

December 17, 1947

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, met in the President's office, Arkansas State Teachers College, at 10 A.M. Wednesday, December 17, 1947, pursuant to written notice of the meeting and its purposes as authorized by the Chairman. The following members of the Board were present: R. A. Cox, Chairman; Mrs. Carroll Johnston, Secretary; Amis R. Guthridge; O. H. Parham; James S. Colvert; Dr. J. H. Flanagin. President Irby and Harold Eidson, Bursar, met with the Board.

In the absence of Chairman R. A. Cox, vice-chairman Guthridge, presided and after roll call and approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the board called for items of business carried over from previous meetings of the Board.

Trustee Colvert made the motion that the election of R. W. Grigsby as instructor at a salary of \$250.00 per calendar month be approved as of September 15, 1947. Trustee Johnston seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby reported that Dr. H. L. Minton had agreed to continue his services as field worker for the college and the Bear Backers Club, and that additional secretarial aid would be provided his office to maintain alumni records and contacts.

He also reported that the Newbern account had been placed in the hands of Attorney Wendell Henry to protect the college's interests. He also reported that Dr. H. L. Minton had followed the direction of the Board and had closed out the film library account, formerly administered by him and had submitted to the business office a check for \$686.53, balance remaining in the account.

Acting Chairman Guthridge asked for items of new business.

President Irby described the plans adopted for housing all classes formerly held in the Training School Building, destroyed by fire November 29, 1947 and related plans informally offered for future permanent housing for the classes.

Trustee Johnston made the motion that the Chairman appoint a committee to submit recommendations for plans, site, and expenditures for the replacement of the Training School Building. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Chairman Guthridge appointed as members of the Committee: Trustee Johnston as Chairman; Trustee Flanagin; Architect Bruce Anderson and President Irby, and directed the committee to prepare recommendations for the Board at its next meeting.

The Board adjourned at 12 noon for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Cox reached the campus during the noon hour and presided during the afternoon session.

The Board unanimously approved the Chairman's request that the resolution following respecting the death of Dr. A. M. Elton be embodied in the minutes of the Board and that copies be mailed the members of Dr. Elton's family:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, It is difficult for us to realize that one who has served us for many years as a member of the Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, has been called from his labor among us, and

WHEREAS, We are deeply grieved that we no longer may enjoy his friendship, and no longer profit from his wise counsel:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That in the death of our beloved friend and co-worker, Dr. A. M. Elton, we have suffered a great loss, That in him were embodied those virtues which made for effective participation in the educational, civic and spiritual affairs of men

That he was staunch in his support of this institution, and this state, to the point where he was a constant inspiration to us

That, though he is gone from us we are deeply gratified for the association with him, and for the example he set for us, and

That a copy of this resolution of love and respect be made a permanent part of the records of Arkansas State Teachers College, and a copy be mailed to the members of his immediate family.

FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nolen M. Irby
President

Architect Anderson was asked to report on his investigations of insurance needs on the campus and for his recommendations reducing fire hazards. His report was made from a chart which Chairman Cox directed should be placed in the permanent files of the college. After the report, Trustee Flanagin made the motion that a committee be appointed to study at frequent and regular intervals the college's insurance program. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Chairman Cox stated that he would announce the appointments at a later date.

A copy of the annual audit of college funds by the State Comptroller's office together with certain recommendations was presented to the Board and upon a motion by Trustee Colvert, seconded by Trustee Johnston and which carried unanimously, the Business Manager was directed to invest \$60,000.00 now carried as a perpetual sinking fund in U. S. G-Bonds as recommended in the Comptroller's report.

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Trustee Guthridge made the motion that the following changes in the payroll be approved as of November 1, 1947. Trustee Flanagin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- Roy Mahar from \$1900.00 to \$2400.00 yearly
- Harold Eidson from \$3500.00 to \$3600.00 yearly
- Mary Hileman from \$2500.00 to \$2600.00 yearly
- Ned O'Kelley from \$2000.00 to \$2100.00 yearly
- Evie Shaw from \$2125.00 to \$2200.00 yearly
- Mabel G. Patterson from \$2500.00 to \$2600.00 yearly
- Jewel Moore from \$2500.00 to \$2600.00 yearly

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the election of Ona Marie Wachendorf as part time instructor as of November 12, 1947, at a salary of \$75.00 per calendar month until January 26, 1947 when her salary will be \$100.00 per calendar month until the end of the semester. She is assigned additional work for the second semester.

President Irby presented a petition from the Student Council that students be charged admission to the proposed A.I.C. basketball tournament. He explained that the tournament was already awarded to Hendrix, but asked for the Board's policy respecting programs for which admission charges should be made by students. Trustee Johnston made the motion that the President be given authority to determine when and what amounts should be charged students for entertainment. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

After a general discussion of the loss by fire of the Training School Building and the lack of water pressure from the city mains on the campus, Trustee Colvert offered the following resolution to be sent to the Conway City Council and the Conway Fire Department:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Because there are on the campus of Arkansas State Teachers College several non fire proof buildings, some of which are inhabited by large numbers of people at all hours and that since there is an admitted lack of water pressure from city mains to an extent that it is hazardous to life and property

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Conway City Fire Department be requested to survey the campus, particularly non fire proof buildings, and determine in advance of a possible fire what plans will be adopted in case of fire in any building on the campus.

Trustee Colvert made the motion that the resolution be adopted and copies be mailed to the City Council and the Fire Department of the City of Conway. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Guthridge read the following resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, State Teachers College has suffered a financial loss of more than \$100,000.00 over and above insurance collection because of fire, and

WHEREAS, the loss is believed to have been mainly due to lack of water pressure in city water mains.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Conway be requested to make a liberal contribution toward the cost of replacing the building destroyed by fire.

Trustee Guthridge made the motion that the resolution be adopted and that copies of the resolution be mailed to the Mayor of the City of Conway and to the President of the Conway Corporation. Trustee Flanagan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Cox set January 19, 1948 at 12 noon as the date for the next meeting of the Board and directed that committees appointed be ready to make their reports on that date.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned until legally called into session again.



R. A. Cox, Chairman



Mrs. Pauline Johnston, Secretary