum of thirty thousand dollars, for the payment of which we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated April 25, 1859.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas, on this day the above-bounden Samuel D. Rounds entered into the above-written agreement with said Board of Education for erecting the brick and stone work of their building, etc., as in said agreement and the plans and specifications therein referred to:

Now, therefore, if the said Rounds shall in every respect fully comply with and perform the terms and conditions of said agreement, and will pay over to said Board any damages sustained by said Board by reason of a non-compliance therewith, then this bond shall be void and of no effect. But if said Rounds shall in any respect fail to comply with the terms and conditions of said agreement, then the above-bounden parties shall be and become primarily liable to said Board of Education for any damages sustained or losses occasioned by said Rounds's failure to comply as aforesaid; and in every particular said above-bounden parties shall be as fully liable as said Rounds himself on said agreement.

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The question being upon the disposition to be made of the Report of the Building Committee, the same was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright, it was

Resolved, That the Standing Committees of the Board shall consist of the following:

- (1.) Building Committee — seven members.
- (2.) Auditing Committee — three members.
- (3.) Committee on Officers — three members.
- (4.) Committee on Text-Books — three members.
- (5.) Committee on Course of Study — three members.
- (6.) Committee on Rules and Regulations — three members.

Mr. Wells moved that the number of members on the Building Committee be reduced from seven to five.

The motion was adopted.

The following communication, from Dr. Samuel Willard, was presented by Dr. Rex, and, on motion, read by the Secretary :

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, Thursday, June 30, 1859.

To the State Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully resign the position of instructor in the State Normal University. I am impelled to this step by the necessities of my health, which will not permit me to attempt longer to fulfill the duties of the station.

Yours respectfully, SAMUEL WILLARD.

It was moved that the resignation of Dr. Willard be accepted.

After remarks by Messrs. Hovey and Bateman, expressive of the high regard of the Board for the character and faithfulness of Dr. Willard, the motion was concurred in.

The President, Mr. Moulton, announced the Standing Committees, as follows :

Building Committee — Messrs. Denio, Post, Powell, Shannon, and Hovey.

Auditing Committee — Messrs. Wilkins, Gillespie, and Powell.

On Course of Study — Messrs. Wells, Bateman, and Hovey.

On Officers — Messrs. Rex, Wright, and Bass.

On Text-Books — Messrs. Wright, Gillespie, and Bunsen.

On Rules and Regulations — Messrs. Powell, Wells, and Hovey.

The Report of the Treasurer being called for, Judge McClun presented the following papers :

[1] REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BUILDING FUND OF THE NORMAL UNIVERSITY.

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

The undersigned, Treasurer, begs leave to present to your Honorable Body the following report of the condition of the Building Fund of the Normal University:

The land belonging to the institution consists of 160 acres donated by Messrs. Pike & Payne, Judge Davis, and E. W. Bakewell, upon which the buildings are now being erected; 1,550 acres in Jackson county, donated by J. W. Fell; 40 acres in

Woodford county, donated by Wm. T. Major; five town lots, donated by J. E. McClun, in his Second Addition to Bloomington; and six town lots in the Western Addition to Bloomington, donated by the late Wm. H. Allin, deceased.

Part of these lands have been conveyed by deed to the Board of Education; and though others have hitherto refused, upon the pretext of a probability that the Board of Education might not yet build the institution at Bloomington, such objections can not now be made under the present vigorous prosecution of the work; and I will immediately make an effort to have the whole conveyed in fee simple to the Board.

In addition to the above absolute donations of land, the following conditional land subscriptions were made, and remain unadjusted—the subscriber reserving to himself the right to pay the money stipulated, or turn out the land described, at his own option—as follows, to wit: A. Gridley & Co., \$1,150 in cash or 11.50 acres of land in North-Bloomington; O. M. Coleman, \$1,000 in cash, or 10 acres of land near North-Bloomington. All who made similar conditional subscriptions have elected to pay the money, and given their notes accordingly; and in these cases, if the land shall fall into the hands of the Board of Education, I believe it will fully be worth the whole amount fixed in the subscription.

