

MINUTES
OF
1856

Jan 4, 1856

Committee met at the call of the Chairman at his office.

Present The Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Hammond

The Superintendent presented the following communication from the Principal of the school.

Albany Dec. 18, 1855

Hon V. M. Rice, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the State Normal School.

Having on the 4th inst. been elected Secretary of the Regents of the University, I hereby present my resignation as Principal of the State Normal School.

In communicating this to the Executive Committee, I beg you to express to them my high sense of their uniform courtesy & kind cooperation in all my efforts for the prosperity of the School and to assure them of my continued interest in its highest success.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully Your Obt. Serv.

S. N. Woolworth

Mr. Woolworth having been appointed on the nomination of the Superintendent of Public Instruction & the Regents of the University a member of the committee appeared and took his seat.

After conversation in regard to the appointment of a Principal without coming to a conclusion

the committee adjourned.

Jan 7, 1855.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Hammond

Mr. Woolworth

Mr Woolworth presented the draft of an Annual Report to the legislature, which after being read and amended was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction & the Regents of the University for their approval. (This Report will be found in Senate Documents of 1855 No.)

The consideration of the appointment of a Principal was resumed, and after discussion was postponed to the next meeting of the Committee.

On motion, S. B. Woolworth was unanimously appointed secretary & Treasurer in place of Dr. T. H. Beck, deceased.

Committee adjourned to Friday 11th inst
at 4 P.M.

Jan 11, 1855

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present all the Members,

The appointment of Principal was further discussed when without coming to any conclusion the Committee adjourned for two weeks.

Jan 21, 1858

Committee met at the call of the Chairman

Present all the members.

After further discussion in regard to the appointment of a Principal, David H. Cochran, A.M. Professor of the Natural Sciences in the School was unanimously elected, to enter on the duties at the opening of the next term Feb, 25.

On Motion resolved that Prof. Cochran be invited to deliver an address at the closing exercises of the present term.

The Principal and Faculty recommend the following members of the Senior Class as worthy to receive diplomas, and they were accordingly granted.

Caroline A. Brace	Onondaga
Ema M. Brace	"
Polly M. Benedict	Cayuga
Rosmond Chisbro	Ontario
Caroline A. Church	Washington
Lucy V. Case	Yates
Margelia Case	Albany
Frances A. Dake	Saratoga
Candace Dinminon	Albany
Lucy H. Estabrook	Saratoga
Anna M. Fowler	Onondaga
Mary E. Howard	Albany
Elizabeth M. Haswell	Albany
Charlotte A. Haight	Westchester
Mary A. Hubbell	Westchester
Caroline Jones	Montgomery
Harriet Jones	Montgomery
Mary E. Metcalf	Ontario
Sarah A. Morehead	Albany
Lydia Patterson	Orleans

Marianna Provoost	Westchester	
Marry B. Quinby	New York	
Elisa J. Rose	Suffolk	
Abbie Sexton	Chautauque	
Bama L. Salisbury	Albany	
Francis A. Tutill	Cayuga	
Martha Turner	Jefferson	
Fanny K. Trask	Albany	
S. Elizabeth Verrinder	New York	
Mary B. Wilson	Columbia	
Julia Warriner	Erie	
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Isaac P. Baugs	Orleans	
Comfort S. Brown	Chemung	
John W. Cole	Dutchess	
George R. Dean	Otsego	
Isaac W. Lake	Clinton	
Darwin N. Mason	Chautauque	
William C. Robinson	Onieda	
Gawn N. Smith	Chemung	
Asaph H. Shute	Schenectady	
George C. Thomas	Albany	
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	Total	41

Committee Adjourned.

(Program of graduation exercises for January 31, 1856 was inserted here).

Feb. 7, 1856

The Committee met at the call of the chairman
Present, The Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Austin

" Townsend

" Woolworth

The Professorship of the Natural Sciences having become vacant by the appointment of Prof. Cochran as Principal, the committee proceeded to consider the appointment of a successor. Several letters from the Professors in the

Military Academy at West Point were presented by the Chairman, highly recommending for the place Capt. Edward C. Boynton, of the U.S. Army, late assistant Professor of Chemistry in the Military Academy. After a full discussion on motion Capt. Boynton was unanimously appointed Professor of the Natural Sciences in the State Normal School to enter upon his duties at the commencement of the next term of the School. The Secretary was directed to inform Capt. Boynton of his appointment.

On motion Resolved that the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Prof. Cochran for his address delivered at the closing exercises on the 31 Ult. and that a copy be requested for publication.

Committee adjourned.

March 26, 1858

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman
Present, The Superintendent of Pub. Instruction

Mr Hammond

Mr. Austin

Mr. Woolworth.

