

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

AT A

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL, DEC. 4-5, '95

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
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Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

HON. WILLIAM H. GREEN, Cairo	President.
HON. SAMUEL M. INGLIS, Springfield.....	Ex-officio member and Secretary.
F. D. MARQUIS, Bloomington.....	Treasurer.
ENOCH A. GASTMAN	Decatur.
CHAS. L. CAPEN.....	Bloomington.
EDWARD DOOCEY	Pittsfield.
E. R. E. KIMBROUGH.....	Danville.
MATTHEW P. BRADY	Chicago.
MRS. ELLA F. YOUNG.....	Chicago.
PELEG R. WALKER.....	Rockford.
M. E. PLAIN	Aurora.
FORREST F. COOK.....	Galesburg.
CHARLES I. PARKER.....	Chicago.
WM. H. FITZGERALD.....	Chicago.
JACOB L. BAILEY.....	Macomb.
CHARLES S. THORNTON.....	Chicago.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing and Finance.....	Doocy, Bailey, Capen.
Building and Grounds.....	Capen, Kimbrough, Gastman.
Text Books and Course of Instruction.....	Thornton, Young, Walker.
Teachers and Salaries.....	Parker, Kimbrough, Walker.
Training Schools	Gastman, Parker, Inglis.
Museum of Natural History and Library.....	Brady, Fitzgerald, Inglis.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading, amending and adopting minutes.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Report of the President of the Normal University.
 4. Treasurer's report.
 5. Reports of special committees.
 6. Reports of standing committees, in order.
 7. Communications.
 8. Motions and resolutions.
 9. Unfinished business.
 10. General business.
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Next meeting of the Board will be held June 17, 1896.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NORMAL, ILL., December 4, 1895.

The Board of Education met in the office of the President of the University at 10:20 o'clock a. m., Judge William H. Green, the President, in the chair.

Present, Messrs. Green, Capen, Walker, Doocy, Baily.

J. S. Baily was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Frank D. Marquis presented his bond as Treasurer, which was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance made the following report:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee to whom was referred the official bond of Frank D. Marquis, Treasurer, would respectfully report that we have examined the same and believe it to be in due form. We also believe that each of the sureties on said bond is responsible to the extent of the penalty therein made. We recommend that said bond be approved.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
EDWARD DOOCY.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The action on said report was deferred until the succeeding day.

F. D. Marquis, Treasurer, presented his report, covering the last six months, with vouchers. Said report being as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:—My last report, as your Treasurer, included June 17, 1895, and showed a balance on hand of \$5,109.45. The receipts have since amounted to \$14,583.09 from the following sources, viz.:

From the State Treasurer.....	\$11,666 66
From tuition.....	2,583 30
From rents.....	306 63
From furniture account.....	2 00
From interest on daily balance.....	22 50
Total	\$14,583 09

The disbursement has amounted to \$16,619.26, and is shown in detail by forty vouchers which are a part of this report, and are returned herewith. The balance on hand at this time is \$3,073.28. All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. MARQUIS, *Treasurer.*

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In Account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

		<i>Dr.</i>		
1895.				
June	18	To Balance.....		\$5,109 45
	18	" Furniture account.....	\$2 00	
	18	" Tuition, John W. Cook.....	70 80	
	19	" " " ".....	50 00	
	26	" Augustine, rent.....	184 80	
July	24	" State Treasurer.....	8,750 00	
October	5	" Tuition, John W. Cook.....	100 00	
	7	" " " ".....	800 00	
	18	" " " ".....	30 00	
	21	" " " ".....	730 00	
	25	" " " ".....	284 50	
	26	" " " ".....	20 00	
	28	" " " ".....	500 00	
Nov.	6	" Land rent, C. L. Capen.....	121 73	
Dec.	25	" State Treasurer.....	2,916 66	
	3	" Peoples' Bank, interest.....	22 50	
				14,583 09
				<u>\$19,692 54</u>
Dec.	3	To Balance.....		\$3,073 28