Messrs. Phoenix & Overman subscribed, in ornamental trees, shrubbery, hedging trees, etc., \$1,100, are good and responsible for the same, and are ready to pay in the manner agreed upon.

The whole amount of cash subscription made by individuals to the University was \$17,950, of which \$10,902.17 has been collected and paid over under the direction of the Building Committee; \$2,800 is found to be worthless and uncollectable, and \$1,000 doubtful; leaving of this fund, good and reliable, only \$3,247.83. A large portion of the above amount reported as collected and paid over was a simple transfer of the notes of subscribers to the builders and others, in accordance with the orders of the Board of Education and their Building Committee. Though in most cases where notes not due were transferred no deduction was made except the legal interest, yet in a few cases a larger discount was made upon some unmaturing paper, by the direction of the Building Committee, to meet the pressing wants of the Institution, which will be fully explained in my final account, and, I have no doubt, approved by the Board. No money remains in my hands of the above fund, and the above balance consists of notes, and subscriptions in cases where they have refused to give notes.

The County of McLean subscribed to the University \$70,000, to be paid from sales of her swamp lands, of which she has already paid \$45,643.80, leaving due and unpaid from the county \$24,356.20. A large part of the payments made by the county have been in notes taken for the sale of her swamp lands, which said notes have been transferred to the builders, under the direction of the Building Committee, except to the amount of \$4,880, which still remains in my hands and subject to the orders of the Board.

Perhaps the whole condition of the assets of the institution will be better understood by the following

RECAPITULATION.

160 acres of land—the University site.	
1,555 acres of land in Jackson county.	
40 acres of land in Woodford county.	
5 town lots in J. E. McClun's Second Addition to Bloomington; and	
6 town lots in the Western Addition to Bloomington.	
Balance due from the County of McLean.....	\$24,355 20
Balance of reliable cash subscriptions.....	3,547 83
Amount of notes received from the county and remaining in my hands	4,880 00
A. Gridley's conditional subscription.....	1,150 00
Coleman's and Case's conditional subscription.....	1,100 00
Total.....	\$34,734 03

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

BLOOMINGTON, June 30, 1859.

J. E. McCLUN, Treasurer.

[II.] STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE STATE FUND
SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD.

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

The undersigned, J. E. McClun, Treasurer, begs leave to present the following as a true statement of the receipts and disbursements of the State Fund since the last meeting of the Board:

To amount on hand December 24, 1858, as per Report then made and
vouchers returned..... \$491 31
To amount received of State Treasury, January 6, 1859..... 9,818 91

\$10,310 22

1858.					
Dec. 24.	By	Paid	D. Wilkins.....	\$12	50
" "	"	"	D. Wilkins.....	10	00
" "	"	"	S. W. Wright.....	13	50
" "	"	"	J. J. Gillespie.....	21	50
" "	"	"	W. H. Powell.....	9	00
" "	"	"	Geo. P. Rex.....	24	75
" "	"	"	F. Moseley.....	15	00
" "	"	"	Geo. Bunsen.....	24	00
" "	"	"	N. W. Edwards.....	9	50
" "	"	"	C. B. Denio.....	32	50
" "	"	"	S. W. Moulton.....	24	00
" "	"	"	Dr. Roe.....	75	00
" "	"	"	E. C. Hewett.....	400	00
" "	"	"	Ira Moore.....	400	00
" "	"	"	C. E. Hovey.....	1,288	00
" "	"	"	P. Harper.....	47	60
" "	"	"	C. M. Cady.....	200	00
" "	"	"	Nason & Hill.....	47	50
" "	"	"	J. G. Howell.....	45	85
" "	"	"	W. B. Smith.....	21	67
" "	"	"	E. Rogers.....	41	50
" "	"	"	Samuel Willard.....	400	00
" "	"	"	J. F. Eberhart.....	60	00
" "	"	"	Wm. E. Foote.....	54	75

