

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 1926

There was a meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 23, 1926 at the Normal School. Those present were Dr. W. D. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, Mr. Walter B. Whitcomb, Mr. Noah Shakespeare, and President C. H. Fisher. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

MISS CATHERINE MONTGOMERY APPEARS BEFORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Miss Catherine Montgomery was granted permission to make a statement to the Board of Trustees regarding charges that had been made against her by the President. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees made a clear statement of the issue when he said that the school had to have a manager who was held responsible for results and if he is to be held responsible then he must have people working with him who co-operate and support his policies. The Chairman said that the only charge that had been made was that she did not co-operate and support the policies of the President. Miss Montgomery made a lengthy statement in which she showed conclusively that she and the President could not work together. She said that she did not want to be reinstated because she did not care to work with the President. Her final statement was that she would do all in her power to defeat the work of the President.

BINDING OF BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY:

A local firm, the Bellingham Book Bindery, C. R. Lee, Proprietor, has made a request to be given the work of binding books for the Library. For the past eight years the Pioneer Library Bindery of Portland, Oregon has bound the books for the Library and in the opinion of the librarian, Miss Wilson, has done superior work and has given entire satisfaction. The librarian has had varied experiences with a number of book binderies and has found that the Pioneer Library Bindery excels all binderies with whom she has done business. It is the urgent request of the librarian that the school continue to have books bound by the Pioneer Library Bindery. The prices and the quality of binding of the two firms were carefully considered. There was a slight difference in prices in favor of the Pioneer Library Bindery. The local firm uses the method of hand sewing, whereas, the Portland firm uses the oversewing machine method now being used by all the leading library binderies in the country. For the present it was thought best to lay the matter on the table.

BIDS FOR NEW STREET AND FOR EXCAVATION OF LIBRARY SITE:

Upon motion it was agreed that the school should advertise in the Bellingham Herald and the Bellingham American for ten days for bids for the grading and paving of a new street which is to take the place of that portion of Cedar Street which is to be vacated by the City Council for a library site. The school was also to advertise for bids for the excavation of lots for the library site.

CONTRACTS FOR PLANS OF LIBRARY RECEIVED FROM BEBB AND GOULD:

Several copies of a contract for drawing working plans for the library building were received from Bebb & Gould. Upon motion it was agreed that when the Attorney General approved the contract that the same was to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Bills were audited and allowed as follows:

Voucher Checks No. 8451 - 9331, Inc.
 Voucher Checks No. 3355 - 3595, Inc. (Edens Hall)
 State Vouchers No. 104 - 153, Inc.

Adjournment followed.

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 SECRETARY

W. D. Kirkpatrick

 CHAIRMAN

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