

Minutes of Board Meeting

July 25, 1953.

The Board of Regents met in President Garrett's office on Saturday morning, July 25, 1953, at 10:00 a. m. There were present: Superintendent Wendell Butler, Judge Clarence Bartlett and Mr. J. P. Masters. Those absent were: Mr. John E. Richardson and Mr. Vernon Shallcross.

It was moved by Judge Clarence Bartlett, with a second by Mr. J. P. Masters, that the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Regents on June 6 and June 10, 1953, be approved and ratified. All members voting "aye" the minutes were declared approved and ratified.

On motion of Mr. J. P. Masters, with a second by Judge Bartlett, and with all members voting "aye", the action of the Executive Committee in a meeting on Thursday, July 16, 1953, in the President's office, was approved and ratified. The minutes follow:

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

July 16, 1953

The Executive Committee met in the office of President Garrett Thursday, July 16, 1953, 2:15 p.m. All members, President Garrett, Mr. John E. Richardson and Mr. J. P. Masters, were present.

There appeared before the Committee, Miss Marie Murphy, on invitation of the President, who had desired a hearing before the Board of Regents, due to the fact that she had not been elected for 1953-54. She stated that she was not prepared for a hearing and still desired to appear before the complete Board. It was agreed that if the meeting could be secured, her request would be granted.

Dr. Hugh Gunderson presented a telegram from Dr. Thomas C. Pierson, stating that since Dr. Gunderson had telegraphed him offering a job and he had accepted it, this constituted a contract and he would expect to teach during the coming school term. Dr. Gunderson explained that after telegraphing the offer and its acceptance, he had received additional references which caused him to doubt the ability of Dr. Pierson to do an acceptable job at Western. President Garrett called attention to the fact that no member of the staff employed for the first

time had any contractual rights until he had been elected by the Board of Regents on the recommendation of the President. It was moved by Mr. Masters, with a second by Mr. Richardson, that the application of Mr. Pierson for employment in the Music Department be rejected and that he not be employed. The vote being three "ayes", no "Nos", the motion was declared carried.

There appeared at the meeting Miss Marie Murphy of the Home Economics Department, with her legal representative, Mr. Aaron Overfelt, to protest her dismissal on the grounds that she had not been notified of her dismissal on or before March 31, and claiming that under the tenure act applying to public school teachers she was entitled to continue in her position. It was agreed by members of the Board that President Garrett should request an opinion from the Attorney General on the matter. It was further agreed that Miss Murphy's attorney should submit his brief on the matter to the Attorney General.

On a motion of Mr. J. P. Masters, with a second by Judge Bartlett, and with all members voting "aye" the meeting adjourned.

Paul L. Garrett

Acting Secretary

Wendell P. Butler
Chairman

Minutes of Board Meeting

August 28, 1953

The Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College met in the office of President Paul L. Garrett, Friday morning, August 28, 1953, at 11:00 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wendell P. Butler, Superintendent of Public Instruction and ex-officio chairman of the Board.

There were present in addition to Mr. Butler, Judge Clarence Bartlett, Mr. John E. Richardson and Mr. J. P. Masters, all members of the Board.