The following letter from Capt. Boynton was read.

Fort Moultrie Charleston, S. C.

Feb. 16, 1858.

Prof. L. B. Woolworth

Secy. of the State Normal School

Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your letter of the 8th inst. announcing that I had been unanimously elected Professor of Nat. Sciences in the State Normal School at Albany.

It is with profound regret, that I am constrained by the following circumstances, to decline this much coveted position. Previous to my departure from Florida in Dec. last, I received an invitation from the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi, to accept of the Chair Mineralogy Geology & Chemistry, then vacant in that Institution. It was accepted with a pledge on my part to enter upon the duties there if the conditions I dictated were strictly complied with, and as these involved the action of the State Legislature, no hopes were entertained by me of their acceptance.

During my absence in Florida, letters were forwarded to that point from Mississippi, announcing that my terms had been accepted, and that I had been elected to fill the vacant Chair on the 22^d of Jan. Prof. Davies was apprized of my action in the matter, and on my recent visit to Albany I repeated to him that I was most delicately situated and that I could not pledge myself to come to Albany until I had heard from Miss. and that I expected to hear at this point on my arrival. Disappointed in not receiving the expected letters here, I telegraphed at once to Miss in the expectation of a release and on the 10th inst. received notice in reply that I had been elected in Jan last, as before stated and that I was expected immediately.

Pledged as I was, and rendered so by my desire to abandon the Military Science, I could not without dishonor refuse to comply with an engagement I had framed myself, to enter upon the duties of Professor &c at Oxford, and I hastened at once to inform Prof. Davies, hoping thereby to apprise him before any action had been held at Albany.

I can only repeat here what I wrote Prof D-- that I much regret that I am deprived of my position at Albany, and that I at no time expected I should be called to Miss.

Permit me Sir to express my heart felt gratitude to the board, of which you are Secretary for the distinguished honor conferred upon me and to thank you personally for the kindly interest you have exhibited and expressed for my welfare.

I am Sir very respectfully

Edward C. Boynton

Capt. U. S. Army

The letter of Capt. Boynton being decisive of his not accepting the appointment of Prof of the Natural Sciences made at the last meeting of the Committee, after full deliberation on the subject and the reading of several communications recommending Mr. Edward F. B. Orton as possessing high qualifications for the position he was unanimously appointed to the vacant Professorship to enter on the duties at the earliest possible day.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr Orton of his appointment, and the committee adjourned.

June 30, 1856

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present The Sup. of Pub. Instruction

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

After free conversation in regard to the continuance of the School, notwithstanding the failure of the passage of the appropriation bill by the last Legislature, the Committee adjourned to Saturday next at 4. P.M.

July 5, 1856.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present The Sup. of Pub. Instruction

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

On motion resolved that the salary of Mr. Kellogg, superintendent of the Experimental department, be increased to Twelve Hundred dollars, commencing with the next term of the school.

Resolved that the salary of Miss Rice be increased to Five Hundred dollars, commencing with the next term, it being understood that her entire services are to be given to the school.

Mr Townsend, Mr. Woolworth and the Principal, were appointed a committee to make such changes in the arrangements of the rooms, and in the ventilation of the building during the next vacation, as on examination they may deem prac-

licable & expedient

The Principal & Faculty recommended the following members of the Senior Class as worthy to receive the diplomas of the School on the 31 inst and they were accordingly granted.

Caroline Barnett	Stanford, Delaware Co.
Mary M. Beach	Chuktowaga, Erie
Matilda A. Brown	Conquest, Cayuga
Mary Buckelew	Brooklyn, Kings
M. Ellen Cheesbro	Guilderland, Albany
Julia C. Church	Fort Ann, Washington
Susan K. Cook	Rochester, Monroe
Matilda S. Cooper	Orange, Rockland
Sarah E. Darling	Brooklawn, Suffolk
Martha A. Davidson	Batavia, Senesee
Mary C. Dresser	Freble, Cortland
Amelia A. Dyer	Albany, Albany
Sarah F. Gurey	Albany, Albany
Bessie S. Gill	Henderson, Jefferson
Mary E. Herrington	Periacton, Monroe
Louisa J. Knapp	Kent, Putnam
Helen J. Monk	Albany, Albany
Laura Morris	Syracuse, Onondaga
Lydia E. Powell	Oswego, Tioga
Anne Wilson	North Hempstead, Queens
Alfred S. Barry	Yates, Orleans
Eugene Beach	Greenville, Greene
John Henry Case	Middlesex, Yates
Aaron Chadwick	Rensselaerville, Albany
Lausing Hotaling	Albany, Albany
David L. Kiehle	North Davaville, Livingston
William M. Kimball	Massena, St. Lawrence
Mahlon B. Leonard	Pierpont, St. Lawrence
Lewis Spalding	Spafford, Onondaga
John C. Tobey	Charlton, Saratoga
Alburtus C. Trevett	East Hamburg, Erie
James M. True	Ogden, Monroe

Females	20
Males	18
Total	<u>38</u>

July 1866

The closing exercises of the twenty fourth term of the school were this day held and an address to the graduates

was delivered by the Hon. Geo. W. Clinton of Buffalo.

