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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board of Trustees met in Mr. Zittel's office at four o'clock on Monday, April 2, 1928. Present: Mr. Lund, Mrs. Fancy, Mr. Stronach and Mr. Hargreaves. Mr. Munter came in about five o'clock.

Commons: The purpose of the meeting was to open the bids on the new Commons.

General Contract: The three lowest bidders were S. R. Morin, \$138,128.00; C. L. Muller, \$142,313.00; M. C. Medby, \$143,650.00. The Board instructed the secretary to hold these three bids.

Heat: James Smyth, \$14,500.00; McCaffrey Plumbing Company, \$14,700.00.

Plumbing: James Smyth, \$5,774.00; McCaffrey Plumbing Company, \$5,500.00.

Wiring: Electric Furnishing Company \$4,445.00; Inland Electric Company, \$4,492.00.

The Board ordered the two lowest bids in each of these classes held.

After a somewhat extended discussion the meeting adjourned at 5:45 to reconvene at 6:15 for dinner at the Davenport Hote.

Resolution: The resolution herewith attached was read by Mr. Lund. On motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Munter, it was approved and Mr. Lund was authorized to take the matter up with the attorney general and secure a hearing before the Supreme Court.

Certified Check: Mr. Lund reported that the Merchants Trust, of St. Paul, which requested in its correspondence of March 21st the return of its certified check for \$12,500.00 had wired its willingness to leave the check on deposit for thirty days provided the Board of Trustees could secure a decision from the Supreme Court of this state upholding the legality of the bonds.

Commons: Subject to the validation of the bonds by the Supreme Court Mr. Munter moved, seconded by Mrs. Fancy, that the general contract be awarded to S. G. Morin for his bid of \$138,128.00. He also moved, seconded by Mrs. Fancy, that the combined heating and plumbing contracts be awarded to the James Smyth Company provided Mr. Zittel could get them to reduce the joint bid to \$20,000 which would be a saving over the present joint bid of \$274.00. On motion of Mrs. Fancy, seconded by Mr. Munter, it was moved to award the wiring contract to the Electric Furnishing Company for their bid of \$4,445.00.

Linoleum: Mr. Hargreaves submitted bids for the laying of linoleum on the library floor. These bids were from Tull and Gibbs, Culbertson's and the Crescent. It was the opinion of the Board that the matter should be postponed until the summer recess because it seemed likely that better bids might be secured when contracts are being made for the furnishing of the Commons.

Residence: On motion of Mrs. Fancy, seconded by Mr. Munter, it was voted to award the contract for the electric fixtures in the residence to the Inland Electric Company for their bid of \$335.00. At the suggestion of Mr. Zittel and on the motion of Mr. Munter, seconded by Mrs. Fancy, it was voted to install a wood chute under the library at a cost of \$39.

Dr. Tiejje: Mr. Hargreaves reported that a delegation had waited on him to inquire whether the Board would approve of Dr. Tiejje being a candidate for the legislature this fall against Peterson of Espanola. The Board expressed itself as favorable to the participation of faculty members in the politics of the party of their preference but thought it undesirable for faculty members to run for political office inasmuch as it would interfere with their services to the institution.

Leaves of Absence: The requests of the following for leave of absence were granted:

- Mr. J. W. Hungate, summer quarter of 1928 (on pay)
- Miss Mary G. Swerer, one year (first quarter on pay) beginning with the summer quarter of 1928 and ending with the spring quarter of 1929.
- Mr. Omer Pence, one year (first quarter on pay) beginning with the fall quarter of 1928.
- Miss Mary W. Porter, two quarters (first quarter on pay) beginning in September, 1928.

New Teachers: The following appointments to the faculty recommended by Mr. Hargreaves, were approved on motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Fancy.

- Carol De la Hunt, Speech Department, beginning in September, 1928, salary \$2200.
- Margaret McGrath, second grade critic teacher, for one year beginning in September, 1928, salary \$2300.
- Mrs. Eva Camp, eighth grade critic teacher, beginning September, 1928, for one year, salary \$2300.
- Daryl D. Dayton, piano instructor to succeed Joseph Hungate who is resigning May 31, 1928.
- H. M. Blair, librarian, for one year beginning in September, 1928, salary \$2400.

Boiler: Some time was given over to the discussion of the

Boiler: (Cont'd) need of the installation of a new boiler to carry the increased load of the residence and Commons and also the installation of an ash carrier. Mr. Stronach reported that Mr. Moore, the engineer, had an approximate bid of \$2000 for a second-hand boiler and an ash carrier from the General Machinery Company. Mr. Zittel stated that it would cost in the neighborhood of \$1000 to connect the Commons with the septic tank in front of the Administration Building.

Resignation: Miss Katherine R. Dutting's resignation to take effect in December and request for leave during the fall quarter of 1928 was accepted and approved by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

R. J. Hargreaves
Acting Secretary

Approved: Chas. Lund
Chairman, Board of Trustees