

January 14, 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State Teachers College met in the office of the State Commissioner of Education at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, January 14, 1937. The following members were present and voting: Phipps, Humphrey, Smith, Compere. Absent: Andrews, Page, Purkins. President McAlister was also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was called to the attention of the Board that Mr. Charley Parker, State Auditor and ex-officio member of the Board, had been replaced by Mr. J. Oscar Humphrey as State Auditor and therefore succeeded Mr. Parker as a member of the Board of Trustees. Motion by Compere, seconded by Smith that Mr. J. Oscar Humphrey be elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees to succeed Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Compere that Mr. J. Oscar Humphrey be elected member of the Building Committee in the place of Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of President McAlister, motion by Humphrey, seconded by Smith that Mr. H. L. Minton, Head of the Department of Geography, be relieved of teaching for four months beginning February 1, 1937 but that he be continued as visitor to the high schools and Alumni Secretary for these four months at a salary of \$50 per month. Motion carried.

Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Smith that Mr. Alger Burdick, University of Wisconsin, be elected as substitute teacher for Mr. Minton in the field of geography for four months, beginning February 1, 1937, at a salary of \$125.00 per month.

It being explained to the Board by President McAlister that Miss Waldran had been a member of the faculty of the institution since the first day the institution opened and that she was now ill and in the hospital and upon his recommendation, motion by Smith, seconded by Humphrey that Miss Waldran be continued through the remainder of the present fiscal year as emeritus Dean of Women at a salary of \$75.00 per month. Motion carried.

President McAlister made an explanation of the sinking funds for payment of bonds on McAlister Hall, the Apartment Dormitory, and the present building program. It being shown that the estimated income from the fees to be charged students for the building program and the refund from the RFC on the bonds for McAlister Hall would exceed the interest to be paid during 1937 by approximately \$15,000.00, upon the request of President McAlister, motion by Smith, seconded by Humphrey that this surplus be used for the following purposes:

1. To pay for the new roof on the Science Building.
2. To pay for the clock and bell system.
3. To purchase furniture and equipment and to pay for labor and material to make equipment to go in the new buildings.
4. To pay for insurance on the new buildings.
5. To pay for material and labor for sidewalks and landscaping around the new buildings. Motion carried.

President McAlister made a report for the Insurance Committee on the adjustment of the insurance on the new buildings. Only 55% of the value of the buildings is taken at present to insure the amount the Federal Government has invested in the buildings. This insurance is to be taken as the buildings are occupied and as soon as the present building program is completed, the amount necessary to be taken will be determined by the PWA and this amount of insurance will be taken.

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There was a discussion of additional buildings that are needed at the institution. Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Smith that Wittenberg and Delony be requested to draw plans for a new heat plant, the cost not to exceed \$45,000.00; that Judge Archer Wheatley be employed as Attorney to file application at such time as it was deemed by the Committee advisable for it to be filed; that the Chairman and Secretary of the Board be instructed to sign such application when it is ready, Motion carried. Action on any other buildings was deferred until such time as the entire Board membership could be present.

The Board adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

W. E. Phipps
Chairman

Joseph Humphrey
Secretary
