

**Minutes of the  
Austin City Public Schools  
Board of Trustees**

Volume I

1880 - 1892

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## Foreword

Hon. Rev. Dr. Jayme Mathias

For decades, the meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools were scrawled and scribbled, then locked away, as if possessing the contents of a secret diary. Guarded at the district archives, where access is allowed only to gloved hands—and also available on microfilm at the Austin History Center—it might be argued that these Board meeting minutes indeed contain some “secrets,” facts many might prefer to overlook in a city that professes to be so progressive. These minutes shed light on the continual upgrades to the West Austin School—the future Pease Elementary—while the facility conditions of the “Colored Schools” were seldom reported or resourced. “White” first-year teachers began their teaching careers at \$40 per month, while “Colored” teachers came into the system at \$35 per month. Items coming before the Board regarding “Colored” teachers or schools were often postponed and/or denied. A “White” school was “not to cost less than \$12,000,” while the “Colored” school on Robertson Hill could cost no more than \$2,500. Products of the age in which they lived, trustees initially deemed women incapable of serving as principals—even though the great majority of early graduates were young ladies—and they initially insisted that women address them through men. They also categorized certain students as “Idiotic” or “Dumb.”

This first volume is an attempt to bring to light the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of Austin’s Public Schools 140 years ago, so that the rich, complex history of Austin and its public schools might be more widely known. Current and past trustees will certainly respect the service of early trustees, who, despite their foibles, gathered as volunteers more than 210 times during the first twelve years of the school district’s history!

These minutes shed light on the roles and responsibilities of locally-elected school board members, on city and school board politics in a town not yet 50 years old, and on education at the end of the nineteenth century. Always operating by *Robert’s Rules of Order*, with attention to quorum, motions and voting, the Board often operated through *ad hoc* committees, overseeing facilities and supplies, hiring teachers, disciplining students, and discussing such

issues as instruction and teacher certification. They repeatedly denied musical instruction, no doubt for fiscal reasons, and, because some trustees believed that “children under seven years were too young to be received in the City Schools,” they repeatedly debated scholastic age, only reluctantly dropping it below the age below eight, or below the age of seven in special circumstances. Trustees endured the intrigues of Mayor Joseph Nalle, whose scurrilous reports to representatives in D.C. and whose orders to his City Treasurer to withhold school taxes from the Austin City Schools no doubt led trustees to insist that his successors serve on their Board.

Written during the construction and inauguration of the state’s new Capitol in May 1888, allowing the school district to establish its High School in the old “Temporary Capitol,” these meeting minutes also provide a glimpse into a people whose world included telegrams, stables, railroads, and even an old arsenal and barracks that would become a public school.

While we are certainly excited to share this peek into history, we are hopeful that these transcriptions might one day be even more readily available and more widely shared through digital means, so that more readers will appreciate the historical complexities that revolved around the educational issues in Texas’ capital.

We invite you to enjoy these minutes! You’ll recognize the names of those for whom schools were later named: Trustees Alexander Penn Wooldridge, Zachary Taylor Fulmore, J. Walter Graham and William J. Mathews; Superintendent John B. Winn; respected administrators Hightower Theodore Kealing, Edward Lavoisier Blackshear, Octavia Clifton, Mary B. “Mollie” Dawson, Florence Ralston Brooke, and Timothy Alvin “T.A.” Brown; and beloved teachers Anna Webb Blanton, Margaret T. Reilly, Laura Allison and Lucy Read. More importantly, you’ll learn the names of many “unsung heroes,” whose presence in these minutes testifies to their magnanimous service to Austin’s public schools—even if their memory is largely lost to history, like so many reports of the first superintendent.

We share here a few tips to decipher this work. Page numbers from the original book of minutes are contained in square brackets, and the penciled notes in margins—a primitive system of cataloging the contents of the minutes—are italicized in brackets. Signatures are expressed in braces (or “curly brackets”). Blanks in the minutes are

indicated by underscores (or “low lines”) with no text above. Finally, the few instances of truly illegible, undecipherable scrawl are labeled [illegible].

