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MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
March 31, 1948

The Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington College of Education met in room #205 of the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, at 11:30 am. on March 31, 1948. Present: Mr. James E. McGovern, Chairman, Mrs. Leslie Barber, and Mr. Dave S. Cohn, members, W. W. Isle, President, and George M. Rasque, Architect.

LAND: -

The first item of business was consideration of purchase of additional land adjacent to the campus. The President reported that an Option had been signed on the Southwesterly one-half of Lot 8 and all of Lots 9 and 10 in Block 112 of the Second Addition to the Cheney Townsite by Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Billesbach, and that steps will be taken to complete the purchase of this property at the cost of \$1,000.00.

Action of the Board at its March 29 meeting was considered, and the President was authorized to offer and to purchase the following property:

1. Lot 6, Block 111 of the Second Addition to the Cheney Townsite, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in Block 27 of Reservoir Park Addition, owned by Mr. William R. Carl at a sum not greater than \$3,000.00.
2. Lots 1 and 2, and the Southwesterly one-half of Lot 3, Block 112, of the Second Addition to the Cheney Townsite, together with improvements owned by Mr. John Camp for a sum not greater than \$3,800.00.
3. Lots 1 and 2, Block 111 in the Second Addition to the Cheney Townsite, together with improvements, owned by Mr. W. E. Humphries at a sum not greater than \$3,500.00.

The President was also instructed to secure firm quotations on the property in Block 61, Second Addition to the Cheney Townsite.

The President was further instructed to secure the valuations on this property, for a check against quotations, from the Cheney Branch of the Spokane and Eastern Bank.

BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST WING OF NEW MUSIC BUILDING:-

The Board then took up the matter of the bids which had been submitted on February 16 for the construction of one wing of the proposed music and classroom building. The Architect reported that he had not been able to secure a quotation from each of the bidders as directed at the February 16 meeting of the Board, the reason being that the various bidders had objected to such procedure on the grounds that it might be a means of changing the order of bids on the total project.

It was decided to accept Alternates 2 and 4, and to eliminate all other Alternates. The Architect was instructed to secure a quotation from the low bidder to change the routing of the steam line so that this line would connect directly from Hudson Hall to the new building, rather than be constructed around Hudson Hall. If this quotation should be deemed satisfactory by the Architect, the Architect was instructed to prepare contracts with the firm of Busboom & Rauh,

601 Cedar, Spokane, Washington, who are the low bidders on the project.

NOTE: The Architect later advised the Board that the proposal of this Firm had been deemed satisfactory, and that contracts would therefore be prepared as follows:

<u>Basic Bid</u>	\$ 107,672.00
to this payment <u>add Alternate #2</u> (sound-proofing doors), the sum of	1,463.00
and <u>add Alternate #4</u> (for extension of sidewalks and curbs, the sum of	<u>750.00</u>
	\$ 109,885.00
<u>Deduct</u> for change in routing of steam lines as above indicated, the sum of	<u>9,968.00</u>

The final contract price therefore would be \$ 99,917.00

JOINT MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CHENEY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The advisability of holding a joint meeting with the Cheney Board of Education was discussed, together with the problem created by the rapid increase in enrollment at the campus elementary school. The President reported that a study of the problem of enrollment at the elementary school for the year 1948-49 would require the employment of 4 or 5 additional teachers and the supplying of 4 or 5 additional classrooms above the facilities needed by the college for the demonstration elementary school. The President was instructed to notify the Cheney Board of Education that the college Board of Trustees would be glad to discuss this problem with the Cheney Board at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held on the college campus on the evening of April 15.

It was tentatively agreed that the Board would meet at 4:00 p.m. on the date of April 15 for the purpose of considering recommendations from the Heads of Divisions and the President for promotion in rank and salary increases for tenure. There would follow a dinner meeting to which the members of the Cheney Board of Education would be invited.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO JOINT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:

The matter of approval of certain items from the recommendation of the last joint Board of Trustees meeting was postponed, and the President directed to have ready copies of the minutes of this meeting for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

LETTER TO LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE:

The President was authorized to write to the Legislative Interim Committee on Education and request a hearing before that Committee concerning the program and problems of the college.

DECISIONS REGARDING POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON THE CAMPUS:

The Board gave considerable discussion to the question of the desirability of

establishing a policy concerning political activity on the campus. It was decided that organized groups concerned with promoting the interests of political candidates should not be recognized as officially approved campus groups, but that the activity should not be curbed so long as they are concerned merely with promoting the discussion and understanding of political problems and the policies of various candidates. No formal college meetings should be used for promoting the interests of these groups.

