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Recommendations for reorganization of the Western Kentucky University Training School as the part of a new Education Complex to be constructed at the University were approved by the Board of Regents at a meeting on the campus today.

The reorganization as set forth in a six-page comprehensive report submitted to the Board by Western's President Kelly Thompson calls for the expansion to a double grade sequence from kindergarten through the sixth grade with grades seven and eight organized in a flexible manner to meet changing educational needs.

The reorganization will provide a laboratory school with a basic structure of 18 class units in place of the present 12 class units.

The two kindergarten classes will be new additions with the high school division being eventually phased out.

President Thompson stated that a committee will be appointed immediately to carefully study the most orderly implementation of the plan to phase out the high school grades and that the grades would probably be phased out one year at a time until the cycle had been completed.

The reorganization presents the concept that the Laboratory School will be a part of the new Education Complex but not necessarily confined to a portion of the actual building or buildings which will house the balance of the Teacher Education program administered by the College of Education. Cost of the total Complex is estimated at \$3, 100, 000.

High school laboratory work in Teacher Education at Western will be diverted to city and county school systems, particularly to comprehensive high schools as exist in this geographic area. This policy has been in operation for several years.

The report's recommendations state that the laboratory school has a continuing basic mission to make a contribution to the training of teachers, and its primary purpose for existence is to serve in the improvement of education. The report states that these objectives can be achieved by providing the facilities, staff and programs to fulfill the functions of research and experimentation, curriculum development, demonstration and observation, student teaching and educational innovations.

The recommendations as approved state that facilities to be provided in the reorganized Training School must be designed to meet educational needs of the institutional or University-wide concept of Teacher Education to which Western subscribes.

The report points out that the recommendations are based on Western's Teacher Education philosophy which states, 'A primary objective of Western Kentucky University is the education of teachers and school leadership personnel for the schools of Kentucky'.

At the same time the Board approved the report's recommendation for reorganization of the Training School, President Thompson was authorized to proceed with planning for the new Education Complex to house facilities for the reorganized and expanded laboratory school and other teacher training facilities in the College of Education.

This report cites Western's rich and valued tradition in teacher education and gives a review of the comprehensive study and research by committees, groups and individuals at the University since 1962 which culminated in the recommendations approved today.

Members of the Board voting for the resolution authorizing the recommendation were: Douglas Keen, Scottsville; Hugh Poland, Guthrie; Dr. Chalmer Embry, Owensboro; and Dr. Gerald Edds, Calhoun. Maxie B. Harlin, Bowling Green, was against the resolution with Dr. J. T. Gilbert abstaining. Dr. Harry Sparks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chairman Ex-Officio of the Board was absent.

Immediately following the vote on the resolution the Board recessed for lunch with the meeting scheduled to continue after the noon recess.

During the afternoon session the Board approved a resolution authorizing President Thompson to proceed with necessary action to construct an office facility adjacent to the new Lawrence W. Wetherby Administration Building now under construction. The new facility will be connected with the former President's Home which now houses the Office of Alumni and Placement Services.

The new facility will provide offices for Student Financial Aid, the College Heights Foundation and University Publications. The estimated cost is approximately \$140,000.

Franklin P. Hays, Skaggs and Hays, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, Louisville, was appointed bond counsel and fiscal agent for two new men's residence halls planned for construction during the coming year. It is anticipated that both halls will be ready for occupancy in Sept. 1968, providing facilities for 860 men.

C. W. Grafton, Grafton, Ferguson, Fleischer and Harper, Attorneys at Law, Louisville, was appointed bond counsel for the following projects: Athletics Complex Phases I and II, Academic Complex, Utilities Distribution Phase II, and College Heights Foundation-Alumni Center. Stein Brothers and Boyce, Louisville, was appointed fiscal agent for the same projects.

The Board approved purchase of the Jonesville Urban Renewal properties and additional properties adjacent to the campus.

Authorization was given President Thompson to proceed with Phase II of the utility distribution as planned at an estimated cost of \$824,900. Final plans for the project are being prepared by E. R. Ronald and Associates. Phase I of the Utility Distribution system was completed last year at a cost of \$880,618.