

Minutes of Board Meeting
May 7, 1957

The Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State College met in the Office of President Kelly Thompson, Tuesday morning, May 7, 1957, at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Sam Ezelle and Mr. Hugh Poland, having been appointed by Governor A. B. Chandler, qualified as members of the Board of Regents by taking the Constitutional Oath which was administered by Warren County Judge, John M. Milligan. Mr. Ezelle's appointment is for a term of two years, expiring March 31, 1959, and Mr. Poland's appointment is for a term of four years, expiring March 31, 1961.

OATH

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute to the best of my ability, the office of Member of Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State College according to law; and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the present Constitution, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within the State, nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God.

COPY OF APPOINTMENT

In The Name And By The Authority Of The
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Albert Benjamin Chandler
Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Know ye, That Hugh Poland, Guthrie, Kentucky, having been duly appointed as a Member of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College for a term to expire, March 31, 1961.

I hereby invest him with full power and authority to execute and discharge the duties of the said office according to law. And to have and to hold the same with all the rights and emoluments thereunto legally appertaining for and during the term prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed. Done at Frankfort, the 18th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 57 and in the one hundred and 65th year of the Commonwealth.

Albert B. Chandler

By - the Governor

Thelma L. Stovall

By - Secretary of State

S E A L

Frances L. Marshall

By - Assistant Secretary of State

Members present in addition to Mr. Ezelle and Mr. Poland were Dr. Robert Martin, chairman; Mr. Sheridan Barnes; Dr. W. R. McCormack; and Mr. Robert Spragens. There were also present President Kelly Thompson; Mr. Billy Smith, Business Manager; Dr. F. C. Grise, Dean of the College; Mr. E. H. Canon, Registrar; Mr. L. T. Smith, Head Industrial Arts Department.

Dr. Martin said that as chairman of the Board, he would like to commend Governor Chandler for appointing two outstanding Kentuckians to serve on the Board of Regents of this college and he would like to welcome the two new members. He also stated he knew of no position higher than that held by members of the Board of Regents of our State Colleges.

The chairman presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board held December 19, 1956. Mr. Ezelle moved with a second by Dr. McCormack that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with since each member of the Board had previously received a copy. With all members voting "aye" the motion was approved.

The chairman explained that the law states when new members are appointed to the Board there is to be a reorganization of the Board.

Mr. Spragens moved with a second by Mr. Ezelle that Mr. Bemis Lawrence be re-elected vice-chairman of the Board. With all members voting "aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Barnes moved that Etta J. Runner be re-elected Secretary of the Board. Upon a second by Dr. McCormack and with all members voting in the affirmative, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ezelle moved that Mr. Billy Smith be reappointed Treasurer. With all members voting "aye" the motion was declared unanimously adopted.

President Thompson then presented for the consideration of the Board the need for a policy regarding the seeking of public office by faculty or staff members. The matter was discussed and action postponed until the next meeting of the Board. The motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Ezelle and was unanimously adopted.

At this point the Board went into an executive session to consider President's salary. After a short discussion, Mr. Barnes moved that the President's salary be set at \$14,000 at the time the budget is prepared. Dr. McCormack seconded the motion. The chairman put the question and a roll call resulted as follows:

Aye: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Spragens, Mr. Ezelle, Mr. Poland, Dr. McCormack, Dr. Martin

Nay: NONE

President Thompson was called back into the room and was notified of the action. He expressed deep appreciation to the members of the Board for their action, stating that it meant so much to him and he would make every effort to justify their confidence.

At this point Dr. Martin, the chairman, excused himself to go to a Superintendent's meeting in the Little Theater. Mr. Sheridan Barnes acted as vice-chairman in Dr. Martin's absence.