#### CHANGE OF CONTRACT OF MERLE J. VANNOY:

The President was authorized to change the contract of Mr. Jerle J. Vannoy from 10 months basis to a 12 months basis at the present rate of pay, it being understood that Mr. Vannoy would use his vacation period to continue his work toward his Master's degree.

#### PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO RESIDENCE HALLS:

Some time was given to the discussion of proposed additions to the residence halls facilities. It was decided to continue the study of this problem, and the development of plans for a new women's residence hall. The President was authorized to secure information concerning possible sites.

#### POLICY REGARDING SICK LEAVE AMONG EMPLOYEES OF RESIDENCE HALLS:

The problem was introduced concerning the present provisions for sick leave among employees of the residence halls. The President was instructed to prepare a report on present practices, and a list of individuals whose salaries had been reduced during the past 6 months.

#### AUTHORIZATION OF PRESIDENT TO ATTEND MEETINGS:

The President was authorized to attend the annual meeting of the American Council on Education, and the University of Chicago meeting on the Preparation of College Teachers May 1, 2, and 3, and also to attend the Pacific Coast Regional meeting of UNESCO at San Francisco on May 13 to 15.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS:

The advisability of providing an increased number of scholarships for high school graduates was introduced and discussed at length. The Board finally voted unanimously to set aside a sum of \$5,000 from funds available for an expanded scholarship program. It was understood that this sum would provide annually a minimum of 20 scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$300 each. These scholarships should be so distributed as to cover all departments in the Liberal Arts program. The following factors should be given consideration in the awarding of scholarships: (1) the basic ability of the student as evidenced in his high school transcript and in tests that might be administered; (2) financial need of the applicant; (3) potential value of the applicant to the college; (4) the scholarship should be awarded to provide a fairly wide geographic distribution; (5) it was suggested that certain currently popular areas of interest might be considered such as the United States Office of Education Zeal for Democracy program. The President was instructed to proceed with the setting up of such a program so that same would be available for the school year 1948-49.

STUDENT LOAN FUND:

Consideration was also given to the present condition of the student load fund, and use being made of same. Motion was carried unanimously to reduce the interest rate on this money to 3% and that other steps would be taken to insure that this fund be made available for use by students.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

  
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Chairman, Board of Trustees

  
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President

SUPPLEMENT TO  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
March 31, 1948

CONSIDERATION OF RETURN FROM LEAVE - MRS. CASH:

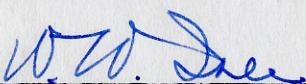
The matter of the return from leave of Mrs. Louise Vandevanter Cash was considered by the Board. The President reported that there had been some misunderstanding between the college administration and Mrs. Cash as to the nature and purpose of the leave granted her. It had been the understanding of the college administration that Mrs. Cash was terminating her connections with the college because of her marriage. In view of the fact that the correspondence between Mrs. Cash and the college confirmed her contention that she had contemplated only the one year leave and the return to the college at the close of that leave, the Board reached the following decision as recommended by the President: that Mrs. Cash be notified she would be returned to active duty with the college with the beginning of the Fall quarter in September, 1948, subject to assignment by the Head of the Teacher Training Division.

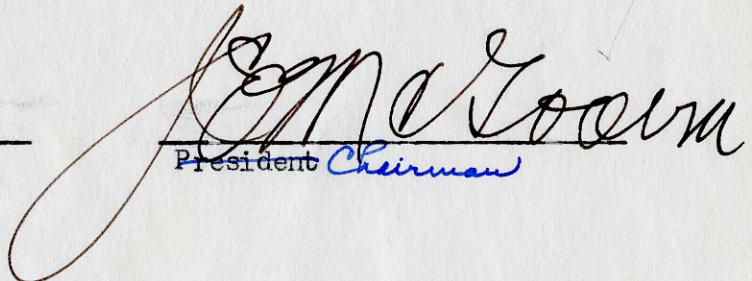
Mrs. Cash was further to be notified that she should inform the college administration of the work which she had done during her leave to meet the requirement of the college that quarterly leaves with pay be used for the purpose of improving the staff members service to the college.

CONSIDERATION OF NAME FOR FIELDHOUSE:

Mr. McGovern presented to the Board a number of letters which he had received recommending that the naming of the fieldhouse be after Mr. W. B. Reese. The Board spent some time and consideration of these letters, and the proposed action. It was decided that because of the nature of the building it should not be named after any individual. It was suggested that the building be named in a way to commemorate the service of graduates and former students of Eastern Washington College of Education in world wars I and II. It was suggested further that perhaps the name "Memorial Fieldhouse" might be appropriate. The Board adjourned without taking definite action.

Approved:

  
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