No.	By Vouchers.			
<i>Cr.</i>				
2,166	Cook, J. W.....		\$100 00	
2,167	Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co.		205 62	
2,168	Green, Wm. H.....		24 80	
2,169	Gastman, E. A.....		10 00	
2,170	Young, Mrs. Ella F.....		9 00	
2,171	Bailey, J. L.....		42 50	
2,172	Kimbrough, E. E.....		8 50	
2,173	Capen, C. L.....		10 70	
2,174	Thornton, Chas S.....		11 00	
2,175	Walker, P. R.....		55 00	
2,176	Parker, Chas. I.....		72 00	
2,177	Plain, E. M.....		14 00	
2,178	Rosette, Clinton.....		65 50	
2,179	Inglis, S. M.....		17 00	
2,180	Doocy, Edward.....		20 00	
2,181	Morrison, F.....		55 19	
2,182	Wells, W. F.....		19 08	
2,183	Warner & Richardson.....		28 00	
2,184	Hunt, Mrs.....		25 50	
2,185	Sylvester, Thos.....		55 40	
2,186	Public School Publishing Co.....		50 00	
2,187	The Vidette.....		57 25	
2,188	Watson, Stewart.....		53 50	
2,189	Cunningham & Kofoid.....		16 05	
2,190	Dodson, Cora.....		116 67	
2,191	Cook, John W.....		2,815 09	
2,192	" " " ".....		200 00	
2,193	" " " ".....		200 00	
2,194	Colton, B. P.....		150 00	
2,195 a	Leader Co.....		300 00	
2,196	The Leader.....		46 30	
2,197	Capen, Chas. L.....		100 00	
2,198	Cook, John W.....		2,406 59	
2,199	" " " ".....		2,406 66	
2,200	" " " ".....		2,889 88	
2,201	" " " ".....		500 00	
2,202	Colton, B. P.....		150 00	
2,203	Cook, John W.....		300 00	
2,204	" " " ".....		2,887 78	
2,205	Root, Geo. F.....		125 00	
	Balance.....			\$16,619 26
				<u>3,073 28</u>
				\$19,692 54

The above report was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance, who reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of F. D. Marquis, Treasurer, and accompanying vouchers, would respectfully report that we have examined the same, and find it correct.

We respectfully recommend that the report be approved.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
EDWARD DOOCY.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 3, 1895.

On motion of Mr. Capen, said report was approved.

President John W. Cook presented his report relative to the contingent fund, with 82 vouchers accompanying the same, showing a balance of \$9.46 in his hands; said report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee made the following report on the above report:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of John W. Cook in account with the contingent fund, and accompanying vouchers, showing balance on hand of \$9.46, would respectfully report that we have examined the same and find it correct. We recommend an appropriation of \$700 for the contingent fund for the ensuing six months.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
EDWARD DOOCY.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 3, 1895.

Mr. Doocy moved the adoption of said report. Mr. Walker seconded the motion.

On the call of the yeas and nays, the vote was as follows: Yeas—Green, Walker, Doocy, Capen, Baily; nays—none.

Whereupon, the report was declared adopted, and the recommendation therein concurred in.

President John W. Cook presented his account relative to the library fund, with 27 vouchers accompanying the same, which report was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance. Said committee reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of John W. Cook, in account with the library fund, would respectfully report that we have examined the same with the accompanying vouchers, showing balance on hand of \$77.86, and find the same correct. We recommend that the report be approved, and that an appropriation of \$500 for the library fund for the ensuing six months, be made.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
EDWARD DOOCY.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 3, 1895.

Mr. Capen moved the adoption of the report, which motion was seconded by Mr. Walker. The vote was as follows: Yeas—Green, Walker, Doocy, Capen, Baily; nays—none.

Whereupon, said report was declared adopted, and the recommendations therein concurred in.

The following bills were presented and were referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance:

Name.	Amount.
Cunningham & Kofoid.....	\$100 85
Watson Stewart.....	25 00
American Book Company.....	34 56
George Champion.....	42 67
Public School Journal.....	50 00
Total	\$252 98

Respecting these bills, the Committee on Auditing and Finance reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee to whom was referred the current unpaid bills of Cunningham & Kofoid for \$100.85; of Watson Stewart for \$25; of the American Book Company for \$34.56; of George Champion for \$42.57, and of the Public School Publishing Company for \$50, would respectfully report that we have examined the same and find them correct. We recommend that each of them be paid.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
EDWARD DOOCY.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 3, 1895.