1859					
Jan. 6.	"	"	Expenses to Springfield and back.....	7	30
" "	"	"	Express charges.....	5	00
" 8.	"	"	E. C. Hewett.....	80	00
" "	"	"	Ira Moore.....	80	00
" "	"	"	C. E. Hovey.....	167	00
Feb. 5.	"	"	C. E. Hovey.....	250	00
March 5.	"	"	C. E. Hovey.....	250	00
April 2.	"	"	C. E. Hovey.....	250	00
Jan. 28.	"	"	Geo. W. Parke.....	31	60
" 31.	"	"	Ward & Phelps.....	20	50
Feb. 5.	"	"	Ira Moore.....	120	00
" "	"	"	E. C. Hewett.....	120	00
" "	"	"	H. M. Senseney.....	14	75
Jan. 8.	"	"	C. M. Cady.....	40	00
" "	"	"	Samuel Willard.....	80	00
Feb. 3.	"	"	B. D. Vandruver.....	10	00
March 5.	"	"	C. M. Cady.....	60	00
Feb. 5.	"	"	C. M. Cady.....	60	00
" "	"	"	Samuel Willard.....	120	00
April 30.	"	"	C. E. Hovey.....	250	00

Amounts carried forward..... \$5,294 27 \$10,310 22

		<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$5,294 27	\$10,810 22
		By Paid Elihu Rogers.....	44 00	
April 30.	"	" Dr. Roe.....	87 50	
"	"	" E. C. Hewett (Books and Maps).....	92 50	
March 5.	"	" E. C. Hewett.....	120 00	
"	"	" Samuel Willard.....	120 00	
April 1.	"	" Dr. Roe.....	62 50	
"	2.	" Samuel Willard.....	120 00	
"	"	" E. C. Hewett.....	120 00	
"	"	" C. M. Cady.....	60 00	
March 5.	"	" Ira Moore.....	120 00	
"	"	" E. C. Hewett (Encyclopedias).....	142 80	
"	"	" C. E. Hovey.....	250 00	
April 1.	"	" Misses Town and Denison.....	39 00	
"	"	" Berkley, Payne, and Burch.....	117 00	
"	"	" Ed. Philbrook.....	36 00	
"	"	" J. G. Howell.....	36 00	
March 31.	"	" Miss McKinstry.....	36 00	
April 30.	"	" C. M. Cady.....	60 00	
"	2.	" Ira Moore.....	120 00	
"	"	" Miss Peterson.....	75 00	
"	"	" R. O. Warriner.....	43 40	
May 9.	"	" E. C. Hewett.....	120 00	
"	"	" Samuel Willard.....	120 00	
"	19.	" F. T. Matthews.....	13 50	
"	26.	" James H. Smith.....	17 70	
"	24.	" C. B. Denio.....	42 00	
"	26.	" C. E. Hovey (Postage).....	15 00	
"	29.	" Dr. Roe.....	50 00	
"	5.	" Nason & Hill.....	30 00	
"	9.	" Ira Moore.....	120 00	
"	"	" C. E. Hovey (Foote's Bill).....	142 57	
"	16.	" Norton, Bovee, and Baily.....	72 00	
June 30.	"	" Ira Moore.....	120 00	
"	1.	" J. S. Redfield.....	21 00	
"	3.	" C. M. Cady.....	60 00	
May 25.	"	" W. B. Keen.....	47 00	
"	23.	" B. G. Northrup.....	100 00	
"	"	" Ira Moore.....	120 00	
"	20.	" B. G. Northrup.....	5 00	
"	"	" R. O. Warriner.....	11 25	
"	"	" E. C. Hewett.....	120 00	
"	"	" E. C. Hewett.....	120 00	
"	"	" H. M. Senseney.....	11 00	
June	"	" C. E. Hovey.....	250 00	
				<u>8,923 99</u>
		Balance on hand:.....		<u>\$1,386 23</u>

J. E. McLUN,

Treasurer State Board of Education.

BLOOMINGTON, June 30, 1859.

On motion, the Reports and vouchers were referred to the Auditing Committee.

Mr. Bunsen moved that a committee of three be appointed, whose particular duty it shall be to investigate whether, in the management of our Normal School, all necessary and proper steps are taken to secure the results expressed in section 4 of

the Normal University Act, in relation to good teachers for the common schools of our State; and that said committee, at every regular session of the Board, be required to report and to lay their suggestions before the Board.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Bateman moved a reconsideration.

