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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 18, 1949

The Board of Trustees met at the Davenport Hotel at 11:00 A. M. Those present were James E. McGovern, Chairman; Dave S. Cohn, Member; Mrs. Leslie Barber, Member; Walter W. Isle, President.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board for November 18, 1948, were read and approved.

The President submitted a report on the acquisition of land to date. This report revealed that all purchase projects authorized have been completed with the exception of the Humphrey's property in Block 11 and the Wilson property in Block 27. These two tracts are in process but final completion of papers is delayed because of probate court requirements.

The President also reported that F. M. Johnson has agreed to sell his ownings consisting of Lots 1 and 2, and thirty-four (34) feet in Block 122 for the sum of \$5000.00 without improvements. The President was authorized to proceed with the purchase of this property with this agreed upon price together with the property of Ernest Johnson (Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 122) at the agreed upon price of \$6500.00 without improvements.

The President reported on progress of construction projects revealed that all construction contracts on the campus have been completed with the exception of the Busboom & Rauh contract for alterations in Showalter Hall. The attached list of transfers indicates the final action of the Governor's Office in transferring funds to enable final payment to be made on each of the projects.

The appointment of the following new personnel was approved:

Mrs. Myrtle Jackson, secretarial science, \$3400.00
Miss Anita Harris, Piano, for remainder of year,
\$3400.

Wm. E. McConnell, \$200.00 per month, fireman's helper
H. S. Hatch, assistant custodian, \$200.00 per month
August Okerstrom, custodian Showalter Hall, \$200
per month

The Board voted to follow the recommendation of the State Board of Education in revoking the life standard elementary certificate of Mr. Alfred B. Hicks.

A report was submitted listing awards for scholarship for the current year. This report was approved, copy to become a part of the minutes.

The Board gave some attention to the letter from the School Board of the Cheney School District suggesting a new program of agreement as regards the operation of the College Elementary School. The provisions of this letter were approved with

understanding that the Cheney School District will continue to provide transportation of pupils to the College Elementary School as it has done in the past. The additional qualification was approved that, if and when, it should become possible for the College Elementary School to secure state allocation for attendance of pupils, the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington College of Education would not waive its right to these funds. Copy of the proposed agreement is attached.

The Board gave some consideration to the proposed transfer of a strip of land along the back side of the athletic field to the City of Cheney for the purpose of building a street. The President was authorized to propose to the City of Cheney that this strip of land be retained by the College for parking purposes and that in lieu of the proposed transfer, the College would be willing to share the expenses of grading the strip recently acquired by the City of Cheney from the Harder property.

The Board reviewed the program to date in the presentation of the budget for the 1949-51 biennium to the Governor and to the legislature. No action was taken.

Mr. George M. Rasque was called before the Board for a report on progress in the development of plans for the construction of a new residence hall. After thorough consideration of this project, the Board authorized Mr. Rasque to proceed with all possible speed on the preparation of plans for this hall. (The Board further authorized continued development of the bond issue program which would embody the following features:

- \$700,000 to be allocated for a new residence hall
- \$200,000 for an addition to Sutton Hall
- \$100,000 for furniture, furnishings, equipment

This construction would be financed in the following way:

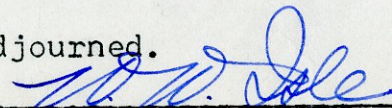
- \$200,000 in cash
- \$200,000 in three-year bonds
- \$600,000 in twenty-year bonds

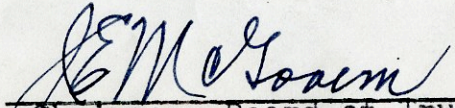
The President was authorized and directed to proceed with the acquisition of the balance of property behind Sutton Hall between "G" and 7th streets.

The President presented a letter from Charles Herring, advisor for the Associated Student Body, requesting the transfer of the College Bookstore to the administration and supervision of the Student Council. The Board voted that, because of lack of time, this matter be continued to the next meeting.

Mr. McGovern called attention to a letter which he has received from Mr. John McPeak, president Washington State Council, Building Service Employees' International Union, concerning a proposed contract with the recently reorganized union on the campus. This matter was deferred until a later meeting. It was the consensus of the Board that no contract could be entered into with the Union and that this matter should await for the development as regards the personnel of the Board under the present state administration.

Adjourned.


President, Eastern Wash. Coll.


Chairman, Board of Trustees