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Meeting of the Trustees of the Bowling Green State Normal College at the Hotel Milliken, Bowling Green, Ohio, at five (5) P. M.

Meeting called to order by President J. E. Collins.

Members present J. E. Collins, D. C. Brown, J. D. McDonel and John Begg. Mr. Howard of Howard & Merriam, Architects, was present.

The Remington Typewriter Company of Toledo presented a bill for one Remington #11-344223 C $150.00; Actuator #14328, $62.50; Totalizer #7-25622 $70.00. Total $282.50.

Less school agreement 131.25

Also one Remington #10-360707-$100.00

Less school agreement 50.00

$181.25

Moved by Begg and seconded by McDonel that the bills be allowed. Roll call,- Begg yes, McDonel yes,- Collins yes,- Brown yes. Nays,-none.- Carried.

The B. F. Wade and Son Co. presented a bill for

One binder 12 X 18 $ 4.25
One binder 14 X 23 5.25
100 Sheets Inventory record
100 Sheets Record of Appropriation 13.25

$22.75

Moved by McDonel and seconded by Begg that the bill be allowed. Roll call,- Begg yes,- Collins yes,- McDonel yes,- Brown yes. Nays,- none.- Carried.

The following bills were presented:-

R. W. Treber salary two months caretaker, August 1913, and September 1913, at $75.00 per month $150.00
D. C. Brown, expenses 35.25
G. A. Brown, Asst. Sec. from Aug. 19, 1913, to Sept. 19, 1913 75.00
J. D. McDonel, expenses 35.25
H. B. Williams, salary for month of Sept. 1913, Ohio State Reformatory 8.45
G. A. Brown, Asst. Secy, one month from Sept. 19, 1913, to Oct. 19, 1913, 30.00

Moved by Begg and seconded by McDonel that the bills be allowed and orders drawn, roll call Begg yes,- McDonel yes,- Collins yes,- Brown yes. Nays, none.- Carried.

Moved by McDonel and seconded by Begg that the following real estate contract and option for the Wooster property be approved and recorded in the minutes:-

REAL ESTATE OPTION.

For and in consideration of sixty ($60.00) dollars to me in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Helen W. Wooster, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, do hereby give and grant unto The Board of Trustees of the Bowling Green Normal School, its successors and
assigns, the exclusive right and option to purchase at any time within four (4) months from the
date hereof, the following described premises, to wit:-

Situated in the City of Bowling Green, County of Wood and State of Ohio, and known as and
being Out lot number ninety-seven (97), and being on Wooster Street in said City of Bowling
Green, Ohio.

The price of said property is and shall be six thousand ($6000.00) dollars payable after
the acceptance of this option by The Board of Trustees of the Bowling Green Normal School, its
successors and assigns.

The said Helen W. Wooster, as owner of the above described property, agrees, after notice
of the exercise of this option, to furnish an abstract of title of said property showing a good
and clear title of the same, free from all encumbrances, whatsoever, except a certain sewer
assessment now levied or about to be levied against said property, and on payment of said six
thousand ($6000.00) dollars in cash, to execute and deliver to The Board of Trustees of the
Bowling Green Normal School, its successors or assigns a good and sufficient warranty deed of
the same, except said sewer assessment.

Dated this 26. day of September, 1913.

Helen W. Wooster.

Signed in the presence
Clyde Tingley
Dot Loomie.

Roll call Begg yes,- McDonel yes,- Collins yes,- Brown yes.- Nays, none.- Carried.

Moved by Begg and seconded by McDonel that the President J. E. Collins, and the Secretary
D. C. Brown, be authorized to sign all bills and orders as allowed by the Board. Roll call
Begg yes,- Collins yes,- McDonel yes,- Brown yes.- Carried.

The following letter was received by the Trustees:-

Room 508 Purnald Hall, Columbia University,
New York City, Oct. 4, 1913.

To the Members of the Board of Trustees.

Gentlemen:--

In order that you may be fully advised of the steps that I have taken since the last
meeting of the Board in the matter of plans for the Science building and my reasons therefor, I
wish to offer the following explanations and shall make them as brief as clearness will allow:

On the 26th ultimo I submitted some questions to the Attorney General relative to the use of
a part of the appropriation for the Science building for permanent equipment and a connecting
corridor with the Administration building, and on the same date I replied to a request of
Howard & Merriam, stating that under the requirements that I must sign both plans and specifica-
tions in advance of further consideration by the Board, I should have to name $90,000 as the
limit of cost that I would approve. Copies of both communications were forwarded to President
Collins at the same time.

