Minutes of Board Meeting

July 10, 1936.

A call meeting of the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College convened in rooms 624-626 Seelbach Hotel in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, at 10:00 A.M., Friday, July 10, 1936. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Borrone, Chairman Peters being out of the State.

Dr. Cherry presented the official call of the meeting which was read to the Board and ordered spread upon the minutes. The call as read was as follows:

TO:  
Judge Huston Quin  
Louisville, Ky.  
Judge F. J. Pentecost  
Henderson, Ky.  
Mrs. W. P. Drake  
Bowling Green, Ky.  
Mr. B. J. Borrone  
Bowling Green, Ky.

Members Board of Regents Western Kentucky State Teachers College:

I am in receipt of telegraphic instruction from Gordie Young, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instructor (Superintendent Peters being out of the State at the present time) authorizing me to issue this call for a meeting of the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College to meet in the parlors of the Seelbach Hotel in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, at 10:00 A.M., Friday, July 10, 1936, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon any business which may come before the Board relative to contract or contracts for the building of the classroom and laboratory building known as P.W.A. project Ky-1043-R and to consider and act upon the class and type of stone to be used in the construction of said project.

2. To consider and transact all business necessary and in connection with the erection and equipment of said building.

3. To consider and transact any and all business in connection with the affairs of the Western Kentucky Teachers College which may come before the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Pentecost, seconded by Mrs. Drake and unanimously passed, Sterett Cuthbertson was elected Secretary of the meeting.
Upon roll call the following were ascertained to be present:
Mr. B. J. Borrome, Mrs. W. P. Drake, and Judge Pentecost.

Mr. H. St. George Carmichael, representing the Public Works Administration and Captain Brinton B. Davis, Architect, were asked to meet with the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of June 2nd were read to the Board and approved.

Dr. Cherry presented a letter which he had received from Mr. Sager, Administrator of Public Works, which was read to the Board and which appears in full below.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATE DIRECTOR

705 Republic Building
Louisville, Kentucky.

July 3, 1936

In reply please refer to ADMIN. Section GHS:DT.

My dear Dr. Cherry:

Referring to our numerous communications and conversations concerning the use of Bowling Green Stone in the above referenced project, this is to advise that the Director of Engineering in the Washington Office has concurred in the award of contract to the Struck Construction Company under the conditions set forth in resolution of the Board of Regents, June 8th, 1936. The pertinent parts of the Directors finding and opinion are set forth as follows:

"We recognize the merit of the argument in favor of standardizing in the local stone for the reasons given; however, in view of the fact that the extra cost which would result from the proposed substitution, would involve payment for local stone of approximately double the price to be paid for a first class building stone such as Indiana limestone, and which meets specified requirements, we are of the opinion that the price which it is proposed to pay for said Bowling Green stone is by comparison excessive and out of proportion to its real value."
"While therefore we will take no exception to
the use of this stone as requested (provided
sufficient funds are available) in view of the
great difference in price and the further fact
that there is no competitive check on the price
asked for Bowling Green Stone, we cannot approve
the payment of the excess cost out of P.W.A.
funds nor can we approve the inclusion of any
part of the cost of this stone in the base of the
grant."

In explanation of the last quoted paragraph, this
will permit the college to withdraw the item of exterior
stone from the contract within the ten day period set
forth in your resolution, if you elect to substitute
Bowling Green Stone, then the entire cost of the stone
will have to be borne by your institution from its own
pool funds, and no grant will be allowed on this item.
In round figures we estimate that this will cost the
College about $36,000.00 additional.

It is my suggestion that you authorize your
Architect to have the contract documents drawn at
once, in order that the starting of construction may
not be delayed. In the meantime if your Board of Regents
decide to furnish Bowling Green Stone it may do so, any
time within ten days after the contract has been signed.

Very truly yours,

GEO. H. SAGER, JR.,
State Director for Kentucky
For the Administrator

co-Brinton E. Davis,
Columbia Building,
Louisville, Ky.

After this letter and its recommendations had been discussed
fully by the Board, Mr. M. P. Nickoll, President of the Struck Construction
Company, was asked to come before the Board and discuss in detail the
provisions of the contract which had been prepared by the Architect,
Brinton E. Davis.

Following this discussion Judge Penteoost offered the following
resolution:

WHEREAS: This Board has had several conferences
and made exhaustive efforts in attempt to meet com-
petitive price in order that the new classroom building
on our campus might be constructed of Bowling Green Stone
but now finding that we are unable to meet the demands of the situation and that our efforts cannot be successful.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the building be constructed according to the original plans and specifications and that the contract for the construction of this building be awarded to the Struck Construction Company, of Louisville, Kentucky, as has been heretofore authorized by this Board, and that President H. H. Cherry be authorized and directed to sign contract for and in behalf of this Board, in such form as shall meet the approval of our Architect, Brinton B. Davis, and the State Director of P.W.A. The amount, however, not to exceed the original bid of $287,500.00. Subject, however, to such additions and alterations as may be agreed upon from time to time by the contractor and architect.