Mr. Capen moved the adoption of the report, and that the bills be paid. Mr. Doocy seconded the motion, whereupon said motion was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Green, Walker, Doocy, Capen, Baily; nays—none.

Prof. B. P. Colton presented a report with reference to the natural science fund, with 11 vouchers, showing a balance of \$13.34, which report was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance. The committee made the following report:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of B. F. Colton, relative to the natural science fund, showing balance on hand of \$13.34, with accompanying vouchers, has been examined by us and found correct. We recommend an appropriation for this fund for the ensuing six months, of \$300.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
EDWARD DOOCY.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Mr. Capen moved the adoption of said report. Mr. Walker seconded the nomination.

The report was concurred in by the following vote: Yeas—Green, Walker Doocy, Capen, Baily; nays—none.

Mr. Capen offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and are hereby, instructed to execute all orders necessary to obtain the appropriation of \$7,000 made by the legislature for the new heating and ventilating plant.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Capen offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the President of the Board in executing contracts with Messrs. Sullivan and McCarthy, for the heating and ventilating plant, be, and the same is hereby, fully approved and confirmed.

Said motion was seconded by Mr. Doocy, and adopted by the Board.

Mr. Capen offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the settlement with Messrs. Sullivan and McCarthy, under the contract with the Board for the new heating and ventilating plant be referred to the president of the Board with power to act.

Mr. Doocy seconded the above motion, which motion was carried.

Mr. Capen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Board be, and is hereby, authorized in his discretion, to borrow, in the name of the Board, and to execute a promissory note of the Board therefor, not to exceed the sum of \$7,000, upon such terms and at such rate of interest as he deems proper. Said note not to run longer than June 1, 1896.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the President and Secretary of the Board were directed to draw orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the third and fourth installments of the appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the University, for the current University fiscal year, as they become due and payable, and that the Treasurer of the Board be authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Said motion was carried.

The Board adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., December 5.

WM. H. GREEN, *President*.

J. L. BAILEY, *Secretary Pro Tem*.

DECEMBER 5, 1895.

The Board met at 9 a. m.

Present—Green, Gastman, Kimbrough, Capen, Doocy, Mrs. Young, Brady, Walker, Parker, Baily, Inglis, Thornton, Fitzgerald.

Absent—Plain, Cook.

Minutes of preceding day were read, and on motion of Mr. Bailey were approved.

Mr. Baily moved that the Board in session to-day ratify and confirm the action of the Board in session yesterday.

A yea and nay vote was called for, which resulted as follows: Yeas—Green, Gastman, Kimbrough, Doocy, Mrs. Young, Brady, Walker, Parker, Baily, Inglis, Thornton, Fitzgerald; nays—none.

The motion was carried

Governor Altgeld being present, the President of the Board called upon His Excellency for remarks. The Governor's remarks were along the line of the merits of the Institution, commending the work in general, and pledging his confidence and continued support.

The Board took a recess for one hour, to give the members an opportunity to examine the plans for the new building. The Board was called to order at the conclusion of the hour's recess.

The Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction presented the following report:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction recommends that White's Elements of Geometry be substituted as a text book, for use in the Normal classes, in place of Wells' Geometry.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA F. YOUNG,
CHARLES I. PARKER,
S. M. INGLIS,
P. R. WALKER,
E. R. E. KIMBROUGH.

Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction.

The same committee recommended the substitution of The Manual of Chemistry, by Storer & Lindsay, for the one now in use in the classes of the University.

The above recommendations embodied in the report of the committee, were adopted by the Board.

President Cook's report was read, and by motion approved and adopted.

The report was as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:—The attendance for the term just closing is as follows:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Ladies	440
Gentlemen	166
Total	606

No one is included in this enrollment who has not been in school at least four weeks. Ten others were in for a period shorter than that but were obliged to withdraw on account of illness, making a total enrollment of 616.

PRACTICE SCHOOL.