It is not necessary to go into detail concerning the questions submitted to the Attorney
General. The same questions were submitted several weeks ago and answered in a way that indica-
ted that we could safely proceed along the lines on which we were working on the preliminary
plans. This being only an unofficial opinion, the questions were submitted in writing in order
to secure an official opinion.

With reference to the limit of cost named in my letter to Howard & Merriam, I wish to say
that my position in this matter is based upon two reasons:

First - The lack of detailed estimate, showing either that the building could not be con-
structed in accordance with the preliminary plans within the limit named, or that by means of
changes which would still insure adequate room and satisfactory construction for the purposes
of such a building, the cost could not be brought within the limit. In order to seem to be
perfectly fair, I shall mention the important item of foundation or footings as an example. The need of positive information as to cost from another point of view will be seen from the next consideration.

Second - Another reason is found in the action of the Board at the last meeting in requiring me to sign both plans and specifications prior to their consideration by the Board. Let me say here that I have at no time doubted that this action was taken with the best of intentions, and I accepted it in the same spirit, although at the time I objected to taking upon myself responsibility for the specifications. My reason was that the president has only advisory power under the law in building projects and that responsibility for cost might force me to take a position in conflict, or seemingly so, with the expression of the Board on the limit of cost, or one that would be inconsistent with my attitude before the Finance Committee and other state officials.

When we appeared before the Finance Committee in support of our budget, and again when we went to the Governor and other state officials to secure their approval of certain changes in the plans for the Administration building, I went on record in favor of completing each of our new buildings, ready for use, within the limit of the appropriations.

I take it that every one understands that we have no special appropriation for furnishing and equipping the Science building. We have a small amount for apparatus, but the Domestic Science department must first be equipped out of it, and the amount left will not go far in the way of other uses. With the assistance of experts in outfitting laboratories, I have recently inquired into the cost of equipping our Science building, and I find it will require at least $10,000.

In view of the facts I have stated, I could not consistently go above $90,000 for construction and architects' fees. This does not mean that I would arbitrarily stand for that amount under all circumstances. It goes without saying that I would approve on a basis of my legal responsibility any plan desired by the Board that would serve the purposes of the school. If it can be shown that it is impracticable to erect a suitable building on the site for $90,000, then I am ready to do what seems the next best thing, but I claim both for the Board and myself the right for such information as will show to the scrutinizing minds by whom our acts will be reviewed the justification for what we do in matters in which we must be largely guided by our expert advisers. If I am wrong in this contention, I know that you will set me right.

I am finding plenty to do here, but I am enjoying every minute of the time. If any of you should come to the city while I am here, I hope to have the pleasure of a visit from you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Williams.

Moved by McDonel and seconded by Begg that the letter received from H. B. Williams be made a part of the minutes and that the following resolution as passed by the Trustees at the meeting held Sept. 15th, 1913, to-wit:

"Moved by McDonel and seconded by Davis that plans and specifications for Science building be approved subject to signature of the President of the College, and that the Secretary be instructed to advertise for bids after the approval of the President of the College, State Authorities and signatures of all members of the Board affixed." That the above resolution be carried out as passed at the meeting of Sept. 15, 1913. Roll call, McDonel yes,- Collins yes,- Brown yes,- Begg yes.- Nays, none.- Carried.

The following bills were presented:-

Howard & Merriam, Architects, presented a bill of twenty seven and 17/100 dollars ($27.17), being 2% on estimate No. 4 for supervision on Administration Building.

A bill of forty eight and 22/100 dollars ($48.22), being 2% on estimate No. 1 for supervision Womens Dormitory.

A bill of thirteen hundred and fifty eight and 50/100 dollars ($1358.50), estimate No. 4 Administration Building.
Moved by Begg and seconded by McDonel that the bills be allowed and orders drawn for amounts. Roll call, Begg yes, Brown yes, McDonel yes, Collins yes. Nays, none. Carried.

**ESTIMATE NO. 1.**


**Office of Board of Trustees Bowling Green State Normal College, Acting for State of Ohio.**

**Contract for Women's Dormitory Building**

Bowling Green, O.

With The Steinle Construction Co.

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$2432.00 On Extras and Additions.

I hereby certify that the amount of Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty Two Dollars named in this estimate is due the said contractor on this date in accordance with the conditions of the contract.

Howard & Merriam, Architects.

**CONTRACTOR'S RECEIPT.**


Received from the Auditor of State his warrant on the Treasurer of State for Two Thousand four Hundred and thirty two & no/100 Dollars in full of above estimate.

The Steinle Construction Co., Contractor
By Carl T. Steinle
Address, Fremont, Ohio.

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet upon the call of the President.