Though errors in the spelling of names are corrected in this work, we largely leave intact the English language as it was spoken and written 140 years ago: Latin phrases are retained, people speak “in behalf of” others, and “inst.” expressed that something would occur later that month.

We also draw your attention to the appendices and index of this work, intended to assist research and help readers better understand the history of board actions, the schools operated by the district, the people involved in Austin’s early schools, and the facilities and supplies necessary for public school instruction at the end of the nineteenth century.

This work would not have been possible without the assistance of Austin ISD Assistant Director of Library Media Services Elizabeth Polk and the Executive Assistants of our Austin ISD Board, Terrie Reyes-Kitch and Laura Orosco, who granted us access to the tomes of minutes in our Austin ISD archives.

This transcription was a team effort. I express my heartfelt gratitude to my executive assistant, Carlos Alonso Rodríguez, who coordinated the work of this project, captured photos of all meeting minutes, and endured the eyestrain of attempting to decipher pages of scrawled text. I am also grateful to Teague Roberts, our intern from St. Edward’s University, who assisted with these transcriptions.

Lastly, I wish to share my gratitude for the voters of District 2 in the Austin Independent School District, who allowed me to serve the 86,000 children and 11,000 employees of our public schools during these past eight years, and for the many trustees and three Superintendents with whom I served. I count myself honored to have shared my life in service of so many good folks, and I fervently hope that these transcriptions might assist others to better serve our students and their families—both now and in the future.

## **Plan of Organization and Structure of the Austin City Public Schools**

The Public Schools of Austin, Texas shall be formed and classified upon the following plan, to wit: They shall be divided into I. Primary Schools, II. Grammar Schools, and III. High Schools.

### **I. Primary Schools**

The course of study and the instruction imparted in the schools shall be apportioned into four parts or grades, called respectively the First, Second, Third and Fourth Grades of the Austin Public Schools, and [in] each grade, the course of instruction which therein covers a period of a scholastic year, or term of 10 months, shall be subdivided into two parts, called respectively, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisions of its Grade, and each such Division shall extend over the period of a scholastic session of five months. The branches of learning taught in the Primary Schools of Austin, Texas shall be elemental in their character, progressing by successive steps of advancement up to and including an accurate knowledge of the fundamental parts of reading, writing, spelling, primary geography, and primary arithmetic. Special stress shall be laid upon oral and blackboard instruction and thoroughness of understanding, and not undue advancement of the pupils shall be the principal object to be attained in the primary grades of these Schools. Each Primary grade shall consist of not less than twenty-five nor more than fifty pupils to be in attendance therein, and to each such grade so constituted one teacher shall be assigned [2] to whom shall be paid a monthly salary of forty dollars.

### **II. Grammar Schools**

The course of study taught in these Schools shall be apportioned into three Grades, called respectively the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grades of the Austin City Public Schools. Each Grade which covers the period of a scholastic year shall be subdivided into two parts or classes called respectively the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisions of its grade, and the course of study in each such Division shall comprehend a scholastic session of five months.

The course of study in the Grammar Grades of the Austin City Public Schools shall, in the main, be a completion of the branches begun in the Primary Grades: reading, writing, geography (physical and political), arithmetic (mental and practical), shall be taught with the utmost thoroughness, and with frequent reviews, and to these



branches, elemental English grammar shall be added and taught carefully throughout the three years assigned to these Grades. English orthography, with the aid to it desired from a consideration of the derivation of words and their significance shall receive proper attention; and, in the last year of the Grammar Grades, an outline history of the U.S. and of the state of Texas, shall be given to the pupils in the form of some suitable compendious histories thereof. The Grammar Grades shall consist of not less than thirty nor more than sixty pupils, and the teachers of these Grades shall receive a monthly compensation of fifty dollars.

The express object of this department of the Austin Public Schools shall be to thoroughly establish pupils in an accurate knowledge of the fundamental branches [3] of a practical English education, so that when a pupil shall have completed the course of study contemplated for the grades, he will be adequately prepared to begin a life of usefulness, success and honor, should inclination or ability to further prosecute his studies be wanting.

