

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1924

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on September 30, 1924 in the office of the President. Present were Dr. W. D. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, Mr. Walter B. Whitcomb, Mr. Noah Shakespeare, and President C. H. Fisher. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

INITIATIVE MEASURE # 50

The President read to the Board of Trustees Initiative Measure # 50 which, along with other initiative measures is to be submitted to the voters of this state at the coming fall election in November. Initiative Measure # 50 as proposed, is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the People of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Except as hereinafter provided, the aggregate of all tax levies upon real and personal property by the state, county, school district and city or town, shall not in any year exceed forty mills on the dollar of assessed valuation, which assessed valuation shall be fifty per cent of the true and fair value of any such property in money, and the levy by the state shall not exceed five mills, the levy by any county shall not exceed ten mills, including the levy for the county school fund, the levy by or for any school district shall not exceed ten mills, and the levy by any city or town shall not exceed fifteen mills; Provided, That nothing herein shall limit the power of any county to levy taxes, at the rate provided by law, for any taxing district, other than a school district, where such taxing district includes less than the whole county: Provided further, That the limitations imposed by this section shall not prevent the levy of additional taxes to pay interest or principal on bonds issued by or through the agency of the state, or any county, city, town or school district, nor the levy of additional taxes to pay interest on, or toward the reduction at the rate provided by statute, of the principal of county, city, town or school district warrants outstanding at the time of the taking effect of this act: Provided further, That any county, school district, city or town shall have the power to levy taxes at a rate in excess of the rate specified in this act, when authorized so to do by the electors of such county, school district, city or town by a three-fifths majority of those voting on the proposition at a special election, to be held on the Tuesday next preceding the first Monday in October of the year in which the levy is made, in the manner provided by law for holding general elections, which special election may be called by the board of county commissioners board of school directors, or council or other governing body of any city or town, by giving notice thereof for two successive weeks by publication and posting in the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections, at which special election the proposition of authorizing such excess levy shall be submitted in such form as to enable the voters favoring the proposition to vote "Yes" and those opposed thereto to vote "No."

The president pointed out the danger involved in this measure to adequate financing of the state educational institutions as well as the public school system. The welfare of the state normal schools and the public school system are closely bound together. Whatever affects one should be of interest to the other. In considering the effects of this measure, we cannot separate the consequences of this measure to the public schools from the consequences to the state normal schools.

During the 1911 session of the legislature, a law was passed for the annual levying of a mill tax for the support of the state educational institutions. Since 1911 the state normal schools along with other state educational institutions have enjoyed certainty and stability of income. The approval of Initiative Measure # 50 threatens to remove the certainty and stability of income which has been guaranteed state educational institutions since 1911. From the standpoint of the public school system, the measure threatens to make inoperative the Barefoot Schoolboy Law, otherwise known as the 20 - 10 plan of state and county school support, and the inoperation of which law will place impossible financial burdens upon local school districts bringing disaster to many public schools.

The president recommended that the Board of Trustees pass a resolution regarding Initiative Measure # 50 and that this resolution be sent to all alumni of the institution and that it be given publicity thru the press. The following resolution was submitted and approved:

"WHEREAS, there is now pending before the electors of the State of Washington and there will appear upon the November ballot, a proposal to limit levies on real and personal property to a total of 40 mills on a 50% valuation. It being further provided that only 5 mills shall be available to the State for all state purposes: and,

WHEREAS, the proposed 5 mill limit will compel a reduction of approximately 50% in the funds made available to the higher educational institutions of this state and will create a condition which will render it impossible for them to maintain that high standard to which the young men and young women of this state are entitled; and

WHEREAS, the proposed measure will compel a great reduction in the income to the public schools from the state and the county and result in making inoperative the Barefoot Schoolboy Law, otherwise known as the 20 - 10 plan of state and county school support, and the inoperation of which law will place impossible financial burdens upon local school districts bringing disaster to many public schools; and

WHEREAS, proponents of this measure have been unable to demonstrate the possibility of securing revenue from other sources to compensate for the deficit which will occur by the adoption of the limits proposed and it therefore appears that essential functions of government will be seriously impaired, if not actually destroyed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BELLINGHAM STATE NORMAL SCHOOL:

That we do hereby urge a careful study of this measure by all citizens so that they may have a full realization of its exact effect; that we particularly request the alumni to bear in mind the effect of this measure upon the higher educational institutions as well as its effect upon the public schools; that we further urge the alumni to disseminate information regarding this measure in their communities in order that the people may have an opportunity of determining whether they desire to so restrict the activities of the higher educational institutions and the public schools as to render them inferior to similar institutions in other parts of the country."

BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1925 - 1927

The president submitted a budget for the biennium 1925-1927. This budget covers salaries and wages, general expense, operation expense, and maintenance expense. It does not include capital outlays. This budget is to be submitted to the State Finance Committee. The following is the budget submitted and approved by the Board of Trustees:

BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1925 - 1927

	1925-26	1926-27	
I. Salaries and Wages			
President and Registrar	\$ 8,700	8,700	\$ 17,400
Clerks	13,600	13,600	27,200
Employees	17,110	17,110	34,220
Teachers	198,700	214,400	413,100
Subsidy for Rural Teachers	2,500	2,500	5,000
Subsidy for City Teachers	3,000	4,000	7,000
Extra Teachers for Summer School and Substitute Teachers for Teachers on vacation	12,000	12,000	24,000
	<u>\$ 255,610</u>	<u>272,310</u>	<u>\$ 527,920</u>
II. General Expense			
Traveling Expenses	\$ 1,500	1,500	\$ 3,000
General Office Supplies	600	600	1,200
Telegraph and Telephone	900	900	1,800
Postage	600	600	1,200
Stationery and Printing	1,500	1,500	3,000
Insurance, etc.	1,800	1,800	3,600
	<u>\$ 6,900</u>	<u>6,900</u>	<u>\$ 13,800</u>
III. Operating Expense			
Fuel	\$ 10,000	10,000	\$ 20,000
Water	600	600	1,200
Light and Light Supplies	2,000	2,000	4,000
Janitors' Supplies	1,500	1,500	3,000
School Supplies	3,000	3,000	6,000
	<u>\$ 17,100</u>	<u>17,100</u>	<u>\$ 34,200</u>
IV. Maintenance Expense			
Buildings and Fixtures	\$ 3,000	3,000	\$ 6,000
Grounds and Roadways	2,000	2,000	4,000
Machinery, Appliances and Plant	3,000	3,000	6,000
Furniture and Equipment	2,000	2,000	4,000
	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Grand Totals	\$ 289,610	306,310	\$ 595,920

PERSONAL SERVICE - ITEMIZED

ADMINISTRATION	1925-26	1926-27	
Salaries of Officers			
President	\$ 6,000	6,000	\$ 12,000
Registrar	2,700	2,700	5,400
	<u>\$ 8,700</u>	<u>8,700</u>	<u>\$ 17,400</u>
Salaries of Clerks			
Accountant	\$ 2,200	2,200	4,400
Assistant Accountant	1,300	1,300	2,600
Secretary to President	1,800	1,800	3,600
Secretary to Registrar	1,300	1,300	2,600
Recorder	1,600	1,600	3,200
Secretary to the Dean	1,600	1,600	3,200
Secretary to Dean of Women	1,600	1,600	3,200
Appointment Secretary	1,600	1,600	3,200
Clerk for Dean of Men	300	300	600
Clerk for Education Department	300	300	600
	<u>\$ 13,600</u>	<u>13,600</u>	<u>27,200</u>
INSTRUCTION			
Education			
Head of Department	\$ 4,300	4,500	8,800
Teacher	3,800	3,900	7,700
Teacher	3,900	4,000	7,900
Teacher	3,200	3,300	6,500
Teacher	2,900	3,000	5,900
Teacher	3,100	3,200	6,300
Additional Teacher		3,500	3,500
English			
Head of Department	4,000	4,000	8,000
Teacher	3,300	3,400	6,700
Teacher	3,300	3,400	6,700
Teacher	2,400	2,500	4,900
Teacher	2,500	2,600	5,100
Additional Teacher	3,000	3,100	6,100
Speech			
Head of Department	3,300	3,400	6,700
Teacher	2,400	2,500	4,900
Foreign Languages			
Teacher	3,000	3,000	6,000
Mathematics			
Teacher	3,600	3,700	7,300
Science			
Head of Department	3,700	3,800	7,500
Teacher	2,700	2,800	5,500
Teacher	2,600	2,700	5,300
Additional Teacher	3,500	3,600	7,100
Additional Teacher	3,500	3,600	7,100
Additional Teacher	2,500	2,600	5,100
Health Education			
Hygiene Teacher (Part-time)	1,300	1,400	2,700
School Physician	2,500	2,500	5,000
School Nurse	2,500	2,500	5,000

