

For certain articles ordered by Mr. Higginson for use of watchman in caring for building, was approved and ordered certified to the State Auditor for the issuance of a warrant.

Adjourned. Record approved Mch. 18, 1897.
O. H. Culver, Clerk. Eli Wilkin, Chairman

March 5, 1897 - Board met at 3 pm. pursuant to call, with all members and the clerk present. The clerk stated that he had received a letter from Senator Dorr referring in part to the claim of Contractor Darcy for 'Extras' then pending before the legislature, and asking for information concerning it. The clerk had accordingly prepared a full statement of facts relative to the matter, which he submitted to the Board. The statement was approved and the clerk was directed to send a copy immediately to Senator Dorr, and retain a copy in his office. (Subletts book, page 88)

The action of the chairman and clerk in certifying two vouchers to the State Auditor, as follows, was ratified:

Voucher No. 69, favor of J. A. McBride, \$5.00, for making temporary stairway from 2nd to 3rd floors of building.
Voucher No. 70, favor of O. M. Jenkins, \$35.00, per. rates as watchman to Feb. 20, as agreed.

Adjourned. Record approved Mch. 18, 1897.
O. H. Culver, Clerk. Eli Wilkin, Chairman

March 18, 1897 - Board met at 3:30 pm. pursuant to call, with all members and the clerk present.

The minutes of the meetings of Jan. 30, Feb. 4, Feb. 10 and March 5 were read and approved.

Governor Rogers having retred the legislative appropriation for the equipment and maintenance of the school, rendering its organization at the present time impossible and leaving no funds available for the care of the building, the clerk was directed to write to the governor and inquire if any legislative provision had been made or could be

made for his authority for the proper protection of the property.

The Clerk was also directed to call the attention, in writing, of all attorneys known by him to represent creditors of the contractor, to the importance of reaching an early determination as to the disposition of the funds remaining in the hands of the trustees to the contractor's credit, the Clerk having been notified that any funds remaining to the credit of the appropriation after April 30 will revert to the State.

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

Voucher No. 71, favor of Wharton Transfer Co., \$3.00, for carriage hire on account of Senate Committee.

Voucher No. 72, favor of Harry Patterson, \$15.60; expenses of trip to Olympia by request of the Board.

Voucher No. 73, favor of O. H. Culver, \$23.20; expenses of trip to Olympia by order of the Board, \$16.60; office supplies, postage, telegraph and telephone service, \$6.60.

Voucher No. 74, favor of C. M. Jenkins, \$35.00; services as watchman to March 20, as agreed.

The expenses covered by vouchers Nos. 72 and 73 were incurred by the clerk and Mr. Patterson in carrying out the instructions given to them by the trustees at an unofficial meeting held Sunday Mch. 7, at which time it was decided to send the clerk to Olympia with the records and documents bearing upon the claims of Contractor Darcy for "extras", then pending before the Legislature, and Mr. Patterson to render such assistance as he might be able to in the matter of securing a reasonable appropriation for the equipment and maintenance of the School. This informal action of the members of the Board was ratified at this meeting.

Adjourned. Record approved March 31, 1897.
O. H. Culver, Clerk. Eli Nelson, Chairman.

March 31, 1897- Board met at 4 pm, pursuant to call, with all members and the clerk present. The minutes of the meeting of March 18 were read and approved.

The clerk reported that he had complied with the instructions of the Board in the matter of writing to the Governor relative to the care of Building, and had received a reply from the Governor's Secretary approving the suggestion to have the Building occupied to avoid the necessity of boarding up the doors and windows, but ignoring entirely the question as to whether any executive provision had been or could be made for payment for such occupancy and care.

The clerk also reported having written, as directed, to attorneys representing creditors of the Contractor in regard to the disturbance of the balance due upon the contract.

The clerk further reported that the State Auditor had returned vouchers Nos. 71, 72 and 73, stating his reasons for so doing. As it was apparent that he did not fully understand the nature of the claims, the chairman was requested to write to him and explain them more fully.

Owing to the action of the Governor in setting the legislative appropriation for the equipment and maintenance of the school, leaving no funds available for payment for the care of the Building after the appropriation for construction is exhausted, the services of O. M. Jenkins as watchman were dispensed with, and he was allowed \$13⁰⁰ for his services since March 20.

A proposition was submitted from Jasper C. Warren to take care of the Building and reside there for a period of two years, or until the next legislative session, and rely wholly upon the legislature for his pay for such service. The offer was accepted and the chairman and clerk were authorized to execute a proper agreement with Mr. Warren and furnish him a copy.

On account of the considerable amount of extra work made necessary for the clerk by reason of the complications in the settlement of the contract, due to the contractor's failure to meet his obligations, the clerk was allowed \$25.00 extra compensation for the three months ending March 31.

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

Voucher No. 75 favor of O. H. Culver, \$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.

Adjourned. Record approved April 15 1897.

O. H. Culver,
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. Darcy 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 20th day of January, 1897, the contractor Wm. B. Darcy, 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