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Board assembled on the above date. Members present: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Schwyn and Mr. Bachman.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

President Prout reported to the members of the Board of Trustees that bids were opened in the office of State Architect and Engineer on May 10th for the installation of vacuum pumps and associated work to be performed incidental to our heating system. The final estimate covering this work was $17,605.00. Bids received were as follows:

- Gesling Company, Lancaster, Ohio—$22,980.00
- Robert Carter Company, Toledo, Ohio—$23,400.00
- E. W. File Plumbing & Heating, Lima, Ohio—$25,357.00

The President stated that it was the opinion of Mr. Allen, the State Architect and Director Linzell that we would stand to gain nothing by re-advertising and that in all probability bids under re-advertising would be higher. They therefore recommended that we request the Board of Control to approve the awarding of the contract to the Gesling Company without further competitive bidding in the amount of $22,980.00. President Prout also reported that with insufficient funds in the Addition and Betterments to take care of this contract and suggested that a transfer of $10,000.00 be made from our Dormitory No. 7 account which originally was transferred from a Federal Rotary.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Schwyn that the Director of Public Works be instructed to enter into contract with the Gesling Company, Lancaster, Ohio in the amount of $22,980.00 and that $10,000.00 be transferred from the Cottage No. 7 account to the proper classification to supplement funds already available for this contract. All members voting "aye". Motion carried.

President Prout reported that the Air Force clerk-typist school is now operating full quota of 300 and that we are expecting an increase of this number up to 450 or 500 after July 1st. The reports we have received from the inspectors indicate that we are doing an unusually fine job and they are most happy in their relations with the University. President Prout requested permission of the Board of Trustees for Mr. Kreischer to be given specific authorization to negotiate the contract with the Air Force Command and to sign any other documents incidental to contractual and fiscal matters. All members voting "aye". Motion carried.

President Prout reported that the Addition and Betterments bill which had been submitted by the Governor carried a total for Bowling Green University of $243,100.00 itemized as follows:

- G-31 - Capital Equipment laboratory and classroom - $56,000.
- G-32 - Airport and Street Improvement - $60,000.
- Hospital, Elevator, and Extension - $55,000.
- Rehabilitation, tunnels, and existing buildings - $72,000.

Total - $243,100.00

The original request for Bowling Green was $2,700,000.00. However, the Director of Finance reported that the total amount of money available for Additions and Betterments would be approximately $17,605.00 and apportionment to the various Universities resulted in the above reduction.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

President
Mr. Rodgers

Secretary
Mr. Bachman
The Director of Public Works has recommended to award the contract to the Sealing Company in the above amount. President Prout reported the Board of Trustees to concur with the recommendations from the Director of Public Works, and he further reported that it would be necessary to transfer funds to supplement those already available for this work. The transfer could be made from Dorm 7 construction account in the amount of $10,000.00 which would be immediate.

It was moved by Mr. Schowm, seconded by Mr. Donnell, that the Director of Public Works be instructed to enter into contract with the Watts Company, Lancaster, Ohio, in the amount of $22,980.00, and that the Business Manager be authorized to transfer $10,000.00 from Dorm 7 construction account to supplement funds already available. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

President Prout further reported that bids were opened in the Office of State Architect and Engineer May 23rd for the renovation of Roseley Hall. Following is a tabulation of the bids:

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President Prout reported that the Director of Public Works recommended the awarding the contracts to the Watts Construction Company and the Gillespie Plumbing & Heating Company for plumbing and electrical work. He further stated that inasmuch as the general contract and the electrical contract were over the filed estimate it would be necessary to secure permission from the Board of Control to award contracts. President Prout stated that there were insufficient funds available in the appropriation to perform this work and suggested that the following transfers be made:

- From: G-2-H Women's Dorm #7 - $9,000.00
- G-2-1 Addition to Library - 355.
- G-2-J Addition to Dorms R - 1,180.

It was moved by Mr. Donnell, seconded by Mr. Bachman, that the Board of Trustees concur with the Director of Public Works' recommendation and that the President be instructed to prepare contracts for the addition to Roseley Hall as follows:

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All members voting "aye". Motion carried.

The Board discussed at considerable length the use to be made of the abandoned boiler house. Finally Mr. Schowm moved that the building, as soon as possible, be made available for the use of the Journalism Department. Mr. Bachman seconded, all voting "aye". The Board then directed the President and Business Manager to endeavor to have amended the A. & B. bill in the legislature so that the $55,000.00 scheduled for an elevator in the Hospital may be available for this Journalism project.

