

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 30th, 1931.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Normal School on March 30, 1931, at 8 p.m. Those present were Dr. W. D. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, Walter B. Whitcomb, Noah Shakespeare, and President C. H. Fisher. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

BIDS RECEIVED FOR FILLING DITCH AND SURFACING ON ATHLETIC FIELD:

The following bids were submitted for filling ditch around drain tile and for surfacing on the new athletic field:

Name:	Filling Ditch	Tile	Total
Harvey H. Jewett	85¢ per cubic yd. including moving of dirt, surfacing of field, and placing drain tile.	--	\$ 850.00
R. C. Sisson	\$1.00 per cubic yd.	15¢ per ft.	1045.00
B. E. Johnson	.85 per cubic yd.	15¢ per ft.	895.00

Upon motion it was agreed that since all bids exceeded the balance in the appropriation for this purpose that all the bids be rejected.

MARCH PAYROLL EXCEEDS AVAILABLE APPROPRIATION:

President Fisher presented a letter from C. S. Bonsall, Deputy State Auditor, showing that the March payroll of \$18,078.09 is approximately \$5,000.00 over the available appropriation. This is due to the fact that the receipts in the Normal School Current Fund have been less than the amount appropriated. President Fisher was authorized to take up this matter with the State Auditor, and if necessary with the Governor and the Attorney General to see what could be done.

STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1931-1933:

President Fisher reported that the total State appropriations for 1931-1933 is \$541,505.00. Contrary to the usual practice which has been to lump the appropriation under "Operations," the appropriation is divided this time as follows: Salaries and Wages \$478,105.00; Operations \$65,400.00. The total appropriation is less by \$75,509.35 than the appropriation made for 1929-1931. This is 1/8th less for Bellingham Normal School, whereas the appropriation for Cheney is 1/9th less; and for Ellensburg 1/12th less than of two years ago.

President Fisher called attention to the fact that the Normal School Current Fund which heretofore has always been divided among the three schools was given entirely to the Ellensburg Normal School. Two years ago we received \$30,866.35 from the Normal School Current Fund.

POLICY TO BE ADOPTED REGARDING CUT IN BUDGET:

1. It was agreed that contracts made with teachers extending to September 30th, 1931, would be maintained, and that the cut in the budget would have to come out of operations for the last year and a half of the biennium.
2. The President recommended that some of the loss be made up in a student fee, which might be called a registration fee. The members of the Board of Trustees doubted whether we have authority to impose such a fee, and the President was authorized to ask for an opinion from the Attorney General regarding a student fee.

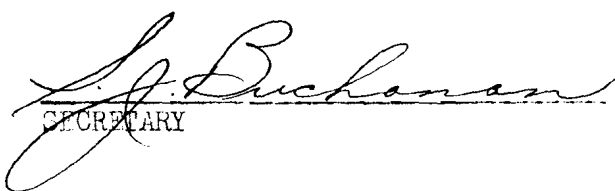
3. It would probably be necessary to cut teachers' salaries, but the President was of the opinion that the cut should not be more than 5%.

4. It looks as though it would be necessary to drop a few of the faculty, or, if it could be done, where teachers were leaving the positions could be left vacant.

BILLS WERE AUDITED AS FOLLOWS:

Voucher Checks No. 16070 - 16455, Inc.
Voucher Checks No. 7390 - 7581, Inc. (Edens Hall)
State Vouchers No. 719 - 722, Inc.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.


SECRETARY


CHAIRMAN