

Minutes of Board Meeting

January 18, 1955

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State College was held in the President's Office Tuesday, January 18, 1955, at 1 p.m. Present were State Superintendent Wendell Butler, chairman of the Board, Regents Clarence Bartlett, John E. Richardson, and J. P. Masters. Mr. Kelly Thompson, Assistant to the President, Dr. F. C. Grise, Dean of the College, Mr. E. H. Canon, Registrar, Mr. L. T. Smith, Head Industrial Arts Department, Dr. Ward Sumpter, of the Chemistry Department, Miss Florence Schneider, Bursar, Mrs. Kathryn Williams, Secretary to the President, and Miss Etta J. Runner, Secretary to the Board of Regents, were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Butler who presided.

Mr. Thompson read the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Regents held on August 21, 1954. Judge Bartlett moved that the minutes be approved. With a second by Mr. Masters and with all members voting "aye" the motion was adopted.

Mr. Thompson reported that pursuant to the action of the Board on June 12, 1954, he had contacted the American Telegraph and Telephone Company to see if they would sell to the College 40 feet of land needed to make the present right-of-way 60 feet from the Nashville Road to the remaining acreage in the Miller farm, owned by the College. He stated that the American Telegraph and Telephone Company had agreed to sell the 40 feet to the College for \$450.00 based upon the original price which they had paid the College. After a discussion Mr. Richardson moved that Mr. Thompson be authorized to proceed with the purchase of the 40 feet needed. Upon a second by Mr. Masters all members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

Mr. Thompson reported that in accordance with a request at the meeting of the Board of Regents on August 21, 1954, he contacted Mr. Richardson and they after making some investigations decided to deposit the \$5,000.00 bequeathed to the College in the will of Carolyn H. Snell in the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Glasgow, Kentucky. The interest rate to be 3 per cent and bring to the College \$150.00 per year to go into the scholarship fund. A motion was made by Mr. Bartlett that this investment and the acts of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Richardson be ratified by this Board. With a second by Mr. Masters and with all members voting "aye" the motion carried.

Next Mr. Thompson stated that the College had received \$90,000.00 from the State Property and Buildings Commission to renovate Potter Hall and asked Mr. L. T. Smith to make a detailed report of the work to the Board. Mr. Smith stated that this work is progressing nicely and he hoped to have the ground floor where the old kitchen and dining room were located

completed within the next 60 days. This floor will have 33 student rooms and as soon as the ground floor is completed they will finish one floor at a time above it. He stated that the College had been able to save money on this project by doing the work mainly with Western's own people. Mr. Thompson stated that the \$90,000.00 also includes new furniture for the building and that a committee will go to Lexington Monday to study manufacturers' furniture that is on display at the University of Kentucky. Mr. Thompson also stated that the furniture will be purchased with the advice and help of the State Purchasing Department at Frankfort, and every effort will be made to get the best and at the same time enough for the entire building.

Mr. Thompson made a report to the Board on the renovation of VanMeter Auditorium with the \$25,000.00 allotted the College for this purpose. He stated that a new floor has been covered with asphalt tile; that new seats, curtains, light fixtures, shades, and a lighting system on the stage equal to a Broadway theater have all been made possible with this money. He stated that Western has not only tried to put the auditorium in first-class shape but that the entire building has been renovated.

Mr. Thompson next read a letter from J. T. Orendorf, local attorney, dated January 18, 1955, concerning 5/1000 of an acre of land to be deeded to the Detrex Corporation for the sum of \$2.50. The letter follows:

Law Offices
Coleman, Harlin & Orendorf
Bowling Green, Ky
January 18, 1955

Mr. E. Kelly Thompson
Assistant to the President
Western Kentucky State College
Bowling Green, Ky

Dear Sir:

I have examined the deed of correction of date January 18, 1955, between Western Kentucky State College and the Detrex Corporation and I have also discussed the matter with Mr. Winkenhofner, who has been kind enough to show me his entire file.