Girls	161
Boys	164
Total	325
Total enrollment	931

The following table shows the attendance by counties for the term:

Adams	4	Marshall	6
Bureau	7	Mason	3
Carroll	7	Menard	1
Champaign	10	Mercer	6
Christian	18	Monroe	2
Clark	3	Montgomery	3
Clinton	2	Morgan	1
Coles	9	Moultrie	3
Cook	10	Ogle	4
Crawford	3	Peoria	8
Cumberland	1	Perry	1
DeKalb	9	Piatt	8
DeWitt	8	Pike	14
Douglas	5	Pope	4
DuPage	1	Putnam	10
Edgar	5	Randolph	1
Fayette	2	Richland	2
Ford	6	Rock Island	13
Fulton	9	St. Clair	19
Gallatin	2	Sangamon	8
Grundy	3	Scott	1
Hamilton	2	Schuyler	2
Hancock	5	Shelby	21
Henderson	8	Stark	3
Henry	5	Stephenson	1
Iroquois	11	Tazewell	18
Jefferson	2	Vermilion	19
Jersey	1	Warren	7
JoDavies	4	Washington	1
Kane	1	Wayne	1
Kankakee	4	White	1
Kendall	2	Whiteside	7
Knox	2	Will	7
Lake	4	Winneshago	4
LaSalle	16	Woodford	10
Lee	1		
Livingston	11		
Logan	6		
McDonough	2		
McHenry	9		
* McLean	35		
Macoupin	6		
Macon	19		
Madison	9		
Marion	5		
		OTHER STATES.	
		Arkansas	1
		Colorado	1
		Indiana	1
		Iowa	1
		Missouri	3
		Ohio	1

* 82 additional students paid tuition.

ENTERING CLASS.

Three hundred and thirty-two persons applied for admission to the normal department this term. The following table shows the mode of admission:

	Women.	Men.	Total.
Total number of applicants	251	81	332
Number rejected	31	15	46
Number admitted	220	66	286
By appointment of county superintendent	56	18	74
By high school or college diploma	87	13	100
By first grade certificate	7	5	12
By promotion from preparatory department	7	6	13
By examination	63	24	87

Students admitted to free tuition are from the following counties:

Adams	2	Macoupin	3
Bureau	5	Madison	1
Carroll	4	Marion	3
Champaign	5	Marshall	5
Christian	7	Mason	1
Clark	2	Menard	1
Clinton	2	Mercer	5
Coles	7	Monroe	1
Cook	7	Montgomery	2
Crawford	2	Morgan	1
DeKalb	5	Moultrie	1
DeWitt	5	Ogle	1
Douglas	3	Peoria	2
Edgar	3	Platt	4
Ford	4	Pike	11
Fulton	4	Putnam	4
Grundy	2	Randolph	1
Hancock	5	Rock Island	6
Henderson	5	Sangamon	4
Henry	2	Schuyler	1
Iroquois	2	Shelby	9
Jefferson	1	Stark	1
JoDavless	1	St. Clair	9
Kane	1	Stephenson	1
Kankakee	1	Tazewell	5
Knox	2	Vermilion	9
Lake	2	Warren	4
LaSalle	10	Wayne	1
Lee	1	White	1
Livingston	3	Whiteside	7
Logan	4	Will	4
McDonough	1	Winnebago	2
McHenry	9	Woodford	3
McLean	37	Other states	6
Macon	11		

This list includes 32 McLean county students admitted on payment of tuition.

By reference to the above numbers, it will be seen that the entering class is unusually large. It is, in fact, the largest in the history of the school. Not only is this true, but the grade of scholarship is decidedly superior to anything that we have had before.

The aggregate attendance for the term in the normal department is also considerably in excess of any previous record. Nor is this our fullest term, generally. Yet the largest enrollment in this department in any previous term was 510.

The practice school has about held its own. We expected some falling off in the highest room, and the results have been about as they were anticipated. There has been an increase, however, in the lower rooms, so that the school, as a whole, numbers about as many as last year, and has been sufficiently large for our purposes.

The indications now point to much the largest graduating class in the history of the school. Should all who now contemplate graduating, succeed in finishing their work, the class of '96 will be at least 50 per cent. larger than that of any previous year.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The closing of the High School diminished our revenue somewhat, but we shall be able to get through the year by practicing a fair degree of economy. I feared to proceed in the establishment of a kindergarten, as authorized by the Board at the last meeting, fearing that the added expense would be a cause of embarrassment. For the same reason, I did not arrange for the employment of a special teacher of music. It is probable that these departments, so greatly needed, must await an increased appropriation from the General Assembly.

