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Central Washington College of Education
Ellensburg, Washington
Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Trustees

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the office of President McConnell Friday, October 25, 1957, at seven-thirty p.m. Present were V.J. Bouillon, Chairman, Mrs. Bernardines K. Frick, Herbert Legg, Clarence Nurnai, Roy Wahle, President Robert E. McConnell, Kenneth Courson, Secretary. Visitors present Wesley J. Crum, Martin Keatz, George Fetter, Clifford Wolfsehr, John Allen, Ed Rogel. It was moved by Mrs. Frick, seconded by Dr. Nurnai, that the minutes of the meeting held September 25, 1957 be approved without reading. The motion carried.

President McConnell announced the opening of the bids on the Classroom Building. A summary of the bids is attached to the minutes of this meeting. He stated that the basic bid of the Progressive Builders, in the amount of \$34,094.10 would be slightly over the \$36,000.00 appropriated when the architect's fee is added to that amount. Mr. Bouillon questioned whether or not the cost may be higher because of starting the construction in the winter rather than in the spring. President McConnell thought that it made little difference on this particular bid. He stated that the fire escape alternate to the bid call was because of a previous request made by the State Fire Marshall to have one installed. Mr. Legg asked the number of days for the completion of the project. According to the bid the project should be completed in 180 days. Dr. Wahle questioned what may happen in case of a catastrophe which may result from a fire in the Classroom Building; just what is the Board's responsibility. Dr. McConnell stated that funds were requested from the last legislature for minor capital outlay repairs such as the fire escape addition and no funds were granted for that purpose. Mr. Legg requested that Mr. Burkhard be asked to express his opinion on the concrete work being done during the winter. Mr. Burkhard stated that he did not approve pouring concrete in winter at any time. It was moved by Dr. Wahle, seconded by Mrs. Frick, that the basic bid of the Progressive Builders in the amount of \$34,094.10, including sales tax, be accepted. The motion carried.

Mr. Legg requested that President McConnell instruct the Superintendent of Buildings to check on the progress of the work and to see that concrete is not poured in freezing weather or under conditions which may cause damage to the building.

Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Burkhard were present to report on the progress of the Physical Education Building planning. Mr. Nicholson read a copy of his letter to Dr. McConnell regarding the progress, copies of which are attached to the minutes of this meeting. Revised cost estimates were presented by Mr. Burkhard, a copy of these estimates are attached to the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Burkhard stated that the building area was reduced by approximately 14,000 sq. ft. since the last meeting with the Board, and that by working on details the present proposal of 99,750 sq. ft. may be accomplished within the funds available. Mr. Burkhard stated that he hoped to have plans and specifications ready for bid call by the middle of March 1958. President McConnell recommended that the Board approve the budget for the Physical Education Building. It was moved by Dr. Nurnai, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that Mr. Lloyd Hutchins be employed as Budget Officer at a salary of \$6,000. The motion carried.

the letters from Mr. Nicholson, Chairman of the Planning Committee, implying that the architect proceed on working drawings on the building and to make test borings, but to withhold final plans on site development until a later meeting. Mr. Burkhard suggested that the ground on which the building and play areas are to be located be plowed now in order to assist in preparation for the spring work. Dr. Wahle stated that it was an excellent report. It was moved by Dr. Wahle, seconded by Dr. Nural, that the architect's presentation be accepted and that the building committee report be accepted with commendation, and that the architect be authorized to proceed with final drawings and specifications on the Physical Education Building and that the committee's recommendation on field development be approved with the understanding that further study was needed with reference to specific details on site planning. The motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Wahle, seconded by Dr. Nural, that the architect be authorized to proceed on test borings preparatory to the construction of the building and the site development. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Frick, seconded by Mr. Legg, that permission be granted the President to secure bids for the purpose of plowing the site of the Physical Education Building and play area this fall. Motion carried.

Mr. Howard Peterson was present to report on his progress on plans for the gas boiler conversion. He stated that the problem of eliminating fly ash is real and that the original premise of converting one coal boiler to gas may not solve the fly ash problem. A copy of his report is attached to the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Bouillon asked whether or not the expenditure of \$30,000.00 would solve the problem or not. Mr. Peterson stated that as far as fly ash is concerned it definitely will not solve the problem. Mr. Legg then asked for recommendations from Mr. Peterson. He stated that he could not come to any definite decision except that it will be a very expensive thing to do. First he would recommend a complete survey of all possibilities for the various fuels used and then arrive at a cost which would cover conversion and all other necessary items. He stated that the College must be in a position to use interruptible gas and be prepared to have a 100% stand-by of coal or oil. He thought that conversion to gas, oil would be less than to gas, coal, since cleaning equipment and precipitators might be necessary if coal were used. He stated that he would not want to proceed on the present basis because it would not solve the problem. Mr. Legg then questioned Mr. Peterson about the cost of the survey. Mr. Peterson estimated it would take 60 to 70 days at a cost of approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000. It was moved by Mr. Legg, seconded by Mrs. Frick, that Mr. Peterson be requested to submit his proposal in writing in order to cover the various possibilities of conversion and that the administration be requested to comment on his proposal at the next meeting of the Board and that the engineer be asked to work with the President for a statement to be presented to the public. The motion carried.

