

February 8, 1946

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, met in the President's office at 1:00 P.M. Friday, February 8, 1946 pursuant to written notice of the meeting and its purposes as authorized by the Chairman. Trustees Bachelor, Kendall, Cuthridge, Johnston and Parham were present. Trustees Cox and Elton were absent.

Chairman Bachelor announced that a quorum was present and directed that the minutes of the last meeting be read. The minutes were read and approved.

Chairman Bachelor then declared the Board of Trustees ready for items of old and new business.

President Irby presented a letter from the Hiegel Lumber Company signed by J. J. Hiegel in which was stated that the Hiegel Lumber Company would accept \$10,000 in full payment for statement previously rendered for \$10,901.42 claimed due from Arkansas State Teachers College on the Library Building and the Stadium. He also read a letter from Guy E. Williams, Attorney General of the State of Arkansas, in which the claim of the Hiegel Lumber Company was declared a legal claim against the college.

AAD468 Trustee Johnston made a motion that the letters be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting and that the proposal of the Hiegel Lumber Company to accept \$10,000 as full payment of all claims against the college for the erection of the Library Building and the Stadium be accepted and the amount paid. Trustee Kendall seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Conway, Arkansas
January 21, 1946

To the Board of Trustees of
Arkansas State Teachers College
Conway, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

With reference to our claim of \$10,901.42 --- In order to facilitate the closing out of this matter, we agree to take \$10,000 as full settlement, provided payment is made in full at your next Board meeting.

Hiegel Lumber Company
/s/ by J. J. Hiegel

December 3, 1946

Dr. Nolen M. Irby, President
Arkansas State Teachers College
Conway, Arkansas
Dear Nolen:

I have this day discussed the question of the legality of payment to Mr. J. J. Hiegel of his claim against the Arkansas State Teachers College, same being certificates of indebtedness bearing 6% interest.

As you doubtless know Mr. Hiegel came to the rescue of the College on more than one occasion, first by construction of the Library Building below any bid which had been submitted to the Board -- second by erecting the stadium on the athletic field.

It seems Mr. Hiegel has been very patient in waiting for his money, and but for a technicality, I feel quite sure the State Board of Fiscal Control would have allowed his claim, but no such technicality applies to your Board.

It is therefore my opinion that the Board can legally pay Mr. Hiegel's claim either in installments or in a lump sum.

Trusting that this will clarify this matter and aid your Board in finally terminating this long and tedious transaction, and with best wishes, I remain.

Sincerely yours

/s/ Guy E. Williams
Attorney General

President Irby reported changes in personnel since the last previous meeting of the Board of Trustees and asked that his actions be approved as follows:

The election of C. W. Bradford as instructor in English at a salary of \$212.50 per calendar month, beginning January 21, 1946.

The election of Charlie Haynes as instructor in Industrial Education at a salary of \$200.00 per calendar month to be reimbursed in full by the State Board of Education beginning February 1, 1946.

The reelection of Mrs. Henry Hudson after one month's absence as associate professor in physical education at a salary of \$190.00 per calendar month beginning January 1, 1946.

Motion was made by Trustee Kendall that the action of President Irby be approved. The motion was seconded by Trustee Guthridge and was carried unanimously.

After a general discussion of the G.I. Bill of Rights and its application to college faculties, Trustee Kendall made a motion that the provisions of the Bill be met by the college if and when Leslie Bigelow, Lloyd Roberts, Ted Worley and Sam Hindsman return to the college for employment. Trustee Guthridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby recommended that Miss Rosa Walker now employed in Home Economics, not be reemployed after the expiration of her present contract, June 30, 1946. Trustee Kendall made a motion that the recommendation be accepted. Trustee Guthridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Kendall made a motion that Billy Cole Erwin be employed to manage the college dairy, succeeding H. D. Baldrige who has asked to be relieved at a salary to be fixed by the Farm Committee. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby informed the Board that he had verbal options on certain land adjoining the campus secured in anticipation of a federal housing project. After general discussion, no action was taken by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Guthridge made a motion that President Irby make a thorough investigation of the needs of an industrial education program on the campus including costs of instruction, operation and maintenance, and building needs and submit the results of the investigation at the next meeting of the Board. Trustee Kendall seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Guthridge made a motion that the Planning and Development committee of which Dr. H. L. Minton is chairman, be requested by the Board to meet, study the problems of planning and development in relation to Arkansas State Teachers College, and submit its findings to the president so that he may present the results to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Kendall seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Bids were read for the cost of three surfaced tennis courts. Without formal action, it was agreed to withhold action until prices are reduced.

Trustee Kendall made a motion that travel by the faculty outside the state be reimbursed on the recommendation of the President. Trustee Johnston seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

A recommendation from the Athletic Committee of the faculty that athletic competition with institutions of higher learning be restricted to four year colleges, and that baseball be installed as a major college sport was read. Trustee Guthridge made a motion that the recommendation be accepted and approved. Trustee Johnston seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Kendall made a motion that except for administrative officers the teaching load on the campus for all persons above the rank of instructor be not less than 12 semester hours nor more than 16 semester hours, but that this regulation not apply to the summer term. Trustee Guthridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Kendall made a motion that a recommendation be made to the budget committee that the salaries of PhD men, heads of departments not be less than \$3600 and that the Dean's salary not be less than \$4000 annual salary. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Kendall made a motion that the salary scale of the college be made a study for the faculty committee and that the results of this study be presented to the Board at its next meeting. Trustee Guthridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby presented figures showing the financial status of the college as compared with that on July 1, 1941. Trustee Guthridge made a motion that the Board of Trustees record in the minutes of this meeting its appreciation for the administration of college finances. Trustee Kendall seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Board of Trustees adjourned until legally called into meeting again.

George J. Barber

 Chairman

Pauline W. Johnston

 Secretary

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