Your attention is called to the fact that the appropriation for the new heating plant is not available on account of the unfortunate condi-

tion of the State Treasury. It is possible, also, that the appropriation for current expenses may not get into the hands of our treasurer very promptly. Some arrangement should be made by which our contractors shall receive their pay when their work shall be completed to our satisfaction, and our teachers should not be subjected to the embarrassment of waiting for their monthly salaries, if it is possible to avoid such a condition of things. The local banks will be glad to supply us with funds, of course, upon payment of the customary rate of interest.

We have received but one-third of our quarterly allowance due October 1st. An arrangement has been made, however, by the Governor, by which we shall probably receive the rest of this installment before the first of January. If we shall be so fortunate, we shall be able to pay all salaries and all current bills up to the beginning of the new year.

Our income from the State for the remaining half year will be \$17,500 for ordinary expenses. The tuition fund will probably reach \$3,500, making an aggregate of \$21,000. This will about meet our expenses, which will include the following items: Salaries, \$17,400; contingent, library and laboratory expenses, \$1,500; heating plant, \$500; repairs, \$300; Board of Education, \$200; fuel, \$1,000.

There will be something of a balance in our favor at the end of this quarter, so that we shall come out in fair shape at the end of the year.

THE NEW BUILDING.

By the advice of the Governor, a change was made in the plans for the new building. As presented to you, they provide for the accommodation of the library and science department. There is no doubt of the wisdom of this change. We are already crowded for room in the library, and we should be obliged soon to increase our floor space by some method. Under the proposed plan, the present library room can be used as the High School room that is now used for the relief of our over-crowded assembly room. The dressing rooms on the same floor should be removed to the basement, where there is ample room that has formerly been used for physical training. These dressing rooms, then, may be converted into class rooms, of which we are in material need. The two society halls can be thrown together and occupied by one of the old societies, and the science rooms, on the east side of the house, which exactly equal in space the two society halls, can be used by the other society. It will thus be seen that the proposed arrangement solves several problems, and will substantially complete the equipment of this institution.

THE NEW HEATING PLANT.

Your attention is especially called to our new system of heating. It is known as the double-fan system. Air is blown over steam coils and distributed in the various rooms, the amount being determined automatically by a system of thermostats. It is not yet completed, but the indications are that it will prove to be very satisfactory. A stream of fresh air is at all times flowing into each of the rooms, which will insure excellent ventilation, a condition of things quite new to our experience here.

The committee exercised great care in securing an ample bond to protect us against any possible failure on the part of the contractors.

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL.

It is not improper, I think, for me to call attention to some of the things that we are endeavoring to do. As you all understand, the Normal School is a new institution. Unlike the college or university, it has no well-established traditions. It is in process of development, and he would be rash indeed, who should attempt to lay down in detail the exact lines of work for the ideal normal school. Indeed, pedagogy itself

in any systematic form, is a comparatively new science, so new, indeed, that some eminent teachers deny the existence of any such inter-related body of knowledge as may properly claim such a designation. Be that as it may, one thing is certain, ideas are taking shape and are undergoing the process of formulation into something which may be properly called, I think, a science of education.

Among the 150 normal schools, more or less, in this country, a few have attained a high reputation. They have stood for something very definite. I think that we may claim, without subjecting ourselves to the charge of egotism, a fair standing among these institutions. We have, at least, won fair recognition, and there are few normal school men in this country who are not more or less familiar with what we are endeavoring to do.

The central point of the doctrine that we are struggling to develop is this—The function of the school is the production, above all else, of the ethical man. This is not a new idea in education, but unfortunately, little in the way of systematic work to this end has been attempted. It is held that every exercise of the school should have for its principal aim the production of a disposition on the part of the pupil to conform his conduct to what are called the moral standards.

It is further believed that the course of study should be organized with this idea in mind. Since the elements of an education involve the mastery of much that is formal and nearly empty of thought-content, an effort is made to supply this wanting feature. In pursuance of this purpose, literature in suitable form, is introduced into the lowest grade, and simple nature study runs parallel with it throughout the course. Since literature is not only rich in ideas, but also abounds in typical ethical situations, its introduction is believed to do much toward solving the leading problem of the school.