Mr. Legg raised the question regarding procedure of sending copies of the resolution of the June meeting to the Chairman of the Board and the President which stated that request to appear before the Board must be made in writing.

President McConnell reported on the Budget Officer candidates. He stated that Mr. Lloyd Buckles of Minneapolis had visited the campus, that he was interested, and that his references were all very good. It was moved by Dr. Nural, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that Mr. Lloyd Buckles be employed as Budget Officer at a salary of \$6,600. The motion carried.

President McConnell reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. and his conference with the Housing and Home Finance Agency. He stated reception was good. Commissioner Hazelton thought that it might be possible to refinance through bond exchange or a waiver of pledge of future income from the present bond holders. He stated that he and the Business Manager met in Seattle with representatives from the Pacific National Bank and Federal Home and Finance Agency. These contacted felt that refinancing could be done through securing waivers and offering approximately one half per cent interest on the outstanding bonds as a premium for the exchange. Mr. Maxwell reported to President McConnell by phone that he thought it could be accomplished, and if the Board authorized it, they would go ahead and meet in Seattle with representatives from the Government, the bank, the bond attorneys and the College. It was moved by Mrs. Frick, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that President McConnell and one Board member meet with representatives from the bank and the FHA and be authorized to take positive steps in order to secure federal funds for housing construction. The motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Legg, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that President McConnell, the Business Manager and the Administrative Council evaluate the proposals of the First Washington Corporation and Federal Housing Agency, if available, in order to have a firm quotation on costs and that President McConnell secure an opinion as to the legality of the proposed issue from the Attorney General's office. The motion carried.

Dr. Crum reported on the Committee of Nine meeting which was held in Cheney. Copies of this meeting are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Organization for long range planning and study on the College campus was discussed. Mr. Legg questioned whether or not faculty could devote some time to campus planning. Mr. Wolfsehr stated that a library study in which librarians take part may well take two or three years of adequate planning due to the press of other activities which the librarians have. Dr. Kastz reported that he is such in favor of faculty participation on long range planning.

Mr. Legg announced that he had invited Dr. John Hansen to speak on current trends in curriculum development at the November 22, 1957 meeting of the Board to be held in Seattle. Staff members who are in attendance at the Board meeting may also attend the dinner.

Mr. Wolfsehr reported that as chairman of the Faculty Council he considers long range planning an important business involving faculty, administrators and students, and further, that there is a wide spread feeling among the faculty members that there should be more participation on the part of the faculty in campus planning. This participation should be a tremendous morale building booster to the faculty.

Mr. Bouillon stated that the Board is in sympathy as a group toward the viewpoint expressed by Dr. Kastz and Mr. Wolfsehr, and he favors giving the faculty members more participation in campus and long range planning. Dr. McConnell agreed that the best interests of everyone in the College community could be served by this plan of faculty participation.

The meeting adjourned to be called into executive session.

The meeting reconvened at one-fifteen a.m., October 26, 1957 upon call of the Chairman. Herbert Legg was named as temporary secretary. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the Board is concerned that adequate Long Range Planning be done at Central Washington College and that the total college community be utilized in this planning:

Therefore be it resolved that Dr. J. Wesley Crum be named as Chairman and Mr. Ed Rogel be named as Secretary of a Long Range Planning Steering Committee to work with President McConnell and report to the Board of Trustees periodically and to establish the framework of a long range study and direct the progress of such a long range study. This steering committee is to work with the Academic Affairs Committee and the Administrative Council in establishing the frame of reference of such long range planning study and in carrying out the program.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President McConnell recommended that Wilhelm Hahn be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor retroactive to September 1, 1957. Mr. Legg questioned whether or not this promotion was in order because it was not granted at the same time as the other promotions were made. President McConnell advised that Mr. Hahn had very excellent qualifications at the time other promotions were granted because those were those questions relative to the credits which he had worked at 1200 hours at Fort Simco. This matter has now been cleared. President McConnell stated that a committee, composed of the Dean of Instruction and Mr. Rogel, had investigated the credits and found that they were in order. The Dean stated that the implementation of the evaluation of the credits had been made by the Faculty Council. In answer to a question relative to the small increase bringing Mr. Hahn to the bottom of the Associate Professor rank, President McConnell stated that promotions were usually made so that better fit person promoted normally is given the salary at the bottom of the next rank.

Plans and specifications for the Classroom Building Addition were signed by all members of the Board present. President McConnell brought up the question regarding the installation of a fire escape at the west end of the Classroom Building. He stated that the matter had again been brought before the Administrative Council and the Administrative Council reviewing its previous vote requested that the Board reconsider its decision at the last meeting and to accept bid of the Progressive Builders and to pay for same from the salaries, wages and operations appropriation. Mr. Hahn stated that dipping into salaries, wages and operations would in effect merely reduce the balance of this account for the remainder of the biennium, and further stated that he felt that the principal of doing this was wrong. However, he thought that since there is a danger of fire in the Classroom Building that he would recommend that the escape be installed. It was moved by Dr. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Legg, that the Progressive Builders be awarded the contract for the installation of a fire escape on the Classroom Building at the contract sum of \$6,000.00 and that it be paid from current operating funds, and that the architect's fee be similarly paid from current operating funds. The motion was carried.