

Meeting of March 10, 1899.

The Board, pursuant to the call of Chairman R. C. Higginson, met at Higginson's Drug Store, New Whatcom, March 10, 1899, at two o'clock p. m.

Present: R. C. Higginson, J. J. Edens, and Frank C. Teck, the latter having been appointed March 3, 1899, to succeed Eli Wilkin whose term had expired.

On motion of Mr. Teck, Mr. Higginson was retained as chairman of the Board.

Moved by Mr. Edens that the election of clerk and secretary be made temporary. Carried.

Applications for secretary signed by W. H. Abbott, S. B. Irish, R. C. Higginson and F. C. Teck were read. The election then proceeded, six ballots being taken, resulting as follows:

First Ballot - Abbott 1, Teck 1, Irish 1.

Second Ballot - Higginson 1, Teck 1, Irish 1.

Third Ballot - Higginson 1, Teck 1, Irish 1.

Fourth Ballot - Higginson 1, Teck 1, Irish 1.

Fifth Ballot - Higginson 1, Teck 1, Irish 1.

Sixth Ballot - Teck 11, Irish 1.

Frank C. Teck having received a majority of the votes, was declared elected.

Mr. Higginson announced his resignation as chairman of the board and moved that Mr. Edens be elected chairman. Mr. Edens declined to accept the honor, Mr. Higginson's resignation was tabled.

On motion of Mr. Edens the Board then adjourned to meet Wednesday, March 15, at three o'clock p. m.

Record Approved  
R. C. Higginson  
Chairman

Frank C. Teck,  
Clerk pro tem.

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1899.

The Board of Trustees met at Higginson's Pharmacy, pursuant to the call of the President. Present, President R. C. Higginson and J. J. Edens. Mr Higginson was elected to act as Secretary pro tem in the absence of temporary secretary Frank C. Teck.

It was moved by Mr Edens, and carried, that the Board proceed to elect a permanent Clerk, the election of Mr Teck for that position on March 10<sup>th</sup> being temporary.

The applications of Frank C. Teck, S. B. Irish, H. H. Abbott, and L. H. Darwin were read and laid before the Board.

The ballot being taken L. H. Darwin was unanimously elected Clerk. On motion of Mr Edens the salary of the Clerk was fixed at \$25.00 per month.

The Chairman was instructed to confer with Mr A. Lee regarding plans and specifications for heating the school building and authorized to enter into contracts for the same. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Record approved  
 R. C. Higginson  
 Chairman

L. H. Darwin  
 Clerk.

Meeting March 31st 1899.

The Board met at 2 P.M. pursuant to the call of Chairman. Present all members - R.C. Higginson, J.J. Edus, Frank C. Teck, Chairman Higginson laid before the Board and explained the plans for heating and ventilating the Normal School Building submitted by Architect A. Lee, Mr Lee, he said was confident that they would prove satisfactory and could easily be increased to heat the remainder of the building not contemplated in the present plans. The specifications were read aloud after which Mr. Edus moved that the plans of Mr Lee be accepted and bids on same be advertised for. Adopted unanimously.

It was moved by Mr Higginson that the advertisements be inserted in one local paper and one Seattle paper. The Blade of Watcom and The Post-Intelligencer Seattle were designated as the papers.

The following is the proposal ordered inserted:

This was ordered inserted three times in each of the above specified papers; Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>,

and Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The matter of the selection of a principal of the school was then taken up. Chairman Higginson stated that on the previous Thursday evening he had received a telegram from Seattle stating that there were certain parties there in Seattle who could give him information concerning Dr. E. T. Mathews, an applicant for the principalship of the Normal school and also that he would have an opportunity to meet Miss Goddard, said to be a splendid training teacher; that being unable for lack of time to consult with the other members of the Board he had gone to Seattle and met these parties. His action was sanctioned.

All the applications for the principalship of the school were then laid before the Board. Those applying were; Frank J. Brown of Olympia Wn., E. T. Mathes, Lewiston Idaho, F. A. Swanger Park City Utah, R. A. Heritage Spokane Wn., Wm. Stryker Topeka Kan., Geo. E. St. John North Yakima Wn., J. J. Allison Chicago Ill., A. M. Culter, Norton Kan., L. J. Knapp, Hamilton Mont, Wn. E. Anderson Milwaukee Wis., C. E. Newberry, Coupeville Wn.

The applications, together with their accompanying recommendations and other data were read aloud after which the Board spent some time in an informal discussion of them after which it was decided to postpone the selection until a later date.

Chairman was empowered to employ Janitor Warren to care for the building for another month and to agree with him as to the compensation.



The question as to the grading of the grounds was postponed until after Mr. Higginson could confer with President P. B. Cornwall of the B. B. S. Co.

It was decided to communicate with Prof. R. A. Heritage of Spokane and have him meet the trustees here Saturday April 8th.

On motion of Mr Edens the Board adjourned.

L. H. Darwin  
Clerk.

Record approved.  
R. C. Higginson  
Chairman

Meeting of April 10 1899.

Board met pursuant to the call of the Chairman at 2.20 P.M. Present R. C. Higginson, J. J. Edens, Frank C. Teck. Chairman Higginson read a communication from Dr. R. A. Heritage reiterating his qualifications for the principalship for which he was an applicant. Mr Edens stated that he had received an application for the principalship from a gentleman in New Mexico which he had forgotten.

Minutes of the meetings of March 10th, 15th and 31st were read and approved.

The election of a President of the school was then taken up. On the first ballot E. T. Mathes of Lewiston Idaho received 2 votes and Frank J. Browne of Olympia the one. Dr Mathes was declared elected. The Chairman reported that he had engaged Janitor Warren to remain until May 1st for \$20. His action was