We have been able to influence the schools in no small degree by frequent conferences on the part of some of our teachers with leading superintendents of the larger towns and cities of the State.

Out of the work of our Practice School a group of manuals for teaching has been developed by Dr. McMurry. These are having a large circulation, not only in Illinois, but in other states.

This is but a single phase of the more recent educational movements, but it is full of promise.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COOK, *President.*

A motion by Mr. Baily to approve the bond of the Treasurer, as reported by the committee on yesterday, prevailed.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Board be, and is hereby, instructed to execute such lease or leases of the normal farm to such party or parties upon such terms, and for such period or periods as he may deem proper, in all cases, requiring security from the lessee for the amount stipulated.

Said motion was carried.

Mrs. Young introduced the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That five members shall constitute a quorum at all regular meetings and at all special meetings called by the President of the Board, due notice having been sent to each member by the Secretary, but that no appropriation shall be made by less than an affirmative vote of eight members present.

Said motion was carried.

Mrs. Young moved that the Committee on Building and Grounds be requested to see that the doors of the building be made to swing in accordance with the law.

Said motion was adopted.

Mr. Bailey moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be instructed to employ an additional fireman for a period not exceeding three or four months as circumstances may demand. The salary of said fireman not to exceed \$40 per month.

Upon a call of the yeas and nays, the above motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the minutes of the last meeting were amended as follows: On fourth line from the bottom of page 16 strike out the word *and*, and after the word *discussed* add the two words *and adopted*.

On motion by Mr. Brady, the minutes of the last meeting were corrected as follows: Page 16, line 7 from the bottom be changed to read that "Mr. Charles L. Capen be paid \$100 for services to the Board of Education."

Said motion was carried.

Mr. Doocy moved that the Board proceed to examine the bids for the erection of the new building,

Said motion was adopted.

Mr. Doocy read the bids with explanations relative to their character.

The following person or persons presented bids for the new building: The Northern Building Company, Bloomington, Ill.; John W. Evans' Sons Company, Bloomington, Ill.; M. Yager & Son, Danville, Ill.; H. F. Hoyle, Lincoln, Ill.; William Shroder & Co., Peoria, Ill.; J. H. McGregor, Bloomington, Ill.; J. C. Robinson, Chicago, Ill.; F. W. Menke, Quincy, Ill.; V. Jobst, Peoria, Ill.

Moved, by Judge Doocy, that the new building be faced with stone.

Said motion was carried.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt the plans for the new building prepared by Miller & Fisher, except as to the stairway.

Said motion was carried.

Mr. Thornton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be, and is hereby, authorized to let the contract for the new building to the lowest responsible bidder. But if, in their opinion, it is deemed advantageous by said committee, so to do, said bids may be revoked, and in such case the said committee is hereby authorized to let such contract to the lowest of such responsible bidders, provided that said amount so bid shall not be a sum greater than the lowest responsible bid thus far received by this Board. And that subject to said limitations, and in all other matters relative to the construction of said building, the said committee have full power to act in the premises.

Carried.

Mr. Brady offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the Committee on Buildings and Grounds shall have agreed with a contractor for the construction of the proposed new building, the President of this Board be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute a contract for and in behalf of this Board, for erection of such building with such contractor. That the contractor be required to finish said building so far as contracted for by September 1, 1896.

Carried.

Mr. Brady introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be formally tendered to his Excellency, the Governor of the State, for the great personal interest he has manifested in the educational institutions of the State; and that this Board regards his attendance at this meeting as an honor for the first time conferred by a chief magistrate of the State. Be it further

Resolved, That the Board deeply appreciates the earnest aid which it has received from Governor Altgeld in its efforts to obtain the necessary legislative appropriations for the erection of suitable school buildings for the use of this Board; and that with great pleasure, and as a duty incumbent upon the Board, be it further

Resolved, That the record of its proceedings show that the State Board of Education of Illinois recognizes in the present Governor of this State the earnest friend of education for all the people.

The Board adjourned to meet June 17, 1896, at 9 a. m.

WM. H. GREEN, *President*.

SAMUEL M. INGLIS, *Secretary*.