	1925-26	1926-27	
Social Sciences			
Head of Department	4,000	4,200	8,200
Teacher	3,800	3,900	7,700
Teacher	3,000	3,100	6,100
Teacher	3,100	3,200	6,300
Teacher	3,000	3,100	6,100
Additional Teacher	3,000	3,200	6,200
Additional Teacher		3,000	3,000
Typewriting and Penmanship			
Teacher	2,200	2,300	4,500
Teacher	2,000	2,100	4,100
Public School Music			
Head of Department	2,600	2,700	5,300
Teacher	2,400	2,500	4,900
Teacher	2,200	2,300	4,500
Teacher		2,400	2,400
Fine Arts			
Head of Department	3,100	3,200	6,300
Teacher	2,200	2,300	4,500
Teacher	2,100	2,200	4,300
Teacher	2,100	2,200	4,300
Home Economics			
Head of Department	3,100	3,200	6,300
Teacher	2,500	2,600	5,100
Industrial Arts			
Head of Department	3,500	3,500	7,000
Teacher	3,100	3,300	6,300
Teacher	2,100	2,100	4,200
Teacher	1,700	1,700	3,400
Physical Education			
Physical Director for Women	3,000	3,200	6,200
Teacher	2,000	2,100	4,100
Teacher (Part-time)	1,000	1,100	2,100
Additional Teacher	2,400	2,500	4,900
Physical Director for Men	3,000	3,200	6,200
Library			
Librarian	3,400	3,500	6,900
Reference Librarian	2,400	2,500	4,900
Cataloguer	2,400	2,500	4,900
Training School			
Director of Training School	3,400	3,500	6,900
Supervisor of Primary Grades	3,200	3,300	6,500
Supervisor of Upper Grades	3,200	3,300	6,500
Supervisor in City Schools	3,100	3,200	6,300
Supervisor in City Schools	3,100	3,200	6,300
Supervisor in Rural Schools	3,500	3,500	7,000
Additional Supervisor in Rural Schools	2,700	2,800	5,500
Training Teacher Pre-Primary	2,200	2,300	4,500
Training Teacher, First Grade	2,000	2,100	4,100
Training Teacher, Second Grade	2,200	2,300	4,500
Training Teacher, Third Grade	2,400	2,500	4,900
Training Teacher, Fourth Grade	2,400	2,500	4,900
Training Teacher, Fifth Grade	2,400	2,500	4,900
Training Teacher, Sixth Grade	2,400	2,500	4,900
Training Teacher, Seventh Grade	2,400	2,500	4,900
Training Teacher, Eighth Grade	2,400	2,500	4,900
Additional Teacher, for Sub-normal children	2,500	2,600	5,100
	\$ 198,700	214,400	413,100

GROUPS AND BUILDINGS	1925-26	1926-27	
Superintendent and Engineer	2,100	2,100	4,200
Fireman	1,350	1,350	2,700
Fireman	1,350	1,350	2,700
Carpenter	1,800	1,800	3,600
Night Watchman	1,200	1,200	2,400
Gardner	1,350	1,350	2,700
Assistant Gardner	1,200	1,200	2,400
Janitor	1,440	1,440	2,880
Assistant Janitor	1,320	1,320	2,640
Student Janitors	4,000	4,000	8,000
	\$ 17,110	17,110	34,220

IMPROVEMENT OF SEHOMES HILL

It was suggested by Mr. Whitcomb that steps should be taken to improve the condition of Sehome Hill, extending between the buildings and the driveway. This would involve clearing out the underbrush and removing some trees that would give other trees a better opportunity for growth. This work would not only improve the appearance of the hill but would reduce the fire hazard to the buildings. Upon motion, it was agreed that the president, in cooperation with Mr. John Gibson, City Park Commissioner, should work out a plan in accordance with the suggestions made. It was suggested that \$ 1,000 to \$ 1,200 would probably be enough expenditure on this work.

CONFERENCE WITH MR. CARL F. GOULD

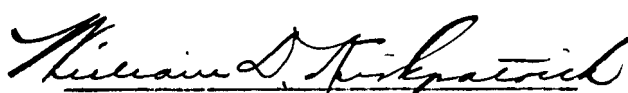
Mr. Carl F. Gould of the firm of Bebb and Gould, Architects, was present and submitted for the discussion of the Board of Trustees, the comprehensive plan of development as evolved up to the present time. The plan as submitted, met with the approval of the Board of Trustees with the exception of a few minor changes. It was agreed that there should be a future meeting with Mr. Gould for the final adoption of the plans.

Bills were audited and allowed as follows:

Voucher Checks No. 3824 - 4949 inc.
 Voucher Checks No. 534 - 1281 inc.
 (Edens Hall)
 State Vouchers No. 142 - 260 inc.

Adjournment followed:


 SECRETARY


 CHAIRMAN