

March 27th, 1917.

The Board of Trustees of the State Normal School met in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction at 10 o'clock, March 27th, 1917 with the following members present:

- Hutchins
- McDaniel
- Oliver
- Dunaway
- Winham
- Lenon
- Bond

Mr. Lenon presented credentials of appointment to membership on the Board, in place of Mr. Torreyson who had resigned, and was with the Board for the first time.

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

President Doyme offered his resignation as follows:

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To the Honorable Board of Trustees,  
Arkansas State Normal School:

Gentlemen:

More than one year ago, I stated to your secretary, Mr. B. W. Torreyson, that I would not remain with the State Normal School as its president after the close of the session of 1915-16. However, circumstances demanded that I continue in the position, with the consent of the Board of Trustees, at least another year.

Now that the year is closing, and realizing that no one with the proper regard for the opinion of his fellow teachers would apply for the position until it is known that a vacancy will exist, I now tender my resignation as president of the Arkansas State Normal School, to become effective September 1st, 1917, when the new school year virtually begins.

In restoring to your hands the trust confided to me nine years ago, I feel that it will not be considered out of place for me to say that I have endeavored to discharge faithfully the responsible duties of the office, and the record of the school should be gratifying to its friends.

From an enrollment of 154 the first year the number has been increased to 450 for the present year to date. Its students and graduates are occupying positions of honor and credit here and there over the state; and the prospects for its future are bright with promise.

Without my knowledge, a representative body of our citizens, I am informed, presented to your honorable body recently a declaration of the good will of the town toward the school and their endorsement of its president; also without my knowledge, a committee from our faculty, bearing a written statement signed by eighteen of the twenty members of the faculty, appeared before such members of our Board of Trustees as could be assembled without notice, giving them assurance that the faculty was, almost without exception, in accord with the administration and working in harmony for the best interests

of the school; again, without my knowledge, a committee from the student body presented to certain of you a document, signed by more than ninety percent of our students, endorsing the head of the school; and last of all, during the years that I have labored with you there has never been any discord in the views of the president and the majority of the members of the Board of Trustees in the conduct of the affairs of the State Normal School.

For all these evidences of confidence and appreciation, I am profoundly grateful; they will be with me to cheer in the hours to come, and as I shall watch with pride and interest the progress of the school, it will be pleasant to recall that I had some little part in its success.

With sincere thanks for the kindly support at all times generously accorded me by your honorable body, I am

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. J. Doyme.

On motion of Mr. Oliver the action on the resignation was deferred until a meeting of the Board on April 17th.

Applications for employment as architect of the Administration Building to be erected on the Normal School grounds were received from the following persons:

William Dill  
Harvey Weston  
J. H. Bliss  
F. M. Blaisdell  
Thompson and Harding  
Witt, Seibert and Company  
J. P. Almand  
Theo. M. Sanders  
George R. Mann

Mr. Blaisdell, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Mann appeared before the Board and made statements as to their qualifications. Following is the vote on the employment of the architect:

	<u>1st Vote</u>	<u>2nd Vote</u>
Hutchins	Almand	Almand
McDaniel	Almand	Almand
Oliver	Mann	Almand
Dunaway	Almand	Almand
Winham	Witt, Seibert & Co.	Witt, Seibert & Co.
Lenon	Thompson and Harding	Almand
Bond	Witt, Seibert & Co.	Witt, Seibert & Co.

The result of the vote was the selecting of Mr. Almand.

The following members were named by the chairman as a committee together with the architect to visit normal school buildings in neighboring states with a view to working out plans for the Administration building at Conway:

McDaniel  
Oliver  
Hutchins

The following members were named as a building committee:

McDaniel  
Oliver  
Hutchins  
Lenon

On motion it was decided to pay the traveling expenses of Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Oliver out of the Incidental Fund and the expenses of Mr. Hutchins out of the regular appropriation for the traveling expenses of the Board of Trustees.

The chairman and secretary were directed to make out a voucher in favor of Mr. Hutchins for \$9.40 to cover expenses incurred by him in attending a conference with the Governor about the building of the Normal School.

Traveling expenses incurred in attending the present meeting were allowed and ordered to be paid as follows:

Hutchins	\$9.40
Winham	\$13.25

The Board adjourned till April 17th, 1917.

R. G. McDaniel  
Secretary.

J. L. Paul  
Chairman.