It appears that the original conveyance from Western to the Detrex Corporation conveyed 18.70 acres of land, but that the right-of-way of a highway to be constructed fronting said factory site was so surveyed as to prevent the corporation's land from fronting squarely upon said highway. It appears that the corporation desires to square its corner on its eastern boundary and that in order for this to be

done, it will be necessary for Western to convey to the Detrex Corporation an additional 5/1000 of an acre. This means also that the right-of-way into the remaining property of Western will be at right angles to the new highway.

This is a typical example of the work of a perfectionist but the documents appear in order and I can see no reason why your Board should not execute the corrected deed, as for all practical purposes it merely amounts to a gesture of cooperation with the new industry.

I am enclosing herewith the copy of the proposed deed which you sent to my office.

Yours very truly,

COLEMAN, HARLIN & ORENDORF

J. T. Orendorf .

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Mr. Thompson stated that Gus Winkenhofer, attorney for the Detrex Corporation had drawn up a deed at request of Detrex in order to "square up" a line slightly miscalculated in the original survey from which Western deeded 18.70 acres to Detrex as referred to in minutes of June 12, 1954.

After a full discussion of the matter Mr. Masters moved that the following resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bartlett and with all members voting "aye" the motion was unanimously adopted. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, Kentucky, did pass a resolution on June 12, 1954, a certified copy being attached hereto, granting an option to certain parties to purchase real estate described therein, and subsequently thereto the Detrex Corporation of Detroit, Michigan, did exercise said option to purchase said real estate; and

WHEREAS, Western Kentucky State College and the proper and necessary state officials executed a deed dated July 13, 1954, conveying said land to the Detrex Corporation, said deed being recorded in Deed Book 271, Page 400, Warren County Court Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the execution of said deed it was determined that it was necessary to have a new survey made and upon the completion of said survey it was ascertained that it is necessary to execute a new deed for the purpose of correcting the boundary description of said land conveyed;

BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College agrees to convey to Detrex Corporation of Detroit, Michigan, the following tract of land located south of the city limits of Bowling Green in Warren County, Kentucky, and lying between U. S. Highway 31-W (Nashville Road) and the eastern edge of the right of way of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, said tract of land being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a permanent concrete boundary marker bearing a bronze data plate with elevation "520.27" (feet above sea level) and the words "Detrex Corporation" inscribed thereon, said marker being located approximately at a point S. 26 W. 2570 feet from the present terminus of Old U. S. Highway #68; thence S. 26 W. 200 feet; thence S. 25 W 200 feet; thence S. 24 W. 36 feet to the point of beginning; thence S. 24 W. 164 feet; thence S. 23 W. 200 feet; thence S. 22 W. 200 feet; thence S. 21 W. 201 feet; thence S. 65 E. 1201 feet; thence to the left and at right angles N. 25 E. 571.5 feet; thence N. 56-07 W. 1248 feet to the point of beginning, containing 18.705 acres, according to survey of D. A. Lawson, C. E., Ky.-967, dated August 10, 1954, and recorded in Plat Book _____, Page _____, Warren County Court Clerk's Office.

Being a portion of the property conveyed to the Board of Regents of Normal School and Teachers College at Bowling Green, Kentucky (now known as the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, Kentucky) by W. C. Ford and wife, Bessie Ford, Charles L. Taylor and wife Ella Taylor, and L. Y. Lancaster and wife, Fernie Lancaster, by deed dated December 17, 1926, and of record in Deed Book 167, Page 433, in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Warren County, Kentucky,

and that the price agreed upon of \$500.00 per acre shall be paid to Western Kentucky State College by Detrex Corporation of Detroit, Michigan, with said Detrex Corporation

