

The principal presented the appended communication:

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON,

January 8th, 1910.

To the Board of Trustees,-

The close of the first semester of the present school year finds the Bellingham State Normal School enjoying the largest attendance in its history. The total enrollment in all departments having passed the seven-hundred mark. It is of course a source of much gratification to all friends of the institution to learn that the school is enjoying a most substantial growth, and increasing every year in influence and usefulness in the state, but to those in charge of the daily work of the school, this increased attendance brings serious problems for consideration, and at this time we desire to bring to the attention of the Board of Trustees some of the facts regarding the work of our training department.

The work of this department has always been considered the most important single factor in the development of the institution, and soon after the organization of the school when it was found necessary to ask the state for additional buildings, the first structure erected provided new quarters for our training school. At that time these new quarters were ample for the work to be done, but the rapid increase in the enrollment in the advanced classes has fully outgrown the present accommodations, as the following comparison of figures will indicate:

In 1902, the first year after the Training School Annex was completed, there were enrolled in the Normal School a total of 33 Seniors and 79 Juniors, making a total of 112 students in the advanced courses who were candidates for practice teaching. At that time twenty weeks of practice work were required of each student in the Junior year and twenty weeks in the senior year. During the current school year we have enrolled a total of 90 seniors and 155 Juniors. At present twenty weeks of practice work are required in the Junior year and forty weeks in the Senior year. A comparison of these figures shows that the Normal School must provide opportunity for three times as much

practice teaching today as was necessary seven years ago. During these seven years the number of children in daily attendance in the training school has increased about fifty per cent, and the ninth grade has been added to the work offered. This growth has ~~made~~ ^{it} made possible to provide classes in a fairly satisfactory manner for the increased number of practice teachers, but the problem of providing a sufficient number of rooms in which these student teachers may do their practice work under proper conditions is proving a difficult task. When the Training School Annex was erected eight years ago it was planned to provide a general school room for each of the eight grades, six class rooms, a private room for each supervisor, four cloak rooms, two toilet rooms, a play room, and a general office. These accommodations were adequate and in almost every way satisfactory when they were opened for use, but the general growth of the Normal school during the past few years has been such that at present ^{eighteen} ~~eight~~ classes from the training department must be conducted daily in rooms regularly assigned to other departments in the Normal school. While this plan of using the same rooms for different purposes does not seriously impair the efficiency of the work, it does greatly inconvenience both faculty and students and renders further development of the work exceedingly difficult. We desire, respectfully, therefore, to call the attention of the Trustees, not only to present conditions but to the great need for taking steps in the near future to increase greatly the present quarters of our training department. At the present time there is positive need for two additional school rooms, five or six additional class rooms, a general assembly room, a separate gymnasium, and several smaller rooms all for the exclusive use of the training department. Since it is desirable to keep the practice work of the institution thoroughly organized in one general system, this additional room may probably best be secured by the erection of an addition at the rear of the present Training school building. Such an improvement will not prove expensive, and yet will give the much needed additional room. We recognize of course that it will be impossible to proceed at once in this matter, but we beg to suggest that the time is at hand when plans should be formulated

to provide for this improvement.

It should also be added that there is serious need for additional supervisors in the training school. The growth of the Normal School demands a larger training department, and the children can be secured when we have additional rooms to accommodate them and additional supervisors to direct their work. The entire Normal School is crowded with work, and of necessity in this growing country, must be for years to come. The problem, therefore, of providing both buildings and teachers will be ever present for consideration so long as this great northwest shall enjoy development and prosperity.

Respectfully,

Principal.

On motion of Trustee Handschy, the appended list of bills was ordered paid:

MAINTENANCE FUND

Byron Bros. Grocery	15 80
Whatcom Co. Ry. & Lt. Co.	49 85
American Printing Co.	16 30
C. M. Sherman	12 35
Santo Vacuum Cleaner Co.	12 00

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Munro & Haskell	251 78
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.	30 74
Orr & Lockett Hardware Co.	35 00
Chas. W. Owen	91 00
Bellingham Livery & Transfer Co.	86 00
Western Wood Working Co.	5 90
Rhrlich-Harrison Co.	65 93
Morrison Mill Co.	41 17
Whatcom Co. Ry. & Lt. Co.	48 15

LOCAL FUNDS

Santo Vacuum Cleaner Co.	13 00
E. A. Bond, Chairman	47 50
Mrs. Lee Howard	2 25
B. B. Tamale & Chili Co.	3 75
W. E. McCaddon	81 60
T. D. O'Brien	127 89
Henry W. Parrott, Trustee	34 76
A. P. Erickson	137 25
Cole Truck & Storage Co.	38 43
Great Northern Furniture Co.	2 50
Sweet Grocery Co.	108 52
L. Stanton	51 25
Wilson-Nobles-Barr Co.	61 66
Ireland & Pancoast	23 50
Coldewey & Kvam	33 84
Whatcom Co. Ry. & Lt. Co.	49 15
A. C. McClurg & Co.	145 71
The Macmillan Co.	25 79
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	5 00

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Minutes approved.

Wayland Lane

Registrar.

Jim Hanson

Chairman.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 21, 1910.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellingham State Normal School held in the office of Trustee Handschy this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Present: Chairman J. J. Edens, Trustees J. J. Donovan and F. F. Handschy and the Registrar.

The faculty, at its meeting of January 17th, 1910, having recommended the issue of diplomas to the following:

Myrtle Brown
 Florence Connell
 Mary Dubois
 Clara Junk
 Grace McLeran
 Rose Thibert

on motion of Mr. Handschy, the action of the faculty was approved and diplomas ordered issued.

Section 3 of Par. 313, Code of Public Instruction, providing for the payment of a fee of One dollar by any applicant for a teacher's certificate or life diploma and the State Superintendent of Instruction having held that this school must collect this fee before issuing such certificate or diploma and remit to the Superintendent of Schools of the county in which the applicant intends to teach, or resides, on motion of Mr. Handschy, seconded by Mr. Donovan, the Registrar was instructed to issue checks for such fees in accordance with the ruling.

The matter of an increase in the price of meal tickets for use at Edens Hall having been brought up, by common consent it was decided to make no increase at the present time.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Wayland Clark

 Registrar.

Minutes approved.

J. J. Edens

 Chairman.