President Thompson next presented and explained the immediate future construction needs of the college as listed below:

- \$ 600,000 New Dormitory for Women
- 125,000 Service Building
- 75,000 Renovation of Potter Hall
- 25,000 Furniture for Potter Hall
- 17,500 Furniture for New Dormitory
- 7,500 Leeway

\$ 850,000

He stated each of the State Colleges had been given a quarter of a million dollars (\$250,000) for capital outlay by the Commonwealth. He also stated that Mr. L. T. Smith and Mr. Billy Smith had been to Atlanta to talk with the Housing and Home Finance Agency concerning the possibility of a \$600,000 loan for the erection of the 180 bed New Dormitory for Women and that the college had been given assurance that the loan would go through on the same

basis as the recently completed dormitories. He reported that \$125,000 of the \$250,000 had been approved by the Finance Department and Division of Engineering at Frankfort for the construction of the Service Building.

After a discussion of the proposed construction of the New Dormitory for Women, Mr. Ezelle moved with a second by Dr. McCormack that the Board authorize the President to proceed with the application to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency for assistance in the amount of \$600,000 and to submit such documents, statements and exhibits as necessary to complete the processing of the application and to authorize Mr. Thompson to take such action as necessary to bring about the final execution of the contract between Western Kentucky State College and the Housing and Home Finance Agency. With all members voting "aye" the motion was adopted.

At this point the Board recessed for lunch and to make a tour of the campus.

Board Reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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

President Thompson then explained to the Board a problem the college has been faced with for the past fifty years. He stated that on the East Side of the Russellville Road there are five parcels of land which jut into the Western Campus and that the college is badly in need of this land for further expansion. He stated the college has exhausted all resources in trying to purchase the land.

After a lengthy discussion of the land involved, Mr. Spragens moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS it has become necessary for the orderly expansion of the facilities of Western Kentucky State College and for the construction of improvements thereon that the Board of Regents of said college acquire the following described parcels of real estate located on the East Side of the Russellville Road, near Sixteenth Street, and surrounded by the Western Kentucky State College campus, and as recorded by the Warren County Tax Assessor's Office -

Immediately South of Sixteenth Street:

- Parcel No. 1, Block No. 1, Aerial Photo No. 33
- Parcel No. 2, Block No. 1, Aerial Photo No. 33
- Parcel No. 3, Block No. 1, Aerial Photo No. 33

Immediately North of Sixteenth Street:

- Parcel No. 3, Block No. 1, Aerial Photo No. 32
- Parcel No. 3, Block No. 1, Aerial Photo No. 32

AND WHEREAS the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College is authorized by KRS 164.410 to acquire such real estate as may be needed for the purposes of the college.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

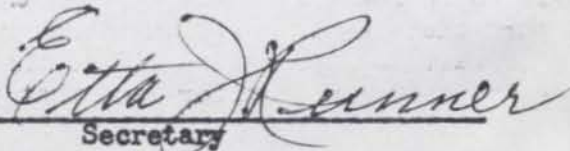
1. That the real estate herein above described be acquired either by private negotiation with the owners thereof, or if necessary by condemnation proceedings;
2. That President Thompson be authorized to employ attorneys on behalf of the Board of Regents for the purpose of negotiating with the owners of said property for the purchase thereof, or for the condemnation thereof if necessary; the price to be paid therefore to be approved by the Kentucky State Property and Building Commission;
3. That the attorneys employed by President Thompson be authorized to take any steps necessary on behalf of the Board of Regents, or the appropriate State Agency for the acquisition of said land.

With a second by Dr. McCormack and with all members voting "aye" the motion was declared unanimously adopted.

President Thompson told Mr. Poland and Mr. Ezelle that Western was very happy to have them on the Board. He said he didn't believe there is a college in the country with a younger, and more capable Board of Regents, and that it was fine to have such successful young men appointed on the Board.

The Regents trophy was discussed, as well as other awards to students. On motion of Mr. Spragens with a second by Mr. Ezelle, a committee of three was appointed - Dr. McCormack, President Thompson and a third person to be chosen by the two - to explore the possibilities of other awards being made to outstanding students in other fields.

On motion of Dr. McCormack, and with a second by Mr. Ezelle, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary


Chairman

The President next presented for discussion the proposed new budget. After the matter was discussed Mr. Martin