In the Primary and Grammar Grades of the Austin City Public Schools, the male and female sexes shall be educated together.

### III. High Schools

The course of Instruction and study taught in the Austin City High Schools shall be apportioned into three Departments, called respectively the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Classes of the Austin City High Schools, and each class (which covers the period of a scholastic year) shall be subdivided into two parts, called respectively the first and second Divisions of its class, and each such Division, in regard to time, shall constitute a scholastic session of five months.

In these schools, there shall be a Mathematical and a Classical Course.

#### Mathematical Course

In the Mathematical Course of these Schools, the Science of Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Algebra, Geometry, plane and solid, Trigonometry, analytical and descriptive, English Grammar in its higher departments, elocution, and drawing shall be taught with care and thoroughness. English Composition and Rhetoric shall be begun and completed, and, in the sciences, Physics and Chemistry shall receive their due share of attention, leaving Physiology, Geology, Botany and Zoology as optional courses. History – Ancient, Medieval and Modern – shall receive special [4] consideration.

In addition to the above studies in the Austin High Schools, a supplemental course of study, to be called as above indicated the Classical Course of the Austin City High Schools, shall be provided for such as desire to obtain either a more finished education than such as is afforded by the Mathematical Course of the Austin City High Schools or contemplate entering some university or college.

The course of study of the Classical Department shall consist, in addition to the Mathematical Course of instruction, in Latin—comprehending, prose composition, Caesar and Virgil, in Greek, including prose composition, Xenophon's *Anabasis* and Homer's *Iliad*, and, besides the foregoing, a limited course of Intellectual Philosophy and Political Science.

The sexes in the Austin City High Schools shall be educated apart, save that recitations made in the Classical Course may constitute an exception hereto. The teachers in the Austin City High Schools shall receive a monthly compensation of seventy-five dollars.

#### Miscellaneous

There shall be elected by the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools a Superintendent who shall be *ex officio* Principal of the High School and Instructor in the Classical Department thereof, a man to be chosen for his scholarly attainments and for recognized skill and efficiency as an organizer and disciplinarian; he shall exercise a close personal supervision over all of the public schools of the city of Austin, Texas, and in compensation of his services shall receive an annual [5] salary of \$1200 dollars.

Whenever demand for instruction in German shall require it, a teacher shall be chosen to receive as pay for his services a monthly salary of fifty dollars.

All teachers of the Austin City Public Schools shall be chosen by the Trustees, and, after the first year, shall hold their positions during good behavior, subject to removal, however, upon good cause, shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools.

The Scholastic ages of pupils in attendance upon the Austin Public Schools shall be from the years seven to seventeen inclusive, making in all a period of ten years.

The White and Colored pupils will be educated apart from one another. [Pages 6-8 are blank] [9]

**Minutes of the Proceedings  
of the Board of Trustees  
of the City Public Schools**

Austin, Texas  
November 8, 1880

Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this November 8, 1880, at the office of A.P. Wooldridge, Esquire, in Austin, Texas, at 3:00 p.m.

Present: A.P. Wooldridge, John. B. Rector, B.C. Ludlow, W. von Rosenberg, R.F. Campbell, and H.C. Still.

Upon motion of General B.C. Ludlow, A.P. Wooldridge, Esquire was nominated and elected permanent Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools. And upon motion of Mr. R.F. Campbell, Mr. A.P. Wooldridge was appointed a committee of one to gather statistics appertaining to organization and establishment of a liberal and progressive order of Public Schools, and report same at a called meeting of the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Still, meeting adjourned, subject to call of Chair.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
December 31, 1880

Meeting of Board of Trustees held at the call of Chairman this December 31, 1880. Present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, General B.C. Ludlow, Judge John B. Rector and William Rosenberg, R.F. Campbell and H.C. Still, Esquires.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and adopted.

On motion of Judge John B. Rector, Mr. William Rosenberg was elected Secretary of the Board and, upon motion of Mr. H.C. Still, General B.C. Ludlow was elected Treasurer.