of Detroit, Michigan, being given credit for the sum of \$9,350.00, the amount paid to Western Kentucky State College on July ____, 1954;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That E. Kelly Thompson, Assistant to the President, Western Kentucky State College, and Wendell P. Butler, Chairman, Board of Regents, Western Kentucky State College, and all other necessary and proper state officials in their official, respective capacities, be and they are hereby requested, authorized, empowered and directed to execute a good and sufficient deed in behalf of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College conveying the hereinabove-described property to the Detrex Corporation of Detroit, Michigan, and/or its successors and assigns, and they are further empowered and directed to exercise any and all other instruments that may be necessary to the successful completion and consummation of the sale of said real estate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution and the authority and powers granted herein are made in accordance with the provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes, Sections 42.060, 56.450, 56.460, 56.500 and 164.310-410, and any and all other applicable sections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution and the attached resolution of June 12, 1954, be spread upon the permanent Minute Book of the Board of Regents, Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Upon motion duly seconded, and the necessary quorum of said Board being present and voting, the above resolution was passed without a dissenting vote.

This January 18, 1955.

WENDELL P. BUTLER
Wendell P. Butler, Chairman
Board of Regents, Western
Kentucky State College,
Bowling Green, Kentucky

ATTEST:

ETTA J. RUNNER
Etta J. Runner, Secretary,
Board of Regents, Western
Kentucky State College,
Bowling Green, Kentucky

I, Etta J. Runner, Secretary of the Board of Regents, Western Kentucky State College, do hereby certify that the resolution hereby submitted is a true, correct and compared copy of the resolution as passed by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College at a meeting held in the City Of Bowling Green, Kentucky, on the 18th day of January, 1955.

ETTA J. RUNNER
Etta J. Runner, Secretary,
Board of Regents,
Western Kentucky State College.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Etta J. Runner on this the 18th day of January 1955.

AUGUST WINKENHOFER, JR.
Notary Public, State-at-Large, Ky.

My commission expires: 1/10/56

Secretary's Note:

The deed referred to in the above resolution is recorded in Deed Book _____, Page _____, Warren County Court Clerk's Office

The resolution of June 12, 1954, referred to in the above resolution will be found on Pages 1187 and 1188 of Minute Book No. 4.

Mr. Bartlett suggested that a copy of the original survey of the acreage sold to the Detrex Corporation as well as the amended survey be filed with the College for their records.

It was suggested by the Board that from the money received from the sale of acreage to the Detrex Corporation the \$450.00 payment be made to the American Telegraph and Telephone Company for the additional 40 feet right-of-way.

Mr. Thompson reported that the \$150.00 fee charged by Coleman, Harlin & Orendorf Law Firm for services rendered the College in the litigation with Miss Marie Murphy has been paid. Mr. Bartlett moved that the Board of Regents hereby ratify the payment of this fee to the firm of Coleman, Harlin & Orendorf. The motion was seconded by Mr. Masters and unanimously passed, all members voting "aye".

The next item reported by Mr. Thompson was the Ogden College Lease. He stated that the present lease between the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State College and the Board of Trustees of Ogden College will expire December 31, 1957; that he had talked the matter over with President Garrett and that the President appointed him and Dr. Ward Sumpter to see what could be done about renewing the lease at an early date. After a full and complete discussion of the advantages of an early renewal of this lease Mr. Bartlett moved that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since January 1, 1928, Western Kentucky State College has enjoyed the use of the Ogden Campus and buildings under the term of a contract entered into on November 19, 1927, between the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College and the Regent and Trustees of Ogden College, and under the terms and provisions of a second and similar contract between the Boards of the two institutions entered into on the 20th day of December, 1947; and

WHEREAS, Western Kentucky State College has also received benefits from the payment of monies derived from the Ogden and Robinson Funds of Ogden College, and especially from scholarships awarded to Western students by the Ogden Trustees -

