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# State Normal School

N. D. SHOWALTER, PRESIDENT

Cheney, Washington

September Twenty-five  
1919

Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to meet at 4:00 P.M. at the State Normal School, Office of President. Those present Mrs. Monroe, Chairman, Mr. Tustin, Mr. McLean and Mr. Showalter.

The applications made for janitor work by Mr. Key, Messrs. S.D. Daugherty and L. C. Daugherty - ex-service men - were considered. Mr. Showalter explained to the Board of Trustees that janitor work was a very important thing in an institution of this kind and required more than the ability to care for the rooms in a sanitary way because it requires skill in the operation of machinery-circuit clocks, ventilating apparatus etc. Because of these things it is not wise to change janitors often and especially should there be no change when the services are entirely satisfactory. Mr. Showalter further explained to the Board of Trustees that the provision for ex-service men was in connection with the erection of new buildings, state roads etc. The young men in question were immediately offered work on the new dormitory but refused to accept because they were already engaged in other labor. Mr. Fertsch, as the representative of the school, was sent to them to explain matters fully and reported that he felt sure the young men were satisfied when they were made to see the condition as it exists.

The Trustees examined the curved roadway at the East of the building and approved the plan carried out. They also authorized Mr. Showalter to clear and put in condition the grounds in connection with this new acquired property.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Secretary.

*Mary A. Monroe*  
President Board of Trustees.

Cheney Wash, Sept. 20th 1919.

Mrs. Mary A. Monroe

N. D. Showalter

We the undersigned, understanding that it is the policy of the institutions of our government to favor ex-service men as much as possible in furnishing them employment, and having been informed by the press and otherwise that the men who served their country in the late war would be given a preference in our public works and institutions over those who did not serve our country and especially a preference over 'Aliens' <sup>we</sup> desiring to secure employment as Janitors of the buildings of the Cheney State Normal School. We believe our training in the Army and Navy has fitted us for the duties of looking after the property of our government. We understand that there are over two-thousand un-employed men in Spokane at this time, and being demobilized so lately, that it has been impossible for us to secure other employment that we were able to make do. We therefore make application for the positions of Janitors of said buildings.

Respect. Yours

*S. B. Dougherty*

*J. E. Key*

*L. C. Dougherty*

If you want to know of our service to our country during the late war we will be glad to furnish you information along that line.