At an informal meeting of the Executive Committee at which were present the

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

On Motion it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Committee be presented to Mr. Clinton for his able & appropriate address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication, and the committee adjourned.

Aug 8, 1856

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman. Present,

Sup. Pub. Instruction

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Superintendent submitted to the consideration of the Committee the expediency of increasing the charge for tuition in the Experimental department. After full discussion of the subject in consideration of the increased expenditures for the department, and that rates of tuition for corresponding studies in the Academies of the City very considerably exceed those in this School, it was resolved that from the commencement of the term in Feby next, the charge for tuition in the Experimental Department of the Normal School shall be Twenty five Dollars a year

and that the Principal be directed to give due notice of this increase to the parents of pupils.

The following letter was read.

To the Executive Committee

of the State Normal School.

A years absence from the Normal School has failed to restore to me the health necessary to resume teaching in the school; I must therefore entirely resign my place in it.

With this resignation allow me to offer you my most grateful thanks for the kindness and generosity you have so long extended to me.

Praying for your highest happiness, and for the continual prosperity of the school in your charge, I remain

Most respectfully, Yours,

Elizabeth C. Hance.

July 1856.

The Secretary was directed to communicate to Miss Hance the acceptance of her resignation, with the expression of the deep regret of the committee that the School must be deprived of her long continued & valuable services, and the hope that her health may yet be so restored, that she will be able to resume her labors in the cause of education, which she has illustrated and adorned by so many years of active & effective duty.

The Principal was authorized to purchase a Piano for the use of the School at an expense not exceeding Three

Hundred dollars where the Committee adjourned.

Nov. 15, 1856

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present the Chairman

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that at this date the balance to the credit of the school in the Bank of Albany is and that he has not means at his command for paying the salaries of the teachers one month of which will be due on the 15th inst. Mr. Townsend submitted the following.

Whereas from the failure of the Legislature to pass the Annual Appropriation bill at its last Session, the Treasury of the Institution has become exhausted, and there remains no other mode of supporting the school until the usual appropriations are made, than borrowing the money required, on the individual responsibility of the members of the Executive Committee, it is hereby Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow in the manner proposed, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars and that the said loan be paid out of the first moneys appropriated by the legislature.

This resolution, after due consideration, was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman reported the resignation of Mr Amos M. Kellogg Superintendent of the Experimental department, he having been invited to the Principalship of the New Jersey Preparatory, or Branch Normal School. The chairman further stated that in consequence of Mr Kellogg's withdrawing from the school on only a few days notice, and when two members of the committee were absent from the city so that a quorum could not be convened, on consultation with Mr. Townsend and the Principal he had Mr. William D. Huntley of Buffalo to take charge of the School--that from his intimate acquaintance with Mr Huntley as an experienced and successful teacher, he believed him eminently qualified for the charge of the Experimental Department--whereupon it was unanimously resolved that the appointment of Mr. Huntley be confirmed.

The Chairman further stated that on the first intimation of Mr. Kellogg's resignation, correspondence was opened with several gentlemen with the view of securing a proper teacher, and that an expense of about forty five Dollars had thus been incurred.

After full discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that while this committee entertain a high sense of the fidelity and success with which Mr. Kellogg has conducted the instruction and discipline of the Experimental School they cannot but regard with disapprobation his leaving his position in the school before his resignation could be formally acted on by this Board

or a successor could be appointed--thus subjecting the committee to much embarrassment and inconvenience.

It was further resolved that the Treasurer be directed, after having ascertained the sum which may be due to Mr. Kellogg for his services in the School the present term, to deduct therefrom such part of the expense which has been incurred in obtaining a successor as he shall deem just & proper.

Mr. Austin presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Secretary be directed to communicate to the Professors and teachers of the School, the resolution of this Committee that they will not except at their own option, accept the resignation of any Professor or teacher, without a previous notice of two months, which notice shall expire with the close of a term.

The Principal was requested to prepare the draft of the Annual Report to the Legislature.

The Secretary was added to the committee on text books, in place of the late Secretary and the committee adjourned.