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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WASHINGTON STATE NORMAL SCHOOL  
ELLENSBURG

May 10, 1934

The Board of Trustees met in Ellensburg at the call of the President.

Those present were Mr. V. J. Bouillon, Mr. R. C. Sinclair, Mr. H. E. Bolin, and President R. E. McConnell.

The minutes of the meeting of February 16, 1934 were read, corrected, and approved.

The following new appointments were made:

Mr. Hartley D. Snyder, Galion, Ohio, Head of Music Department.

Dr. Donald MacRae, Iowa City, Head of English Department for one year.

Miss Agnes Howe, instructor in speech and dramatics for one year.

Mr. Kenneth Applegate, instructor in history for six weeks of the summer session.

Mr. Francis J. Pyle was granted a leave of absence for a period of one year contingent upon the success of the President in locating a satisfactory substitute.

President R. E. McConnell was granted a three-year contract beginning September 1, 1934, the salary to be adjusted according to revenues.

Moved by Mr. Sinclair and Seconded by Mr. Bolin that President R. E. McConnell be paid at the rate of \$5000 a year beginning May 1, 1934 and that 11/12 of \$7000 be reflected back into the salaries of the faculty members at the discretion of the administration. Passed.

President R. E. McConnell gave a report on a recent meeting of the Ellensburg Normal School Dormitory Building Corporation and read the letter which is being sent to all bondholders.

Moved by Mr. Bolin and seconded by Mr. Sinclair that the account of Mr. F. W. Straw be accredited with \$210. This action was taken following a certification from Mr. G. P. Short, former president of the Board of Trustees, that the board had an agreement with Mr. Straw that this board bill should be a part of his salary.

Mr. Bouillon read the minutes of the meeting of the heads of the five higher institutions of the state which was held in Seattle on May 7 and 8.

It was agreed that this institution should cooperate in working out any plan of revenue for higher education which may seem feasible.

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It was unanimously agreed that if Mr. O. H. Holmes decides to run for congress he should resign from the institution during his campaign and that if he is unsuccessful in the campaign he may be re-employed.

*Kenneth Cousson*  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Enclosed herewith are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on April 1, 1933. The minutes show the approval of approximately \$100,000.00. The corporation was organized on the 15th day of May, 1930 and on the 15th day of October, 1932.

In order to give you a clearer picture of the situation in this respect:

The Ellensburg Normal School Building Corporation is a corporation which will be the owner of the Washington State Normal at Ellensburg. An authority for the bond issue to finance these buildings was granted from said buildings and also from one of the state bonds by action vote passed. This is the only source of income available for the service of these bonds. At the time the buildings were built the volume of enrollment of between eight and nine hundred students of this type were housed there in the dormitories. At the present time there are only about three hundred students enrolled in the school, and less than thirty are housed in the dormitories. The Normal School administration feels that it would be unwise if the number of students staying at the dormitories are increased to one hundred fifty or more. The institution has maintained excellent scholastically and with conditions improving throughout the year and we are confident that a more normal enrollment can be attained and desired in the near future.

The dormitory buildings are fully insured against fire and are well equipped with excellent ventilation. During the last winter the buildings were repaired and improved through OWA labor. These buildings are on state property and are not liable against them.

The present administration of the Normal School is carrying the dormitory buildings and the dormitories of the Washington State Normal at Ellensburg. No salaries or expenses are paid for administration and all income from actual running expenses is credited for the year.

The Board of Trustees of the existing corporation, a representative of the State will be glad to make a plan for a representative of the Board of Trustees of the new corporation.

In addition, we can assure you that the buildings are well maintained and well equipped. The attitude of the Board of Trustees is to maintain a high standard of education at the school. Anything that will help to do this we will support the University of Washington and we will believe that would best the school will do it.

*Kenneth Cousson*  
Chairman, Ellensburg Normal School