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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday evening, July 9, 1936 at the home of Joel E. Ferris in Spokane. Those present were Richard S. Munter, Joel E. Ferris, James P. Dillard, R. T. Hargreaves, and H. N. Stronach, Bursar.

HEATING CONTRACTS SIGNED: Mr. Stronach presented the contracts for the heating line, which had been received and accepted on July 3, 1936. He reported that Mr. Charles I. Carpenter, the engineer had advised him just prior to the present meeting that there was some doubt whether Ole Johnson & Son would qualify on bond and go ahead with the trenching contract.

BUDGET: Mr. Hargreaves presented a general statement of the budget needs for the 1937-39 biennium. The question of restoration of salaries was discussed at length. The discussion revolved around the question of whether the budget should restore salaries in full from the low of 1933-35, or restore 90% of the cut from the high of 1929-31. It was the consensus of opinion that the restoration should be made in full, but that the total including additions to the faculty should not exceed the maximum figure of 1929-31. It was decided to postpone final action until September when the budget is due. It was suggested that in the meantime further study of the question at issue be made and more definite conclusions presented.

Mr. Stronach on being asked for a statement on operating expenses for the 1937-39 biennium pointed out that at least a 10% increase should be expected due to the addition to the campus of the new building and the need for paving and sidewalk on and around the campus, part of which expense the city might be expected to pay.

HEATING PLANT: Some discussion was given to the need for increasing the size and boiler capacity of the present heating plant, since the engineers had pointed out to the administration that connecting up the new training school building would leave the school without any stand-by boiler and would tax heavily the present capacity. It was the consensus of opinion that a request should be made of the next legislature for an appropriation for necessary changes in the heating plant and installation of a new boiler.

LIBRARY: Mr. Hargreaves advised the board of the crowded condition of the present library on the third floor of the administration building. He pointed out that with the present 33,000 volumes it is necessary to keep part of the books in the basement where they are not easily available. He also spoke of the insufficient seating conditions and the general inadequacy of the room to serve the institution properly. Inasmuch as each one of the other four institutions of the state has been granted, in the past, an appropriation for a separate library, it was the feeling of the board that the institution should incorporate a request for a new library building in the 1937-39 budget. Final action on the matter, however, was left to the September budget meeting of the board.

SALARIES: On recommendation of Mr. Hargreaves, the following salary increases, to become effective this month, were granted: Eunice Nelson, Dean of Women from \$2800.00 to \$3000.00; Isabel Richards, Assistant to the Registrar from \$1320.00 to \$1380.00; Gladys Quinn, Assistant to the Bursar, from \$1800.00 to \$1920.00.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

Agting Secretary.

APPROVED:

Chairman of the Board of Trustees.