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College, meeting officially in Bowling Green on the campus of Western Kentucky State College

on January 18, 1955, hereby express to the Regent and Trustees of Ogden College the sincere appreciation of the Administration and Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College for the splendid contribution made to the overall program at Western Kentucky State College for the past twenty-seven years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That whereas all educational forecasts indicate material increases in enrollment for all American colleges for some years to come, and in view of the fact that the enrollment at Western Kentucky State College for the present school year has shown a substantial increase over the several years immediately preceding; and whereas, it is the purpose of this meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College to consider ways and means of preparing to meet its obligations to the people of Kentucky when these increases in enrollments materialize; and whereas it appears from surveys made of the facilities of Western Kentucky State College that the class room and laboratory facilities are at present capable of accommodating some 2,500 students, but the dormitory facilities are now taxed to capacity. but that plans have already been made to meet the demands for additional dormitory space; and

WHEREAS, the estimate of class room and laboratory accommodations include the use of the facilities now available to Western on the Ogden College Campus; and whereas, it appears that the consolidation of facilities during the past twenty-seven years has been beneficial to both institutions and it seems that the intent of the wills of Robert Ogden and John E. Robinson and R. C. P. Thomas are being carried out under the present arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the present contract existing between the official boards of the two institutions will expire on December 31, 1957, and in view of the fact that in the continuance of its program, Western Kentucky State College will be required to either use the facilities of Ogden College or to erect new facilities for the departments of agriculture and biological sciences, and since the construction of new facilities to house such departments would require a minimum of two or three years; and whereas it appears that in the interest of good management the Regents of Western Kentucky State College should take steps at the present time to insure the full and continuing additional program which it now offers -

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College that the Regent and Board of Trustees of Ogden College be and are hereby requested to renew or extend the present contract existing between the two institutions, or that a new contract be negotiated between the said institutions embracing terms mutually acceptable to the two Boards in order that facilities of Ogden College remain available for the use of Western Kentucky State College, and in view of the present relations and excellent services rendered under said contract, it is requested that said contract be extended, or that a new contract be executed relative to the use of said facilities for a period of twenty years.

This January 18, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDELL P. BUTLER
Superintendent of Public
Instruction, Chairman

CLARENCE BARTLETT

JOHN E. RICHARDSON

J. P. MASTERS

Mr. Richardson seconded the motion and all members voting "aye" it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Thompson next reported that the College has been allocated \$10,000.00 from the State Property and Buildings Commission to be used for preliminary plans and specifications for two new dormitories. He read a letter from the Commission asking that the College recommend an architect if it so desired. After a discussion of the matter Mr. Bartlett recommended Robertson and Johnson, architects, of Owensboro. Whereupon Mr. Richardson made a motion that Mr. Bartlett's recommendation be submitted to the State Property and Buildings Commission at Frankfort for their consideration. With a second by Mr. Masters and with all members voting in the affirmative the motion carried unanimously.

Financing the erection of the new dormitories was discussed and Mr. Thompson said that Western would proceed to investigate all known possibilities for the underwriting of dormitory construction, including help from the Commonwealth, FHA Loan, and propositions from Bonding Companies and that this information would be made ready for the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Thompson reported to the Board the budget adopted at their last meeting on August 21, 1954, was working out extremely well. He states that a thorough checking showed that the College had passed the first quarter on schedule and that every indication was that we would be exactly on schedule at the completion of the current fiscal year.

Mr. Richardson moved with a second by Mr. Masters that the meeting adjourn. The motion was unanimously passed.

Wendell P. Butler
Chairman

Etta J. Rasmussen
Secretary

Minutes of Board Meeting

March 26, 1955

A meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College was held in the President's Office at 9:30 a. m., Saturday, March 26, 1955. Present--Mr. John E. Richardson, Mr. Clarence Bartlett, Mr. J. P. Masters and Mr. Vernon Shallcross. Mr. Wendell Butler, ex-officio chairman of the Board was absent because of illness.

Mr. Richardson, vice-chairman, presided and called the meeting to order.

The question of selecting an acting president to take over the duties of the College was the first item of business. The question was discussed at length, after which the following resolution was read: