

Minutes of a special meeting of the Virginia Normal School Board held at the Jefferson Hotel at Richmond Va., May 9, 1919, at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to notice mailed to each member of the Board and to Dr. E. H. Russell.

Present, Hon. John W. Price, President presiding, and Messrs. V. R. Shackelford, D. D. Hull, Jr., R. S. Chamberlayne, W. C. Locker, M. T. Cooke, A. G. Preston, Geo. L. Taylor, Harris Hart and Dr. H. M. DeJarnette.

The minutes of the meeting held April 12th were read, corrected and approved as corrected.

Dr. DeJarnette stated in open meeting to the Board that notwithstanding the opinion of the Attorney General to the effect that the Board has authority to compensate him for services rendered at the Fredericksburg school during the epidemic of Influenza, he feels that the payment of the fee would establish a bad policy for the schools and he therefore declines to accept any compensation for the services rendered.

On motion of Mr. Cooke, duly seconded and carried, the thanks of the Board were extended to Dr. DeJarnette for the valuable services he had rendered the patients at the Fredericksburg school.

The committee appointed on April 12, 1919, to make an intensive study of conditions existing at the several normal schools of the State reported that the committee had been to the Fredericksburg State Normal School and made a thorough investigation of conditions at that institution; and Mr. Hull, the Chairman of the Committee, made a full oral report to the Board as to the result of that investigation.

Judge Price read the resignation of Dr. E. H. Russell as President of the Fredericksburg school which is as follows:

May 9, 1919.

"The Virginia Normal School Board.
Gentlemen:-

For several years my health has been impaired and I feel impelled in justice to myself and the best interest of the school to herewith tender my resignation as president of the State Normal School for Women at Fredericksburg.

Very respectfully,

E. H. Russell."

Mr. Shackelford moved that the verbal report of the committee appointed to study conditions at the several schools be accepted and that the evidence returned with the report be filed with the records of the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried.

Mr. Hart moved that the resignation of Dr. Russell be accepted to take effect this day, and that the said special committee with the assistance of the Secretary-Auditor and such expert assistance as they may deem necessary, be directed to have the accounts of the president with the School audited and to make a final settlement with Mr. Russell; which was duly seconded and carried. Mr. Hart moved that the duties and authority of the president of the school devolve upon and be assigned to the Dean of the school until a president is elected. This motion was duly seconded and carried.

Mr. Hull moved that the president of this Board be requested to go to Fredericksburg and announce to the faculty of the school that the president had resigned and the duties of the president had been assigned to the Dean for the remainder of the session. This motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved and carried that Mr. A. B. Chandler Jr., be appointed Conductor of the Summer School at Fredericksburg for the summer of 1919.

It was moved and carried that a committee of three, of which the president of this Board shall be Chairman, be appointed to receive application and to investigate possibilities for the presidency of the Fredericksburg school and

report to the Board.

As members of the above committee, Messrs. Price, Hart, and De-Jarnette were appointed.

Mr. Hull reporting for the special committee on improvements at Radford, stated that the committee had been to Radford and had approved Dr. McConnell's plans for laying cement walks on the grounds and had authorized him to proceed with the work; that the committee thought plans from several competent land-scape artists should be secured before deciding on the plans for the wall.

On motion duly seconded the report of the committee was adopted.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. McConnell, asking authority to purchase a piano and authority to raise Miss Allen's salary to \$90.00 per month beginning April 15, 1919.

On motion duly seconded and carried Dr. McConnell was authorized to purchase a piano as requested, at the price of \$240.00, the same to be paid out of the money to the credit of the Boarding Department; and on like motion duly seconded and carried, he was authorized to increase Miss Allen's salary to \$90.00 per month beginning April 15, 1919.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Secretary-Auditor.

Approved,

President.