

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, met in the President's Office, Tuesday, July 22, 1952, pursuant to legal call of the meeting by the Chairman. The following members were present: Dr. J. H. Flanagin, Chairman; James S. Colvert, Secretary; Silas D. Snow, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Rufus Morgan, Jr., and Carl H. Brown. Trustees Parham and Ashmore were absent. President Irby and Business Manager Eidson met with the Board.

After roll call, Chairman Flanagin declared a quorum present and called the Board into formal session.

The minutes of the last previous meeting of the Board were read and approved.

The Chairman called for items of old business.

President Irby reported that a contract previously authorized by the Board for graduate work under the auspices of the University of Arkansas had been signed by both parties and that graduate work accredited by the University of Arkansas would begin in September, 1952.

He also announced that the faculty had approved the offer of the Pan-American Life Insurance Company for a group health and accident policy and that it had been accepted and approved by the President. He recommended that the Business Manager be authorized to borrow \$5641.20 from the College Trust Fund to pay the first annual premium, saving 5%, and that the salary of all participating employees (except the President's) be raised \$2.00 per calendar month, beginning July 1, 1952, or at the first of the month in which employees not now members of the program accept it, and that \$2.00 per month of the salary of each participant be deducted and returned to the Trust Fund to repay the loan and to build up in the Trust Fund an amount sufficiently large to pay the annual insurance premiums.

Trustee Colvert made the motion that the recommendation be adopted. Trustee Brown seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby announced that the acceptance of the "Ford" Plan by the colleges of the State left each college in control of its personnel, its curricula and its funds.

He also reported that the R.O.T.C. unit of the campus is definitely delayed for a year, and that Baridon Hall is practically remodeled and ready for use by the Department of Music.

The Chairman stated that there were no other pending items and asked for such new business as might legally be acted upon at this meeting.

The Chairman read a request from T. L. Cole, business manager of the College Book Store, that his resignation be accepted due to ill health, on or before August 31, 1952. Trustee Snow made the motion that the resignation be accepted and that the Bear Backers Club, Inc., be disbanded and that the college assume direct control of the College Book Store. Trustee Colvert seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The cost of publishing the quarterly alumni bulletin was discussed and the fact developed that the total cost of the publications for the last academic year was \$1470.93. Trustee Snow described the returns to the college of the publication as invaluable. Trustee Brown made the motion that the publication be continued at the expense of the college. Trustee Morgan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby recommended changes affecting personnel listed as follows, be accepted:

Correct the minutes of the Board of Trustees, May 13, 1952 to read: annual salary of Mary Jane Scott, \$4725.00 instead of \$4250.00, State Department of Education paying the difference.

Permit Jewell Moore a year's leave of absence for further graduate study, effective September 29, 1952 and that her salary upon return be \$3543.00 or an amount equal to the salary of other persons with the same qualifications and that her present monthly salary, \$281.25 be in effect until her leave begins.

Elect Bess Ramsey as instructor in Business Education at a salary of not to exceed \$3543.00 per calendar year, effective September 6, 1952.

Increase the salary of Noble Wimberly from \$3000.00 per calendar year to \$3150.00 effective July 1, 1952.

Trustee Colvert made the motion that the recommendations be accepted. Trustee Morgan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Chairman reviewed the offers made by various agencies to sell the college fifteen upright pianos and directed that the offers be embodied in the minutes of the meeting and that copies of all offers be filed in the permanent records of the institution.

The offers are recorded as follows:

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| (a) Maulsby Piano Sales and Service Company, Conway, Arkansas | |
| (1) French 4M Prelude | \$6442.50 & 2% S.T. |
| (2) French 1W Rhapsody | 6817.50 & 2% S.T. |
| (b) Busch Music Company, Little Rock, Arkansas | |
| (1) Hamilton | 7277.70 |
| (c) Reed Music Company, Little Rock, Arkansas | |
| (1) Lester | 7725.00 & 2% S.T. |
| (2) Winter | 7275.00 & 2% S.T. |
| (3) Kimball | 7875.00 & 2% S.T. |
| (d) J.D.Pope Music Company, Searcy, Arkansas | |
| (1) Kohler-Campbell | 8070.60 & 2% Tunings |
| (2) Livingston | 8205.00 & 2 Tunings |
| (3) Culbranson | 8315.40 & 2 Tunings |
| (e) Houck Music Company, Little Rock, Arkansas | |
| (1) Everett | 6535.57 |
| (2) Story and Clark | 7453.57 |
| (f) Morrissey Music Company, Little Rock, Arkansas | |
| (1) Weaver School Model | 9750.00 & 2% S.T. |

President Irby reported that the Committee appointed to review the offers of sale were unanimous in their request that the offer of Busch Music Company, Little Rock, be accepted, and that the purchase had been made in order to expedite delivery.

Trustee Brown made the motion that the purchase be approved and that Busch Music Company be paid \$7277.70 upon delivery of pianos. Trustee Colvert seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Report was made to the Board of summer school enrollment and some discussion concerning the development of the legislative program for 1953 followed without official action.

The Chairman presented the Pre-Audit trial balance, 1951-52.

A discussion of recent political moves and charges directed at certain college personnel followed. Particular recognition was taken of political advertisements which indicated the possibility of political interference in the selection of college employees.

Trustee Snow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption by the Board:

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College resents any intimation by newspaper advertisements or any other means that any member of the staff of the college can or will be placed under political pressure. It particularly resents recent advertisements that Business Manager Harold Eidson may be replaced by an appointee which of necessity would be political in nature.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, through official action of the Board, reaffirm its confidence in Harold Eidson as business manager and commend him for his excellent services to the institution.

Trustee Brown seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Brown made the motion that air conditioning units be installed to cool the President's; the Business Manager's; the Registrar's; and the Dean's Offices. Trustee Snow seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

James H. Flanagan
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 Chairman

James S. Colvert
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 Secretary