

January 27, 1953

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, met in the President's Office, Conway, Arkansas, at 3 P.M. Tuesday, January 27, 1953, pursuant to legal call of the meeting by the Chairman. The following members were present: Dr. J. H. Flanagin, Chairman; Silas D. Snow, Vice-Chairman; James S. Colvert, Secretary; O. H. Parham; Carl H. Brown and Harry S. Ashmore. Trustee Morgan was absent because of illness.

President Irby and Mr. Leffel Gentry, representing Governor Cherry, met with the Board.

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

Minutes of the last previous meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman called for items of pending business. President Irby reported that free telephones will be installed in the mens' dormitories within a few days as approved by the Board of Trustees at the last previous meeting and that as directed by the Board Mr. H. L. Benton would be allocated college insurance on the cottages, beginning in July, 1953, as current policies expire.

Chairman Flanagin presented a letter from Attorney Wendell Henry which itemized the indebtedness of the college to the Street Improvement District 12, Conway, as being \$911.26. Trustee Brown made the motion that the account be paid in full. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Ashmore made the motion that the resignation of R. J. DeSalvo as manager of the cafeteria be accepted as of January 31, 1953, but that he be requested to remain on duty until an anticipated investigation of cafeteria management be concluded; that the rank of Ed Radley be raised from Assistant Professor to that of Associate Professor; that the resignation of Tom Copeland as instructor be accepted as of January 24, 1953; and that M. E. Melberg be elected as instructor in Education at a salary of \$333.33 per calendar month and effective January 26, 1953. Trustee Brown seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby stated that he had at present no one to recommend as manager of the cafeteria, but that search for an acceptable person is being made. Trustee Ashmore made the motion that the President be authorized to employ any person whom he thinks is capable of the management and who has the necessary personal character. Trustee Colvert seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Leffel Gentry, as representative of Governor Cherry, listed certain charges that have been made to the Governor concerning the management of the college cafeteria. Trustee Snow made the motion that the Governor be urged to direct that an investigation of the cafeteria be made by the State Comptroller in order to determine the validity of the charges and that the Comptroller be asked to make any recommendations he considers necessary for the administration of the cafeteria.

Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Secretary Colvert read a list of "quotes" from the report of the visitation to the college by representatives of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, November 16-19, 1952. The finding of the committee was that Arkansas State Teachers College is entitled to rank somewhat above average among similar schools within the membership of the Association.

The Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

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 Chairman

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