Carried.

Mr. Bunsen asked and obtained leave to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Powell immediately reintroduced the same motion, and urged its adoption. The motion was earnestly seconded by Mr. Hovey, and, after being slightly modified by Mr. Shannon, passed unanimously.

The motion, as finally amended and passed, is as follows:

That a *Special* Committee of three be appointed, whose particular duty it shall be to investigate whether, in the management of our Normal School, all necessary and proper steps are taken to secure the objects expressed in section 4 of the Normal University Act, in relation to good teachers for the common schools of our State; and that said Committee report at the next meeting of the Board.

The President named, as the Special Committee called for in the resolution of Mr. Bunsen, the following gentlemen: W. H. Powell, Geo. Bunsen, S. Wright.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Board cause deeds to be prepared and tendered to the persons who have donated lands to the Board of Education, with the request that said deeds be immediately executed.

The resolution was adopted.

The Board, on motion, took a recess of ten minutes.

The Board having again been called to order, Mr. Wells presented the subjoined resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary cause the proceedings of this Board and its Committees, since the first of April, 1858, to be printed in octavo form, and sent to the several members.

Resolved, That, hereafter, the proceedings of the Board and its Committees be printed in the same form as early as practicable after each regular meeting, and sent to the several members.

Mr. Powell moved that Judge J. E. McClun be appointed Treasurer of the Board for next year; which was unanimously concurred in.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Shannon, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Officers and the Principal of the Normal Uni-

versity be empowered to employ, temporarily, such instructors as may be deemed necessary for the interests of the University, during the intervals of the meetings of the Board.

At the suggestion of Mr. Wright, Mr. Soper made some statements respecting the condition and prospects of that part of the work on the new edifice which was under his care. Mr. Hovey followed with remarks on the same subject.

Dr. Rex presented the subjoined letters, addressed, through the Principal, to the Board of Education; which, on motion, were read by the Secretary:

JOLIET, ILLINOIS, June 20, 1859.

MY DEAR SIR: I very much regret that I can not have the pleasure of attending your Annual Examination. On receiving your polite invitation, I had determined that no private engagement should prevent the acceptance of it. No act of my life affords me more sincere pleasure than the humble efforts which I have made in the establishment of a system of free schools; and believing, as I did, that the success of the system depended on a school for the education of teachers, I did not fail to urge its adoption in all of my public addresses before the people, and in both of my reports to the Legislature, in one of which I pointed out at considerable length the advantage that would result from sending out in every portion of the State, teachers who were educated in the Normal School. I have not been disappointed in the expectations I had formed from the establishment of the school; and I have taken every proper occasion to say that its success is owing to the faithful and able manner in which you have discharged the duties of your office as Principal. So far as I have had an opportunity of judging, you have also called to your aid able and well-qualified assistants. You will recollect that I took the ground that, as you were responsible for the management of the school, you should have an almost unlimited discretion in the selection of assistant teachers.

Wherever I go, I see, in the well-constructed school-houses and in the establishment of good schools, evidences of the great interest which the people are taking in the cause of education, and I can not but feel rejoiced, when I compare the present system with the one which was in operation only a few years since, that I, sustained by such men as yourself, Messrs. Wright, Wilkins, Bateman, and others, among the teachers, and Moulton, Denio, and Post, among the politicians, succeeded in having adopted a system which, with the modifications since made, is superior to that of any other State in the Union. Believing that the people were not at that time prepared for a system which I found after experience they would sustain, I then took what was regarded as a very great responsibility, of incorporating some provisions in the bill, which I knew were objectionable as permanent measures, but without which the system could not have been successful.

Please present my respects to the members of the Board of Education, the teachers, and the pupils; and say to them I regret very much that I can not be with them at their examination, for I am certain I shall be deprived of much pleasure. To the pupils you may say, that the success of the institution in a very great measure depends upon them; and I feel confident that they will not disappoint the expectations of its most sanguine friends. The present system has done much to elevate the profession and place it on a level with the other learned professions. The people now place a proper estimate on it, and there is no station of life which affords so good a field for honorable distinction.

