

September 10, 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State Teachers College met in the office of the President of the Board of Trustees, The State Commissioner of Education, in the State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas at 10 a.m. Friday, September 10, 1937. The following members were present and voting: Phipps, Humphreys, Page, Smith; proxies held by Smith for Compere and Andrews; absent Laney. President McAlister was also present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

President McAlister presented the following recommendations:

"In accordance with a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees at its meeting April 27, 1937 the following members of the faculty have been employed for the year 1937-38:

George Moore, Supervisor English in High School,  
\$150.00 per month effective September 1.

Miss Verna Chrysler, Assistant Supervisor Elementary Grades, \$130.00 per month effective  
September 1.

W. J. Breit, Head Department of Industrial Arts,  
\$1,000.00 per year or \$83.33 per month,  
effective July 1.

G. G. Lawson, Coordinator Department of Industrial  
Arts, \$150.00 per month effective September 1.  
(\$50.00 of this to be paid by the college and  
\$100.00 to be paid by Mr. Breit from his funds  
for Trade and Industry.)

Lucy Jane Brannon, Nurse, \$50.00 per month and room and board, effective September 10, 1937.

"Under the provisions of the National Vocational Education bill, certain additional people were added to the staff of the Home Economics Department of the College. Miss Rosa Walker has been added as a visitor. Stenographic help and assistance in janitorial service is also to be provided. All this is with no additional expense to the college.

"In accordance with a resolution by the Board at its meeting April 27, 1937 conferences held with Mr. Matthews, Judge Harper, and Mr. B. A. Short, Superintendent of Conway Public School have resulted in the continuance of Mr. S. D. Mitchell as supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and Miss Kate Williams of Home Economics in Faulkner County at the salary of \$200.00 per month each.

"It became necessary to employ a traveling representative for the college after the Board meeting in April. Mrs. Merlin Moore was employed at \$125.00 and her traveling expenses per month beginning July 1. She has been in the field since that time.

"Under the provisions of the NYA Vocational Trainee Program, thirty girls and fifty boys from farm families of low income are to be given short courses at the college. All expenses incident to this work is borne by the federal government. A boarding house at the corner of Bruce Street and Donaghey Avenue has been rented by the college and is used as an NYA Cooperative Home. The girls are doing the cooking and serving the meals. The boys are working at the college. One-half day each day is put in at work. The other half day is in school. No grades and no credits are granted. The program is to extend from three to six months for each youth. Instructions for the girls are Mrs. Golda Pyle Hines and Mrs. Anne Hinton Harper. For the boys Mr. Ira Jones is putting in one-half time. The other half time is spent as Smith-Hughes agriculture man at Liberty Special School. Powell Hazzard is the foreman for the boys. It is expected that Mr. Breit will provide us with a man to handle the NYA shop that is being equipped at government expense in Pike Hall. None of the salaries of these instructors are paid by the college. We are cooperating in rendering our moral support and assisting in the organization of classes and in the use of our library and other college facilities.

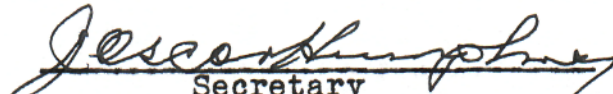
"Funds secured from the RFC by the sale of bonds bear 5½% interest payable semi-annually. These funds were used for the construction of McAlister Hall. By action of the President of the United States two years ago, this interest was reduced from 5½% to 4% for five years or as much of that time as the bonds remained in the hands of the RFC. For more than a year the five institutions who are interested in the same problem have been attempting to get a refunding of these bonds at 4%. Judge Archer Wheatley and Hon. Lamar Williamson were employed by the five institutions to represent us before the RFC board. It was agreed that the five institutions would bear equally the preliminary expenses of these attorneys in making a trip to Washington to present our case. If a reduction was secured, the fee to be charged by the attorneys was to be apportioned in accordance with the reductions each institution secured. The employment of this council was approved by Attorney General Jack Holt and Governor Carl E. Bailey. The attorneys made a visit recently to Washington and secured from the RFC Executive Committee a promise that they would not dispose of the bonds until we had an opportunity to present our case before the entire Board. The Arkansas State Teachers College part of the expenses incurred is \$44.50. It is recommended that the Board authorize the payment of this expense."

Motion by Humphreys, seconded by Smith that the members of the staff selected be employed at the salaries recommended; that the expense account of Judge Archer Wheatley and Hon. Lamar Williamson be approved and the business manager instructed to pay same. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

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Secretary

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