

Voucher No. 75 - favor of O. H. Cutler, \$125.00, for services as clerk from Jan. 1 to March 31, inclusive.

Voucher No. 76 - favor of O. M. Jenkins, \$13.00, for services as watchman from Mch. 20 to Mch. 31, inclusive.

Adjudged. Record approved April 15 1897.  
 O. H. Cutler, Clerk. Eli Wilkin, Chairman

April 10, 1897 - Board met pursuant to call at 10 a.m., with all members and the clerk present.

The clerk reported the allowance by the State Auditor of vouchers No. 71 and No. 73, previously returned, and the disallowance of No. 72.

The chairman and clerk submitted a detailed certification and report to the State Auditor in the matter of the pending settlement with Contractor Wm. B. Davy and his creditors for the construction of the Normal School building setting forth all the essential facts involved, and the same was approved by the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, Since the conditional acceptance of the Normal School building on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1897, the contractor Wm. B. Davy, though officially requested by this Board, has wholly failed to show to the satisfaction of this Board, that "all just debts due all laborers and mechanics and material men and persons who shall supply or shall have supplied said contractor with material or goods of any kind upon said work, or in connection with the construction of said building, have been paid"; and

Whereas, Upon an investigation of the record of this Board and the files of this office, it is found that said contractor has been paid upon his contract for the construction of said building, including extras, the sum of \$28,088.54, and that there remains unpaid to said contractor on said contract the sum of \$6,654.86, and that there are now filed with the Clerk of this Board orders made by said contractor in favor of divers and sundry parties, upon this Board, to be paid out out of unexpended funds in the hands of this Board, and likewise claims filed not accompanied by orders from

the contractor, amounting altogether to the sum of \$14,599.91; and

"Whereas, The State Auditor having heretofore declined to recognize any order or assignment of claim, in the issuance of warrants, but has issued all warrants directly to said contractor, and

"Whereas, The various creditors who have filed claims or obtained orders from said contractor upon this Board have failed to agree upon any basis of settlement, or arrange so that this Board can determine upon the legal preference, if any, under which said claims can be recommended for payment, or pro rata payment accepted; therefore.

"Resolved, That the facts involved under the situation be certified to the State Auditor, giving therein a copy of the contract, the conditional acceptance of the building, the amount of payments made to the contractor, the amount under the contract unpaid, the amount of claims filed for payment and amount of orders given upon the Board by the contractor, and all other facts deemed to be essential to a full understanding of the whole situation on the part of the State Auditor, that he may be able to act intelligently in auditing all claims, or refusing to audit the same; and

"Resolved, further, that the certification and report prepared by the Chairman and Clerk of this Board and this day submitted and read is hereby approved and the Chairman and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to certify the same to the State Auditor over their signatures."

Adjourned.

O. H. Coulter,  
Clerk.

Resord approved April 15, 1897.

Eli Wilkin

Chairman.

April 15, 1897 - Board met at 3 pm. pursuant to call, with all members and the clerk present.

The minutes of the meetings of March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 10 were read and approved.

Major Wilkin formally reported his resignation

to leave the State within a few days for an indefinite period and verbally tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Board. The resignation was accepted and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, that in accepting the resignation of Major Eli Wilkin as chairman of this Board, the undersigned, his Co-Trustees, express their most sincere regret that his extended absence from the State for an indefinite period makes this step seem necessary, and we hereby extend to him our most cordial thanks for his uniform courtesy and fairness in all his relations with us, and for the zeal, fidelity and ability with which he has discharged every duty imposed upon him as a member and chairman of this Board in the service of the State.

"The Clerk is hereby directed to record this resolution in the records of this Board and present a copy thereof to Major Wilkin as a slight expression of the high regard in which he is held by his official associates, and of their regret at the severance of the pleasant personal and official relations which have existed between him and them for nearly two years."

Mr. R.

Superintendent

R. C. Higginson

Mr. C.

J. J. Adams

Following the acceptance of the resignation and the adoption of the resolution Mr. R. C. Higginson was elected chairman and expressed his thanks for and appreciation of the honor.

The importance of having more excavating and grading done for the protection of the Normal School building, <sup>the building is in a bad state of repair.</sup> the Chairman and Clerk were authorized and directed to have as much of such work done as the funds available will permit and to engage Mr. John Brickbridge to superintend the work upon the same terms as those specified in his former contract for like work,



requiring him, as before, to render a detailed statement of labor and all expense incurred. And the chairman and clerk were directed to see that the cost of the work be not permitted to exceed the net balance of the appropriation, and that it be completed before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Admiral.  
O. H. Culver,  
Clerk,

Record approved  
R. C. Higginson

Chairman

April 25, 1898 - Additional Record of this date.

The agreement entered into between the board by Major Kilkin, as chairman, and O. H. Culver as clerk, and Jasper St. Warren for the care of the building, as authorized March 31, as per record, was read and approved and a copy thereof was ordered furnished to Mr. Warren and the original, with Mr. Warren's written proposition to Major Kilkin, was ordered filed by the clerk, with other papers relating to the business of the board.

Approved -  
O. H. Culver,  
Clerk.

R. C. Higginson  
Chairman.

Year appears to have been incorrectly given as 1898 when it should be 1897.

April 27, 1898 - Board met pursuant to call with the chairman, Mr. Eden, and the clerk present. The chairman reported having ordered the discontinuance of grading etc. under the direction of Mr. Brackinidge, as authorized April 15, and the clerk presented Mr. Brackinidge's statement of labor and other expenses incurred, amounting altogether to \$441.92, exclusive of \$24.00 for powder, caps and fees purchased of J. L. Easton. The chairman also reported having purchased various articles necessary for the use of the janitors, amounting to \$16.05. His action and both reports were approved.

The clerk, by the voluntary action of the Board, was allowed \$50.00 extra compensation for services to May 1, 1897, and his salary was



discontinued from that date, on account of the Governor's action in vetoing the appropriation for the equipment of the building and the maintenance of the school. The clerk expressed his grateful appreciation of the liberality of the Board and of their courtesy and consideration in all their personal and official relations with him.

Vouchers were ordered certified to the State Auditor for the issuance of warrants in payment of bills allowed as follows:-

Voucher No. 77 - favor of John Brickbridge, excavating and grading around Normal School Building, \$441.92

Voucher No. 78 - favor of O. H. Culver, salary and extra compensation as clerk, and incidental expenses, to May 1, 1894, in full, \$90.00.

Voucher No. 79 - favor of R. D. Morse, tools etc. for use of watchman at School Building, \$16.05.

Voucher No. 80 - favor of J. L. Easton, powder, caps & fuse used in excavation, \$24.00.

Voucher No. 81 - favor of Skilling & Cornes, balance due, as per contract, for plans, specifications and supervision of the Normal School Building, \$33.10.

Adjourned. Record approved  
 O. H. Culver, Clerk. R. C. Hyginum, Chairman.

[Year appears to have been incorrectly given as 1898 when it should be 1897.]

May 26, 1898 - Board met pursuant to call with the Chairman, Mr. Edens and the clerk present, the meeting having been called for the purpose of ratifying the prior informal action of the trustees in requesting the chairman to go to Olympia to confer with the State Auditor and hasten the issuance of warrants for claims allowed and certified April 27, and concerning which it appeared from correspondence the Auditor had some misunderstanding, not as to the merit of the claims but as to the amount available for payment on claims against the contractor. As a result of the chairman's conference with the Auditor the claims represented by vouchers Nos. 77 to 81 inclusive were allowed and warrants issued and delivered