

MINUTES of a meeting of the Virginia Normal School Board held at the Fredericksburg School, Fredericksburg, Va., Saturday, Apl. 21, 1917, pursuant to notice mailed to all members of the Board.

Present:- Messrs. V. R. Shackelford, Vice-President, presiding, W. W. King, W. C. Locker, A. G. Preston, Otho F. Mears, Geo. R. Russell, D. D. Hull, Jr., and Brock T. White.

The minutes of the meeting held Jan. 20, 1917, were read and corrected and approved as corrected.

Mr. Locker made an oral report for the Committee appointed at the last meeting to look into the appropriation under the Smith-Hughes Act. He stated that the Committee had held several meetings and had requested the Governor to accept the provisions of the bill, which could be done without additional appropriations to the schools to be benefitted, and to designate the State Board of Education to handle the fund in this State.

Mr. King made an oral report for the Harrisonburg Building Committee, stating that he, Mr. White and Dr. Burruss had met the contractor and architect at the school on April 18, 1917, and had found the work to be well done with the exception of the concrete floor of the porch. He read a letter from the architect to the contractor directing that this inferior work be made good.

It was moved and carried that the Harrisonburg Building Committee be authorized to accept the new dormitory at that School and on acceptance to authorize the final payment to be made to the contractors.

Dr. Jarman came before the Board and stated his reasons for bringing before the Board at this time his proposal to print the words, "A College for Teachers", on the Farmville catalog and advertising matter.

Mr. Hull moved that this matter be taken up in the regular course of the calendar after the reports of the school presidents to come before the meeting are disposed of, which motion was duly carried.

President Russell asked directions as to painting the school property and presented bids for painting the buildings aggregating some \$1800.00.



It was moved and carried that Pres. Russell be authorized to have only such painting done as is absolutely necessary to preserve the wood-work, the cost of such painting not to exceed \$300.00.

It was moved and carried that the Board authorize Dr. Russell to expend a sum of not exceeding \$300.00 for the improvement of the road at the rear of the school property on the basis of the proposition of Commissioner C. W. Heckler of Spotsylvania County, addressed to Mr. E. H. Russell, dated Feb. 2, 1917, a copy of which is filed with the records of this meeting.

President Burruss presented a written report dated Apl. 21, 1917, which was received and ordered to be filed.

On motion duly carried the action mentioned in said report was ratified and approved.

Dr. Burruss presented a request from Miss Bell that tuition paid by her for the first quarter be refunded on the ground that since entering the school she has determined to teach.

Mr. White moved That in cases where a student has entered a school, paying tuition, without intention of teaching and later declares her intention of teaching, signing the scholarship agreements, the presidents of the schools are respectively authorized in their discretion to refund the tuition fees paid by such students. This motion was duly carried.

President McConnell presented a written report dated Apl. 19, 1917, which was received and ordered to be filed.

The recommendation of Dr. McConnell that the medical fee at the Radford School be increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per session was, on motion duly seconded, adopted.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Hull be appointed a committee of one to take up the matter of heat and water connections for Dr. McConnell's house, with power to act.

President Jarman brought to the attention of the Board the desirability of installing fire doors at the Farmville school as suggested by the fire insurance people.



It was moved and carried that the matter of placing steel screens in the corridors at the Farmville School be left to the discretion of Dr. Jarman, it being understood that the cost of such screens shall not exceed \$1,000.00.

President Russell presented a written report dated April 21, 1917, which was received and filed.

A committee from the School Board of Fredericksburg came before the meeting to discuss the basis of compensation of the critic teachers in the training school, Dr. Russell having recommended in section 3 of his report that the Normal School pay \$3600.00 instead of \$2180.00 as heretofore paid.

Mr. Hull moved that a committee of three be appointed to consider the recommendation of President Russell with reference to the training school, with power to act on the recommendation to increase the appropriation for the ensuing year, and to make a report to the Board on the general training school proposition for the future; which motion was duly carried. As members of this committee the Chair appointed Messrs. Shewmake, Locker and Shackelford.

It was moved and carried that the Fredericksburg Building Committee be requested to look into the matter of plans and specifications for the heating plant and report with recommendations to the Annual meeting of the Board, or, sooner if practicable, to the Executive Committee.

It was moved and carried that Dr. Russell be authorized to secure an option on the lot of Mr. G. M. Harrison adjoining the Normal School property.

Referring to item "6" in Dr. Russell's report, it was moved and carried that Mr. Clarkson be not relieved from the obligation for the payment of tuition for his daughters, who had held scholarships in the school and since leaving the school do not expect to teach.

Referring to item "7" of said report, it was moved and carried that Capt. Harrison's request for an additional month's



salary be passed for the present.

All of the school presidents came into the meeting at this time.

It was moved and carried that the next Annual Meeting of the Board be held at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond.

Upon the recommendation of the school presidents it was moved and carried that for the next regular session the charge at all of the schools for board and washing be fixed at \$18.00 per month, with the reservation of the right to increase the charge to a sum not exceeding \$20.00 per month at any time during the session.

Dr. Burruss requested that the Harrisonburg School be authorized to offer a four year course of professional training leading to the B.S. degree, the third year work to be offered for the session of 1917-18 and the fourth year work in 1918-19. Dr. McConnell asked authority for the Radford school to offer, beginning with the session of 1917-18, an optional three-year course for those preparing to teach in the High Schools. He stated that no degrees would be asked for such students and that those in the future who finish a two-year course in addition to the sixteen High School units would be graduated and receive diplomas of graduation as at present.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Burruss and Dr. McConnell be authorized to offer this additional training in accordance with their requests and recommendations.

The following resolution was offered and duly carried:

Whereas it has come to the knowledge of the Virginia Normal School Board that the Council of the City of Harrisonburg has under consideration the use of a water supply from Layman Spring, South of said City, and

Whereas, we are informed that bacteriological tests have shown that the water from said source is unsafe for drinking purposes, and

Whereas, the State Normal School for Women at Harrisonburg,



an institution administered by this Board, is dependent upon the City water supply, and the health and well-being of its students and employees require that said water be pure and safe for all purposes,

Therefore, be it resolved that we urge the Council of the City of Harrisonburg not to use water from Layman Spring as an addition to the City water supply, under any conditions, for general public use, or water from any other source concerning the purity of which there is any doubt.

On motion, <sup>action on</sup> the request of Dr. Jarman for authority to print the words, " A College for Teachers", on the the school catalog was deferred.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Approved,

Blair Robertson

Secretary-Auditor.

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President.