Judge Pentecost moved the adoption of the resolution which was seconded by Mrs. Drake.

Upon roll call all voted in the affirmative. There being no opposition the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Drake moved that Dr. Cherry be requested to prepare a statement making clear the desire and efforts of the Board to obtain the use of Bowling Green Stone in the building of the Classroom Building and that this statement be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce, the local papers, filed in the Kentucky Library and be presented to the Board at its next meeting for the purpose of being embodied in the minutes.

The motion was seconded by Judge Pentecost and passed by acclamation.

Dr. Cherry next presented two letters he had received from Mr. Geo. H. Sager, Administrator Public Works, relative to the contracts with Struck Construction Company and the Montgomery Ward Company and same were read to the Board by the Secretary. After discussion it was ordered that these letters be embodied in the minutes of this meeting and same are inscribed below.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATE DIRECTOR

706 Republic Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. H. H. Cherry,  
Western Kentucky Teachers College,  
Bowling Green, Ky.

In reply please refer to Eng. Sect. HLB:DT

Re - Docket No.Ky-1043R
Dear Dr. Cherry:

Confirming action June 2, 1936, by the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College, the awarding of the following contract is hereby approved:

Struck Construction Company, of Louisville, Kentucky, General Contract - Lump Sum $287,500.00

It is understood that the Struck Construction Company will allow in its contract with the Western Kentucky Teachers College of Bowling Green, Kentucky, the sum of $29,000.00 for the furnishing of all exterior cut stone trim necessary to complete the superstructure of the building if the College elects to furnish such stone f.o.b. in trucks or cars within the city limits of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and further more if the College does not elect within ten days after the signing of the construction contract to furnish said stone at its own expense, in accordance with the specifications, for the original proposed price of $287,500.00.

You should immediately furnish the office of the State Director with:

(a) Seven complete executed sets of Contract Documents and construction plans.

(b) Certificates of Insurance, in triplicate, for insurance in the types and amounts set forth in Article 6 of the Construction Regulations.

Yours very truly,

GEO. H. SAGER, JR.
State Director for Kentucky
For the Administrator

co-Capt. Brinton E. Davis
Mr. H. A. Wortham
Mr. H. A. Gray
Mr. Myer Freeman, NRS
Mr. A. D. Bailey, Jr.
Mr. Tracey S. Newton, Sr.
Mr. H. St. Geo. T. Carmichael
FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATE DIRECTOR
705 Republic Building
Louisville, Kentucky.

In reply please refer to
Eng. Sect. HLE-DT

Dr. H. H. Cherry,
Western Kentucky Teachers College,
Bowling Green, Ky.

Dear Dr. Cherry:

Confirming action June 2, 1936, by the Board
of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Teachers
College, the award of the following construction con-
tract is hereby approved.

Heating, ventilating and plumbing systems.
Lump Contract $47,757.00

You should proceed to furnish the office of the
State Director with:

(a) Seven complete executed sets of Contract
Documents and Construction plans.

(b) Certificates of Insurance, in triplicate,
for insurance in the types and in the amounts as set
forth in Article 6 of the construction regulations.

Very truly yours,

GEO. H. SAGER, JR.
State Director for Kentucky
For the Administrator

cc-Capt. Brinton B. Davis
Mr. H. A. Wortham
Mr. H. A. Gray
Mr. Nyer Freeman, NRE
Mr. A. D. Bailey, Jr.
Mr. Tracey S. Newton, Sr.
Mr. Carmichael
Mrs. Yuhr.

Following the reading and consideration of these letters Mr.
Thurston, representing Montgomery Ward and Company came before the Board
and after discussing some details of the proposed contract with Captain
Davis and members of the Board announced that his company was prepared
and willing to sign the contract which had been tendered them.
At this time Judge Pentecost presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the contract for the heating, ventilating and plumbing system for the new Classroom Building, according to the plans and specifications as prepared by our Architect, be awarded to the Montgomery-Ward Company, Inc., of Louisville, Kentucky, as has been herebefore authorized by this Board, and that President H. H. Cherry be authorized and directed to sign contract for and in behalf of this Board, in such form as shall meet the approval of our Architect, Brinton B. Davis, and the State Director of P.W.A. The amount however is not to exceed the original bid of $47,767.00, subject however to such additions and alterations as may be agreed upon from time to time by the contractor and our Architect.

Judge Pentecost moved the adoption of this resolution which motion was seconded by Mrs. Drake and upon roll call was unanimously passed. The vote being Borromeo, Drake, and Pentecost, Yes; No, none. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

President Cherry then presented a letter which he had recently received from Mr. Geo. H. Sager, Jr., Administrator P.W.A. referring to a resolution passed by this Board at their meeting of May 28, 1936, relative to the employment of Mr. Henry Wright as Landscape Architect to prepare plans and specifications and to direct the landscaping of the Campus adjacent to and made necessary by the erection of the new Classroom Building.