I have written this in very great haste.

Sincerely your friend,

N. W. EDWARDS.

C. E. HOVEY, Esq., Principal Normal University.

CHICAGO, June 24, 1859.

C. E. HOVEY, Esq.—*Dear Sir*: It would afford me much pleasure to accept

your polite invitation to be present at the examination of the University; but I fear that other duties will prevent my attendance. Permit me to avail myself of this occasion to offer my respects to the Board, and to assure them that I shall not cease to take a deep interest in the noble enterprise in which they are engaged. Should it ever happen that I can in any way be of service to aid in carrying forward the important work, I shall take pleasure in rendering any assistance in my power.

Accept, my dear sir, my best wishes for continued and abundant success in your own department of labor, and believe me

Very truly yours,

F. MOSELEY.

On motion of Dr. Rex, it was unanimously

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of the valuable services of Messrs. N. W. Edwards, F. Moseley, and J. R. Eden, late members of the Board, who, by their intelligent and ardent devotion to the cause of the Normal University, have shown such a deep interest in the cause of education in our State; and we trust they may still be instrumental in promoting this noble cause, wherever they may be called to labor.

The Auditing Committee here presented their report:

The Auditing Committee, having examined the accounts and statements of the Treasurer, respectfully report that they find the same correct, being accompanied by the proper vouchers.

D. WILKINS, Chairman.

BLOOMINGTON, July 1, 1859.

On motion of Dr. Rex, it was

Resolved, That the State Fund shall be appropriated exclusively for school expenses and for traveling expenses of members attending the meetings of the Board.

Board adjourned till 2 o'clock P.M.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Board convened, and was called to order by the President.

Mr. Hovey offered the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board be requested to draw up a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Building Fund, and present the same, with the proper vouchers therefor, to the Auditing Committee of the Board, before the next meeting.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Order-Book of the Secretary not being at hand, the Board authorized Mr. Hovey to draw the usual orders on the Treasurer for the traveling expenses of members in attendance.

The Committee on Officers here presented their report, as follows:

The Committee on officers would respectfully recommend—

That the salary of Mr. Moore be raised to.....	\$1,400
“ “ “ “ “ Hewett “ “ “	1,800

That Mr. Clover be employed in Drawing at.....	\$300
“ Mr. Cady “ “ “ Music “.....	500
“ Miss Peterson be continued at.....	200
That instruction in Chemistry and Physiology be discontinued for the ensuing term.	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. P. REX, Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

On motion, by Mr. Powell, it was

Resolved, That the Building Committee be authorized to use any of the assets belonging to the Board of Education, which may be found available, in the further construction of the Normal University Building.

The following was presented by Mr. Bateman, and unanimously passed :

Resolved, That the Board express its satisfaction with the prudence and energy manifested by the Building Committee of last year, in removing obstacles and providing ways and means for the prompt and vigorous prosecution of the work upon the Normal School Building.

On motion of Mr. Hovey, it was

Resolved, That the rent now due for the Normal School Rooms be allowed, and the Committee on Building be authorized to pay the same from the Building Fund.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next semi-annual meeting of the Board be held on *Wednesday* before Christmas, instead of *Friday*.

On motion, by Mr. Hovey, the President, Mr. S. W. Moulton, was added to the Building Committee.

Members of the Board having made out and presented their accounts for traveling expenses, orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in their favor, as follows :

W. H. Powell, an order for.....	\$42 00
G. P. Rex, “ “ “.....	40 50
Geo. Bunsen, “ “ “.....	32 00
J. J. Gillespie, “ “ “.....	25 80
A. R. Shannon, “ “ “.....	25 00
D. Wilkins, “ “ “.....	20 00
S. Wright, “ “ “.....	17 00
P. Bass, “ “ “.....	15 50
S. W. Moulton, “ “ “.....	14 00
W. H. Wells, “ “ “.....	13 50
N. Bateman, “ “ “.....	10 50

On motion, the Board adjourned.

S. W. MOULTON, *President*.

N. BATEMAN, *Secretary*.