

REPORT OF MEETING OF BUILDING COMMITTEE
 VIRGINIA NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD
 AT HARRISONBURG, VA., MAY 6th, 1916.

The Building Committee of Virginia Normal School Board met in Students' Building at Harrisonburg May 6th, 1916, for the purpose of opening bids for the erection of Dormitory No. 3. There were present Messrs. W. W. King, Alfred G. Preston and W. C. Locker, President Julian A. Burruss and Mr. A. Stuart Robertson, Secretary-Auditor, and Mr. Charles M. Robinson, Architect of the School.

The Architect advised the Committee that it was customary to open bids for public work in the presence of the bidders but that in his opinion the appropriation was not sufficient to do all of the work desired, notwithstanding that bids were being taken for alternates ranging from a fireproof building to a standard building, and that if the Board desired to have contractors refigure or to have the lowest bidder revise his bid it would not be wise to make known the figures at the present time. The Committee decided to open bids in executive session, which was done, and bids were as follows:

<u>Name of Bidder.</u>	<u>General Bid.</u>	<u>#1 Alternate</u>	<u>#2 Alternate</u>	<u>#3 Alternate</u>	<u>#4 Alternate</u>	<u>#5 Alternate</u>
W. M. Bucher & Son	\$36,350.00	\$30,995.00	\$ 695.00	\$2,475.00	\$ 360.00	\$1,060.00
Longest & Tessier	43,900.00	33,000.00	267.30	3,328.26	210.65	1,200.00
J. S. Dovel & Co.	45,241.00	33,375.00	1,799.00	4,005.00	272.00	1,366.00
King Lumber Co.	51,343.00	48,343.00	1,700.00	2,300.00	200.00	550.00
Richardson & Burgess, Inc.	57,672.00	48,672.00	600.00	2,488.00	649.00	490.00

The Architect reported that these bids were for all work inside of the building, but did not include supplying steam nor hot water to the building. He reported further that the heating apparatus in Dormitory No. 2 was designed to provide for heat for two dormitories and the Science Building. The Students' Building has been added to this group with only a small addition to one of the boilers and the apparatus is overtaxed fully 50%. The stack capacity in this building is even overtaxed for the present boilers. The Architect advised that if it was at all possible that the steam for the new dormitory should be carried across from the main system and that the main should be of sufficient size to distribute heat to all of the future buildings on that side. He advised against installing a boiler under Dormitory No. 3 except as a last resort. President Burruss made the suggestion that a high pressure boiler be added to heating system under Dormitory No. 3 with a temporary iron stack and that one of the boilers of the present heating system be moved across to Dormitory No. 3 for heating that building. His attention was called to the fact that if this was done considerable expense would be incurred in preparing the basement to receive this heating apparatus. President Burruss reported that in all of the buildings the treacherous foundation had made necessary providing considerable money for extra work and that this should be considered in awarding contract for this building. After a full discussion the Committee decided that for the money available it would be impossible to secure a fireproof building, and awarded the contract to W. M. Bucher & Son under Alternate Bid No. 1 for a standard building at their figure of \$30,995.00, with the condition that the contractor give an option to the committee to include Alternates 2, 4 and 5. The purpose of this was to permit the contractor to put in his foundations and see if extra work of any great amount was necessary. Contractor accepted this condition and the Architect was instructed to prepare contract and report on bond.

Meeting of Building Committee,
Harrisonburg, May 6th, 1916.
Page 2.

The Committee made an inspection of the kitchen department and gave informal instructions as to their desires in this particular. The President of the School was asked to report the itemized expenditures desired in this particular and he instructed the Architect to get these matters in shape, following the wishes of the Committee, particularly in regard to the floors of kitchen and dish washing room and protecting the ceiling of the kitchen over the range.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Robinson