After discussion Dr. Cherry was authorized and directed to have a contract drawn with Mr. Wright, setting forth his fee and specifying the services he was to perform; that a certified copies of this contract be filed with the Administrator of Public Works and that also copy of the plans and specifications as prepared by Mr. Wright be filed in the office of the P.W.A. It was further directed that Mr. Sager’s letter be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and the same is as follows:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATE DIRECTOR
705 Republic Building
Louisville, Kentucky.

In reply please refer to
Eng. Section HLB:DT.

Dr. H. H. Cherry, President,
Re - Docket No. Ky-1045 R
Western Kentucky State Teachers College,
Bowling Green, Ky.

Dear Dr. Cherry:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 18th inclosing specifications and blue prints
prepared by Mr. Henry Wright, Landscape Architect, together with a copy of a letter from Mr. Wright relative to landscaping in reference to the above mentioned project. Details of the plan will be

It was my understanding that when change order blind No. 1-1-1 covering excavation of an area for an approved, no additional work in connection with the firm landscaping would be attempted until such time as fixed would not interfere with the construction of the new E.H building. This, however, would not prevent your Landscape Architect from preparing specifications and landscape drawings.

We respectfully suggest that if the outline specifications and drawings submitted by Mr. Wright are in accordance with your wishes you instruct the Architect to prepare complete specifications and have same in readiness when the proper time arrives to start this portion of the work.

Yours very truly,

GEO. H. SAGER, JR. State Administrator for Kentucky
For the Administrator

WHEREAS: The Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College did at its meeting on May 16, 1936, elect Mr. Ward Sumpter as Treasurer of the Board, said action to take effect on July 1, 1936, and his tenure of office to continue for one year from date.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That said Ward Sumpter be required to furnish bond as required by law and that said bond first be approved by President Cherry and then filed with the Secretary of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That said Treasurer be hereby instructed to deposit all sums which may come to his hands as Treasurer in the name of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College in the three banks of the city of Bowling Green, i.e., the American National Bank, the Citizens National Bank and the Bowling Green Trust Company, all of the three banks mentioned being members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Judge Pentecost moved the adoption of this resolution, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Drake and upon roll call Mr. Borromeo, Mrs. Drake, and Judge Pentecost voted Yes. There being no votes to the contrary the Chairman declared the motion carried.

President Cherry made a statement to the Board in regard to the condition of the Heating Plant; that some work must be done at the plant before the approach of the winter season and that it was very doubtful if the present capacity was sufficient to serve the needs of the new building. He further stated that he had conferred with Mr. Geo. H. Sager, Jr., relative to this matter and Mr. Sager had counseled and suggested that a survey be made of the plant by independent engineers in conjunction with our engineer and that a report be prepared for submission to his office. He further reported that he had corresponded with the firm of Warren and Ronald of Louisville (who had been highly recommended), submitting a letter he had received from that firm.

After discussion Judge Pentecost moved, with a second by Mrs. Drake, that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act both as to the selection and employment of engineers and the carrying out of the necessary program as suggested or recommended, as their judgment might direct.

On roll call Mr. Borromeo, Mrs. Drake, and Judge Pentecost voted Yes. There being no votes to the contrary the Chairman declared the motion carried.

President Cherry brought up the matter of sewerage charges which was regarded as excessive. Upon motion of Judge Pentecost, seconded by Mrs. Drake, this matter was also referred to the Executive Committee.

President Cherry announced to the Board that he had appointed a Committee to study and submit inscriptions which would be appropriate to inscribe on the new building and that when this report had been received he would submit it to the members of the Board.

President Cherry also called the attention of the Board to the fact that under the terms of the contract with the contractors that the Board was required to carry Builders Risk Insurance on the construction work of the Classroom Building as this work advanced and asked for instructions in placing this insurance. Judge Pentecost moved that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Drake and upon roll call Mr. Borromeo, Mrs. Drake and Judge Pentecost all voted Yes. There being no votes to the contrary the Chairman declared the motion carried.

After this the following resolution was introduced by Mrs. Drake:

WHEREAS: Our Architect, Brinton B. Davis, has recommended that the firm of George H. Rommel and Company is entitled to an extension of fourteen days for the completion of their contract with this Board; due to extra work authorized and performed by said firm,
NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That the said firm of George H. Rommel and Company be granted an extension of fourteen days which will make the date for final completion of their contract July 28th, 1936 inclusive, and that this resolution become effective upon the approval of the Administrator of Public Works.

Mrs. Drake moved the adoption of this resolution which motion was seconded by Judge Pentecost and upon vote was unanimously passed.

There being no further business brought before the Board they by motion adjourned.

[Signatures]
Chairman
Secretary Pro-Tem