

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS,

HELD AT BLOOMINGTON, DEC. 1861.

TOGETHER WITH
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS:
N. C. NASON, PRINTER, OFFICE OF THE "ILLINOIS TEACHER."
1862.

PROCEEDINGS.

BLOOMINGTON, DECEMBER 18, 1861.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS convened at the Normal University, at 10 o'clock A.M., December 18th, 1861, and was called to order by the President.

Present—Messrs. Moulton, Powell, Pickett, Wells, Shannon, Bass, and Bateman.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and, in order to afford time for the committees to mature their reports, the Board adjourned till 2 o'clock P.M.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Board met, according to adjournment.

The following communication was submitted to the Board by the President:

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, December 18, 1861.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION—

Gentlemen: We do hereby resign our positions as teachers in the Normal and Model departments of this institution. Respectfully,

JOHN HULL,
H. B. NORTON,
M. E. BAKER,
M. GOODRICH.

On motion, the resignations were accepted, and the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, in accepting the resignations of Messrs. Hull and Norton, and of Misses Baker and Goodrich, we bear most cordial testimony to their earnest and conscientious efforts to discharge with fidelity the duties intrusted to them, and to their high moral character and great personal worth.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Committee on Officers be and they are hereby instructed to reorganize the Model School, so that it shall be entirely under the control of the Board and of the Principal of the University; and that one or more first-class teachers be employed by said committee to take charge of the same.

Mr. Powell, of the Auditing Committee, reported as follows :

The Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying bills and find them correct, viz :

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| Draft for pay of J. G. Howell (late teacher)..... | \$53 00 |
| Expressage on books..... | 1 75 |
| E. Rogers, for coal..... | 211 47 |
| Ellis, Harris & Co..... | 2 60 |
| Printing circulars..... | 9 00 |
| Bill of R. Thompson, for drugs, etc..... | 25 80 |
| Bill for soap..... | 5 15 |
| Bill for registers..... | 1 69 |
| C. W. Holder & Co..... | 6 55 |
| S. S. & W. Wood, for books..... | 17 42 |
| Bill of A. Gridley, for fire brick..... | 21 00 |
| C. W. Holder & Co..... | 102 04 |
| | \$457 47 |

The committee also report that the following bills have been examined, and they recommend that the same be referred to the President, Secretary, and Principal of the institution, and that, if found correct, they be authorized to pay the same, viz :

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| Bailhache & Baker, for printing circulars..... | \$68 40 |
| Walworth, Hubbard & Co., for castings, etc..... | 85 53 |
| Briggs, printing for Model School..... | 7 50 |
| | \$161 43 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. H. POWELL, } Auditing
T. J. PICKETT, } Committee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Officers be empowered to fill the vacancy in the department of Mathematics, caused by the resignation of Mr. Hull.

The Committee on Officers reported as follows :

To the Board of Education :

Your Committee on Officers and Teachers would respectfully recommend that Miss M. E. Osband be confirmed as teacher in the Normal School, at a salary of \$500 per annum.

Dec. 18, 1861.

A. R. SHANNON,
PERKINS BASS.

The recommendation was unanimously approved.

On motion, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the President of the Board notify Messrs. Walworth, Hubbard & Co. that the heating apparatus of the Normal University is unsatisfactory to the Board and insufficient to properly warm the building; and that said Walworth, Hubbard & Co. be requested to perfect said heating apparatus in accordance with their contract.

On motion, it was ordered by the Board that the Principal of the University be, and he is hereby, invested with the exclusive superintendence and control of the buildings and grounds; and that the engineer, janitor, and other employés of this Board in and about said buildings and grounds, be subject to his direction: also, that he have full authority to discharge any of said employés whenever, in his judgment, the interests of the institution may require it to be done, and to employ others in their stead, at salaries not to exceed those of the persons so discharged; and that he report to the Board his action under this order. All former acts, orders or resolutions of the Board in conflict with this order are hereby rescinded.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of two hundred dollars, to be deposited with the Principal, as a contingent fund, for the purpose of meeting the incidental cash expenses of the institution; and that the Principal *alone* be authorized to make purchases to meet the current wants of the institution.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Principal be authorized to employ proper persons to collect all claims that may be due the Board of Education, and that he act promptly in the premises.

A report was submitted from Geo. P. Rex, on behalf of the Committee on Officers, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be filed.

The following report was made by the Auditing Committee:

The Auditing Committee recommend that the accompanying bill be referred to the President, Secretary, and Principal, and if found correct that they have power to pay the same:

BOARD OF EDUCATION *To A. F. READER Dr.*

For services rendered as engineer, commencing Nov. 17, 1860, and
ending July 17, 1861, at \$55.00 per month..... \$440 00
Bloomington, Dec. 18, 1861.

(Signed)

W. H. POWELL,
of Auditing Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That hereafter the stated meetings of this Board be held one week earlier than heretofore, which will bring them on the second Wednesday preceding Christmas and the Fourth of July, respectively: and that the Academic Year of the institution commence and close, in like manner, one week earlier than heretofore.

On motion, the Board adjourned till 6.30 P.M.

6½ O'CLOCK P.M.

Board met.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be authorized to draw orders upon the Treasurer to pay the current expenses of the University for the present school year.

On motion, it was also

Resolved, That the Principal, with the concurrence of the President, be authorized to sell certain school-desks not now in use and belonging to the Board.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board, C. W. Holder, Esq., be authorized to receive the State Funds, and to give any necessary receipt for the same.

On motion, the bond of Mr. C. W. Holder, Treasurer, having been found satisfactory, was duly approved.

On motion of Mr. Shannon, it was resolved by the Board,

That the authority of any and all agents appointed by this Board, prior to this meeting, be and the same is hereby revoked.

On motion, the Board adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Principal may, at his discretion, admit to the Normal University more than two students from each county, provided the whole number of students shall not exceed the aggregate of two from each county and one from each representative district.

Bills for traveling expenses were allowed as follows:

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| Wm. H. Wells | \$13 25 |
| T. J. Pickett | 20 00 |
| A. R. Shannon | 35 00 |
| Wm. H. Powell | 12 30 |
| N. Bateman | 10 50 |
| S. W. Moulton | 20 00 |

—for which the President and Secretary were instructed to draw their orders on the Treasurer.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

S. W. MOULTON, President.

N. BATEMAN, Secretary.