The Board next discussed the rates for board and room at the dormitories and the Commons. The President was instructed to raise the rate 50¢ per week where needed.

The President reported that at the present time we had 300 of the Air Corps Clark-Typists present on the campus. Some time ago, in reply to a query from the Air Corps we informed them that we could take a maximum of 900 but no decision was made at that time by the Air Corps. We are now in receipt of a communication requesting how many we can take at this time. Because of the apparent lack of housing for freshman men next year we advised the Air Corps that we could take an increase of 100 for the remainder of the training program.

If they should decide to send another 100 trainees to our campus it would be necessary for us to turn over several of the north apartment annexes, thereby leaving East Hall and West Hall for freshman men next year.

The President further reported that in that connection that inasmuch as East and West Halls will be the only dormitories for freshman men, that considerable work should be done to make them presentable, particularly rehabilitating the toilet and shower rooms which involves the raising of the floor and new fixtures in that area, also covering all doors to the rooms with pressed wood panels and installation of asphalt or linoleum tile in each of the rooms. The buildings will be quite presentable if this work is performed. The President estimated that it would cost approximately $6,000 for all the work involved. He requested the Board to authorize the Business Manager to proceed immediately with the necessary work involved on a time and material basis or take letter bids.
It was moved by Mr. Schwyn, seconded by Mr. Donnell that the Business Manager be authorized and instructed to proceed immediately with the necessary building alterations and repairs on a time and material basis and to install linoleum or asphalt tile in each of the rooms. Total estimated cost for East and West Hall not to exceed $6,000. All members voting "aye". Motion carried.

The following payroll changes were approved:

**Changes on the Civil Service payroll for the one half month ending May 31, 1951**

**New Employees:**
- Clyde Koontz, effective May 16, Accountant 1; $3,600.00 per year, $300.00 per month.
- Phyllis S. Hefflinger, Typist, effective May 16, $125.00 per month, $1,500.00 per year.
- Edward J. Sandwisch, effective May 16, Janitor, $1,900.00 per year, $158.34 per month.
- Grover Kerllati, effective May 16, Fireman's Helper, $2,100.00 per year; $175.00 per month.

**Resignations:**
- Maria Swoinger, effective May 16
- Lois Rohlin, effective May 17
- Margaret Foraker, effective May 21
- Betty Alexander, effective May 23
- Dorothy Skirls, effective May 16
- Gladys Rollenbacher, effective May 1
- Celestine Palguta, effective May 21

**Leaves of Absence:**
- June Aller for one half month effective May 16, 1951

**Supplemental Civil Service Payroll for the one half month period ending April 15, 1951**

**Resignations:**
- Harry Dick resigned April 7 instead of April 16, as previously reported.

**Changes on the Supplemental Faculty Payroll for the one month period ending June 3, 1951**
- Gladys Cook - substitute for Miss Hruby for one month at $150.00 a month.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

E. T. Rodgers  
President

Alva L. Bachman  
Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio  
June 2, 1951

The Board assembled on the above date. Members present: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Schwyn, Mr. Bachman, Mr. Reams. Mr. Donnell was out of the state so was not present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The request of Robert Richey for a leave of absence for the academic year 1951-52 was presented and approved.

The resignation of Aileen Collier was accepted.

The President reported that he has an opportunity to invest some of the Haseley estate funds in 14% mortgages. However, to make such an investment it will be necessary to sell $20,000 Dorm 3 revenue bonds. President Trout reported that in checking with Mr. Kreischer the local dormitory account can purchase these bonds and hold them as an investment. He therefore requested permission for the University to purchase $20,000 Dorm 3 revenue bonds from the Kohl Hall cash account and that such bonds be carried as an investment.

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn, seconded by Mr. Reams that the University purchase from the Edwin L. Haseley estate $20,000 Bowling Green State University Dorm 3 revenue bonds from the Kohl Hall funds. All members voted "aye". Motion carried.

The Board then asked Dr. and Mrs. Ralph McDonald to appear before them to discuss the presidency of this institution. After a lengthy interview Dr. and Mrs. McDonald expressed an interest in the position. Mr. Bachman moved that Dr. McDonald be elected the President of the University for a period of five years at a salary of $13,000 per year, the term to begin effective September 1, 1951. Mr. Schwyn seconded. On roll call: Mr. Bachman, yes; Mr. Schwyn, yes; Mr. Reams, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes. The President reported that in the morning he had talked with Mr. Donnell in Montana, and Mr. Donnell expressed the wish that he be counted as approving the selection of Dr. McDonald, thus making the Board action unanimous. Dr. and Mrs. McDonald thanked the Board for their action and assured them of their acceptance.