

Minutes of Board of Regents

July 11, 1938.

Pursuant to a call made by State Superintendent Harry W. Peters, at the request of President Garrett, the Board of Regents met in the office of President Garrett July 11. Below is a copy of this call:

TO:	July 8, 1938.
<u>Mrs. W. P. Drake</u>	<u>Bowling Green, Kentucky</u>
<u>Mr. B. J. Borrone</u>	<u>Bowling Green, Kentucky</u>
<u>Mr. F. J. Pentecost</u>	<u>Henderson, Kentucky</u>

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE:

At the request of President Paul Garrett, I am hereby calling a meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State Teachers College for Monday, July 11, 1938, in the office of the President of said College, Bowling Green, Kentucky, at 11:00 A. M.

This meeting is called for the purpose of considering important matters in connection with the recent suit that has been brought against Western State Teachers College with reference to the accidental death of Mr. Henderson Daniels and transacting any other matters pertaining to the administration of the College.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1938.

Chairman, Board of Regents Western
Kentucky State Teachers College.

HWP:LR

There were present Mrs. Drake, Mr. Borrone, and Judge Pentecost, Regents, and Attorney-General Hubert Meredith, with President Garrett. A quorum being present the Board at once took up the proposed business.

The first item for discussion was the suit which is being brought against the institution by the estate of "Pete" Daniels whose accidental death occurred while Aubrey Hoofnel was in the discharge of his duties, on College Heights on the night of September 12,

1937. It was because of this suit that the Attorney-General was asked to be present. In discussing this matter the question of the legality of employing a lawyer to defend the case was considered and the advice of General Meredith sought. It was his opinion that local counsel should be secured.

At the request of Judge Pentecost, General Meredith promised to send copies of the new law concerning authority to sue this institution and other pertinent items which he may assemble for submission to him and also to President Garrett.

The Board concurred in the opinion of Attorney-General Meredith that it might be well to secure local counsel, especially if the demurrer is not sustained in the local court.

After extended and earnest discussion it was decided that the matter of selecting counsel and the agreement for services and the amount to be paid should be left to the judgment of the Executive Committee with power to act.

In case it is found to be desirable to employ counsel to defend the suit of Bedford Daniels, (administrator for the estate of Henderson ("Pete") Daniels, deceased,) plaintiff, vs Aubrey K. Hoofnel, the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College, composed of B. J. Borrone, Mrs. W. P. Drake, Huston P. Quin, F. J. Pentecost, Harry W. Peters, Chairman of the Board of Regents, and Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the city of Bowling Green, and the National Surety Company of New York, defendants, the Executive Committee is to confer with Honorable John B. Rodes and employ him at such a fee as may be agreed upon not to exceed \$500.00 for his entire services in the defense of this case in the trial in the Warren Circuit Court and (if continued) in the Court of Appeals. This motion was made by Judge Pentecost and seconded by Mrs. Drake. It was unanimously passed upon roll call.

In the recess between this meeting of the Board and a subsequent meeting, the matter is to be referred to the Attorney-General.

The question of the request of Captain Davis for additional payment for his services was left in the hands of President Garrett.

Upon recommendation of President Garrett the Board agreed that the salary of:

Kelly Thompson should be placed at \$3000.00 annually beginning July 1.

Weldon Hart at \$1800.00, an increase of \$200.00 annually more than his present salary.

John Vincent, head of the school of music \$4000.00.

Some discussion was held on the personnel of the library staff, but the position which will probably be left vacant by the resignation of Eleanor Denhardt will not yet be filled.

All of these suggestions of President Garrett were upon motion made by Judge Pentecost with a second from Mrs. Drake approved by the Board.

Other items discussed were the completion of the Kentucky Building, the treasurer's bond, and bond of depositaries.

The matter of completing construction and furnishing of the Kentucky Building was introduced by President Garrett, who stated that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Geo. Meuth, Council for P.W.A. and that he thought there was a possibility of securing a P.W.A. grant for this purpose.

After discussion Mrs. Drake offered the following resolution which was seconded by Judge Pentecost:

Resolution

Be It Resolved by the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State College

Section 1. That Paul L. Garrett, President, be and he is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College, to the United States of America for a grant to aid in financing the Kentucky Building.

Section 2. That Paul L. Garrett, President, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works may reasonably request in connection with the application which is herein authorized to be filed.

Upon roll call all members voting in the affirmative the resolution was declared adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.


Chairman


Secretary