On this the 15th day of October, 1952, the Board of Trustees of the
Arkansas State Teachers College met in the office of the Commissioner of
Education in the State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, with the following
members present and voting: Hirst, Andrews, Smith, Leonard, Humphreys,
Compere.

President McAlister and Mr. Smith, Disbursing Officer, were also
present.

A statement of the general condition of the institution was made by
President McAlister, in brief as follows:

"Although our expenditures last year were $21,000 less than the
appropriation, we spent $15,000 more than our income. We reduced our cash
$5,167.50 and spent approximately $10,000 of this year's income from the
millage fund. $15,000 was diverted by the last legislature from our
millage fund for the payment of tax assessors and county clerks. We were
not notified of this diversion until after our contracts had been made and
our budget prepared and approved. Had this diversion not been made we
would have had no deficit.

"The enrollment at this time is 496 as compared to a total enrollment
of 502 for the fall term last year. Additional enrollments at mid term will
bring this term's enrollment up to or better than last year. However, in
order to keep the enrollment up and to allow students to attend the institu-
tion this fall we gave a number of men work on the campus during the
summer in order to assist them in paying their fees, and we have accepted
school warrants for the fees where we were assured that this was the only
way in which the student could attend. On account of this the cash re-
ceived for the fall term this year is approximately $3,500 less than last
fall.

"The $30,000, with carrying charges at 6% from June 1, 1951, due Hiigel
Lumber Company and Witt, Salibert and Halsey for the construction of the
library building has not been paid. The condition of the bond market has
rendered it impossible for the bonds based on the additional cigarette tax
to be sold. Consequently, neither principal nor interest has been paid.

"Repairs to our present plant, the purchase of additional equipment
and supplies, and the need of additional funds for operation and main-
tenance are of more importance at this time than the construction of new
buildings. $20,000 is needed for repairs to the present plant. $10,000
is needed for the purchase of equipment and supplies. $35,000 annually
is needed to supplement the millage fund.

"It is suggested that we ask the next legislature (1) to discontinue
the diversion of funds from the millage for the payment of tax assessors
and county clerks; (2) that we ask the state to assume the indebtedness
incurred in the construction of the library building and care for it just
as they will the deficit in the general revenue fund; and (3) that we do
not ask for a bond issue based on the additional cigarette tax but that the
money derived from tax collections under the provisions of this act be
added to the millage fund and used for the operation and maintenance of the
institution."

Motion by Andrews, second by Leonard that Mr. Smith, the disbursing
officer be instructed to pay the $3,000 carrying charges now due Hiigel
Lumber Company and Witt, Salibert and Halsey out of the $7,000 deposit in
the Farmers State Bank which has been approved by the court as a preferred
claim and is expected some time about December Ist. - Motion carried.

Motion by Leonard, second by Humphreys that the suggestions in the
last paragraph of President McAlister's report be approved, and that Mr.
Andrews and President McAlister be instructed to have a conference with
Governor Futrell and present this program for the institution to him.
Motion carried.

Board adjourned subject to call of the president.