

# Minutes of Board Meeting

October 24, 1933.

The Board met in called session in the office of President Cherry Tuesday afternoon, October 24, 1933. In the absence of State Superintendent of Education, Dr. James H. Richmond, Mr. Cuthbertson, vice-chairman, called the house to order. The roll was called and there were present besides Mr. Cuthbertson, Judge Hines and Senator Franklin.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and adopted.

The Executive Committee reported that they had considered the advisability of granting to the Lions Club license to use certain portions of the Ogden field for a runway for air planes when landing. It was decided to offer the city this permit in exchange for the use of free water on College Heights.

The excessive cost of electrical power on College Hill was discussed and the advisability and practical necessity of installing a plant.

The Executive Committee acting on the authority vested in them by the Board of Regents at the last meeting reported that they had arranged for Attorneys John B. Rodes and Rodes K. Myers to prepare papers and to take other necessary steps in order to enter into negotiations with the Federal Government Bureau so that a plan could be worked out by which Western may be able to secure certain money for the construction of needed buildings. This action was approved and the report adopted unanimously. (2)

The following resolution was introduced:

Whereas: a considerable operating balance of receipts has been maintained by the College for the fiscal year 1933-34, as shown by the budget, for the purpose of avoiding an operating deficit, and whereas: reduction in salaries of the staff of the College for 1932-33 amounted to approximately 15% of the salary budget, and for 1933-34 to approximately 20%: Be it resolved by the Board of Regents that the sum of \$25,000.00 or such part thereof as may remain unexpended be set aside from the operating balance to be used for additional personnel and salary adjustment.

Upon motion of Senator Franklin with a second By Judge Hines the resolution was adopted and approved. It was unanimously passed.



Upon motion of Senator Franklin with a second from Judge Hines it was agreed that the College Extension Department, Farms, and Dormitories be declared self operating units to be operated and maintained out of their receipts. Any balance remaining unexpended in operation and maintenance of the same shall be used for the general operation and maintenance of the College. The motion was unanimously passed.

President Cherry stated that he would like for the Board to invite Dr. Grise into the meeting for a statement concerning the academic work of the College with special reference to the graduate school. He did this, after which a motion was made to the effect that the Board recognizes the value of the graduate work and that it is the opinion of the Board that under no consideration should this work be discontinued. This motion was made by Senator Franklin and seconded by Judge Hines and unanimously passed.

A motion was made that Dr. Cherry, who had been called to attend on next Thursday an important official meeting of the presidents of the Teachers Colleges in Kentucky, and the president of University of Kentucky, requested by Dr. Reeves of Griffinhagen and Associates for the purpose of discussing certain phases of his report, should take with him the individuals he may need and that their expenses be paid by the institution. This motion was made by Senator Franklin, seconded by Judge Hines and unanimously passed.

3 The following resolution prepared by Judge Rodes and presented to the Board was adopted upon motion of Senator Franklin seconded by Judge Hines and unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, The National Recovery Act approved January 16, 1933, appears to provide a method of financing by loan (including grant of 30%) three construction projects which have been under discussion by this Board and the immediate and imperative need of which has heretofore and is now declared to-wit:

FIRST, The construction and equipment of dormitory apartment buildings, and classrooms to cost approximately \$600,000.

SECOND, Completion and equipment of the Kentucky Building for historical museum, classroom and laboratory purposes to cost approximately \$125,000.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED:

FIRST, That at the earliest possible date a proper application be made to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a loan, not to exceed \$725,000 (including grant of 30% of the cost of labor



and materials) for the purpose of financing the construction of the three projects mentioned above, that is to say, of said dormitory apartment buildings and classrooms upon the grounds of campus of Teachers College; and of the completion of the present Kentucky Building, the outside structure of which is now standing and roofed, the latter to be used as an historical museum and also for classrooms and laboratory work and other educational purposes.

SECOND, That these loans be requested for a period of thirty years at 4% and that the same shall be secured upon the following basis to-wit;

By the conveyance to the United States of America of the grounds upon which such dormitory apartment buildings and classrooms are to be erected through the expenditure of approximately \$600,000;

And, the conveyance to the United States of America of the grounds upon which the Kentucky Building now stands, the said loan of \$125,000 to be used in the completion of said building.

All of said buildings are to be leased to this Board of Regents for reasonable annual rentals sufficient to pay the interest of 4% per annum and to amortize the principal amount of such loans in the period of thirty years above referred to. (See Kentucky Statutes paragraph 4535cc Sub-Sec 1-2-3.

The payment of such rentals may be secured by:

- a. The reservation and application of the 30% of the cost of material and labor grant.
- b. The transfer and pledge of approximately \$125,000 of subscriptions made to the College Heights Foundation, incorporated, for the purpose embraced within the charter of that corporation which is a non-profit concern.
- c. By the pledge and impounding of the gross amount of rentals of the apartments which may be leased to subtenants (less cost of insurance and necessary repairs).



- d. By the application of the general funds of this Board annually of an amount necessary to complete the full payment of interest and the amortization payments as determined and agreed upon with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

The right of re-purchase by this Board is to be exercised at such time as the total payments made to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works upon any or all of the above sources shall equal the full amount of the loans, both principal and interest.

THIRD, That the attorneys of this Board as set out below are hereby instructed to take all proper legal steps to make the above mentioned application and to put the same in form in order that the approval of such applications for said loans may be had at the earliest possible time; and also to prepare in connection with the attorneys of said Federal Administration such papers, instruments or contracts of lease, pledge or re-purchase, or otherwise, as may be agreed upon by them in order to perfect the objects of this resolution.

FOURTH, That H. H. Cherry, President of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College, and John B. Rodes, Attorney, Bowling Green, Kentucky, are hereby designated by this Board of Regents as its official representatives and correspondence may be conducted with either of them; that Rodes and Harlin of Bowling Green, Kentucky, (John B. Rodes and Max B. Harlin), and Rodes K. Myers of Bowling Green, Kentucky, are hereby employed as this Board's counsel or attorneys for the purpose of carrying out and perfecting the applications for loans above referred to, their services to be rendered upon the basis of just and reasonable compensation therefor, and that Brinton B. Davis of Louisville, Kentucky, is hereby employed as the Board's consulting architect and engineer with reference to the projects above mentioned.

FIFTH, That this resolution be entered at large upon the minutes of this meeting held on the twenty-fourth day of October, 1933.

President Cherry reported that work had been started on a conduit for a steam line extending from the heating plant to the Kentucky Building and that the steps taken should be approved and authority given for the completion of it. A motion to this effect was made by Senator Franklin and seconded by Judge Hines. It was unanimously passed.



At the request of the Board, Mr. J. P. Hines, engineer of the Hill, presented bids that had been received for the pipe and the other necessary items to be used in completing this connection. The lowest and best bid was from the Plumbers Supply Company of Louisville and the contract was awarded this firm upon motion of Senator Franklin, seconded by Judge Hines and unanimously passed.

Upon motion of Senator Franklin with a second from Judge Hines the Board adopted the budget as presented by President Cherry.

The Board then adjourned.

Mattie D. McLean  
Secretary

Wm. L. Lusk  
Vice-chairman

#### Minutes of Board Meeting

December 12, 1933.

The Board of Regents met in called session in the office of President Cherry. All members were present with the exception of Dr. James H. Richmond, State Superintendent of Education, and Mr. Sterrett Cuthbertson, all having notice of such meeting in advance thereof and also of the purpose for which it was called. In the absence of the chairman Senator Charles Franklin presided and called the house to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted as read.

Mr. John Rodes, Attorney, who had been invited to appear before the Board, presented the proposition that had been under discussion for some weeks, namely, making application to the Government through the Public Works Administration of the United States in order to secure

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