

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VIRGINIA NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD
held at the Radford School, Radford, Va. Sept. 18th, 1915 at
11 o'clock A.M. pursuant to the call of the President of the
Board and after notice to each member of the Board. (See copy
of notice hereto attached.)

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. J. P. McConnell.
The roll call showed the following members present;

Hon. R. B. Davis, President, presiding, Messrs. V. R. Shackel-
ford, W. C. Locker, Jno. W. Price, A. G. Preston, O. L. Shumake,
George B. Russell, R. C. Stearns. Dr. J. P. McConnell and
Dr. J. L. Jarman were also present.

The minutes of the meeting held at Farmville on
April 25th, 1915 were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

The President of the Board read a letter from
Mr. Julian A. Burruss, President of the Harrisonburg School,
asking for leave of absence from October 5th to October 30th, 1915.
Mr. Geo. B. Russell moved that the leave of absence requested by
Mr. Burruss be granted, and that the Secretary-Auditor be
instructed to advise Mr. Burruss of the action of the Board,
which motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Richard B. Davis reported that he had investi-
gated the question as to the right of the school board to purchase
real estate for school purposes, and that in his opinion the
Board is not authorized to incur any obligation for such purposes
or to make such purchases with any money appropriated by the
Legislature for some other specific purpose, but that the Board
can purchase real estate if it has the money on hand which
is not appropriated for some other specific purpose.

Judge Price requested further time for his committee to make a final report on the relations existing between the architect and the Harrisonburg, Radford and Fredericksburg Schools. The Committee was continued and given further time for a report.

Mr. Shackelford stated that in the absence of the other two members of the committee appointed at the last meeting to make a report on the Harrisonburg buildings, he would not make a report at this meeting. The committee was continued and requested to make a report as soon as practicable.

Dr. J. P. McConnell presented a written report, dated September 18th, 1915, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr. Locker moved that the purchase of the equipment by Dr. McConnell for the new dormitory out of the special appropriation made for that purpose by the Legislature be ratified and approved, which motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

On motion the Board took a recess until 3 o'clock P.M. for dinner and to inspect the new dormitory.

The Board reconvened at 3 o'clock with the same members present.

Judge Price submitted a written report from the building Committee of the Radford School, together with a certificate from C. M. Robinson, the architect, which report was, on motion, received and ordered to be filed as a part of the minutes of this meeting. (See report, pages post.)

On motion, duly seconded, the recommendations contained in said report were adopted and the president of the school was directed to pay the contractor the balance due on his contract with the exception of \$100.00, which will be retained until several minor defects mentioned in said report are corrected.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Dr McConnell be authorized to spend out of the profits of the Summer School of 1915 an amount not exceeding \$500.00, for new books for the library at the Radford School.

Dr. McConnell reported that after consultation with the president and several members of the Board, he had undertaken the work of lowering the steam pipe line with the understanding that the work was to be paid for out of the profits of the Summer School; and on motion, duly seconded, his action in this respect was approved, and he was authorized to pay for the said work out of the fund indicated. On motion, duly seconded, the proposition embraced in Paragraph 9 of Dr. McConnell's report was adopted, the said proposition being as follows:

"It has occurred to me that it would be a wise and economical plan for me to build a house that will serve the president of this institution for a number of years, and that you pay me rent for the use of this house at the rate that you are now paying for the use of the house that is so inconvenient and so remote. If this arrangement were made any time that you were able to build a house for the president on the Normal School grounds, you would, of course, discontinue saying rent for that house and it would not obligate you in any measure other than to pay the rent for such time as you think it well for the president of this institution to occupy the house. This would not cost this institution any more than it now costs for me to occupy the house I now use, and it would put me in easy touch with the Normal School and enable my wife and myself to do many things for the school that we can not well do living where we now are. Some time ago I bought a suitable lot adjoining the Normal School ground."

On motion, duly seconded, the question as to the amount of insurance to be carried on the new building at Radford was referred to the President of the Board, Dr. McConnell and the Secretary-Auditor.

Mr. Stearnes introduced Mr. Everett, Editor of the Va. Journal of Education, who desired the schools to advertise in his publication. Mr. Shackelford moved that the president of any of the Normal Schools for Women who deem it advisable to advertise in the Virginia Journal of Education be authorized to advertise in said publication to an amount not exceeding \$100.00 per annum for each school; which motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

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President Jarman stated that the steam pipes, were in such condition that he found it necessary to put them in concrete conduits and had expended about \$1500.00 for this purpose. In order to effect a considerable saving in the fuel, he suggested that he be allowed to continue this work, thus connecting up the Training School Building and the West Wing -- conduits already laid were in the Main Building. He further stated that he would expect the Board to ask the Legislature for an appropriation to cover this work, but in case the Legislature failed to make the appropriation, he guaranteed that the Board would not be financially embarrassed on account of it. On motion, he was given the authority to continue the work in accordance with the above suggestion. (See letter from Dr. Jarman to A. Stuart Robertson filed with the records of this meeting.)

The Secretary-Auditor read a report from Mr. Hull, dated Sept. 18, 1915, in regard to fire insurance rates, which report was received and ordered to be filed. In accordance with the recommendations contained in the last paragraph of said report, the President, on motion duly seconded and carried, appointed Mr. Hull and the four presidents of the schools as a committee on insurance rates with power to act.

Mr. Davis reported that the Fredericksburg Building Committee had accepted the new building at that school, and authorized the final payment to be made to the contractors.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.