Mr. A.P. Wooldridge made a verbal report at some length of matters of interest ascertained by him, by correspondence and otherwise, of a nature calculated to do good, if utilized, in our system of Public Schools. The most material part of his report being, as he stated, suitable for the consideration of the Board through its subcommittees, will not be given here. On motion of Judge John B. Rector, the Chair was directed to appoint a committee of three on organization of the Austin City Public Schools. The Chair appointed the following members: Judge John B. Rector, General B.C. Ludlow,

Mr. William Rosenberg. On motion, the Chairman was added to the committee.

The Board then adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

February 18, 1881

Meeting held pursuant to call of Chairman. Present: Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, Judge John B. Rector, General B.C. Ludlow, William Rosenberg, R.F. Campbell and H.C. Still, Esquires.

Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

Report of committee on organization presented by Mr. A.P. Wooldridge. Same was ordered read and, on motion, was adopted. It was moved and carried that the Board recommend to the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, and request them to order an election of the taxpayers of Austin, Texas, for the purpose of voting for or against the levy of an annual tax of 1/10 of 1% to assist in maintaining the Public Schools of the City of Austin, Texas, and, upon motion of General B.C. Ludlow, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of three to memorialize the City Council in behalf of ordering said election. The Chair appointed the following committee: Judge John B. Rector, Mr. William Rosenberg, R.F. Campbell.

On motion, Board adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

May 23, 1881

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools held this day, the following business was enacted, said meeting was held at the office of Mr. Wooldridge.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered by the Board that the City Council be requested to order an election by the citizens of Austin to take place in June 1881, to determine whether they will authorize the levy of a tax of 1 mill on the taxable property in said city.

[*Committee on Textbooks*] On motion of General Ludlow, the following committee was appointed, by the Chairman, on textbooks: General Ludlow, Judge Fulmore, John B. Rector, and the Chairman, A.P. Wooldridge, was, by request, added to said committee. The

committee was to have the privilege of calling in eminent teachers to consult with.

On motion of Mr. Still, the following committee was appointed to ascertain what buildings can be secured at suitable points for school purposes and, where houses cannot be secured, then to ascertain suitable sites for school houses, to wit: General Ludlow, Mr. Still, Mr. R.F. Campbell, and, on request, the Chairman, Mr. Wooldridge, was added to said committee.

On motion of John B. Rector, it was ordered by the Board that the Secretary do advertise for 30 days that those desiring to become teachers [13] in the Austin City Public Schools do make application on or before the first day of July, 1881, indicating the position they desire, said teachers so making applications to be subjected to a competitive examination on and after first of July 1881, said advertisement to include applicants for Superintendent.

[*Committee on Competitive Examinations*] On motion, the following committee was appointed on competitive examinations: General Ludlow, John B. Rector, and, by request, the Chairman was added to the committee.

There were present and participating in this meeting the following members of the committee: Chairman A.P. Wooldridge, General Ludlow, Mr. Still, Judge Fulmore, and John B. Rector.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.

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Austin, Texas  
June 6, 1881

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools, held at the office of A.P. Wooldridge in Austin, Texas. Present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, General B.C. Ludlow, Mr. H.C. Still, and Judge John B. Rector.

[*Committee on Election*] On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that General Ludlow, Judge Rector and Mr. H.C. Still be appointed a committee to ask the City Council to order an election by the voters of the City of Austin to determine whether they will order a levy of one-fourth of one percent on the taxable property of said city for the support of Public Free Schools in said city.

On motion, Board adjourned, subject to call of Chairman  
{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
June 14, 1881

Minutes of the called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools at of the office of A.P. Wooldridge. Present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, General B.C. Ludlow, R.F. Campbell, and Mr. H.C. Still.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the memorial now pending before the City Council be so far modified and changed as to ask the Council to order a vote to be taken by the citizens of Austin on July 26, 1881, to determine whether or not they will order a levy of one-fifth of one percent on the taxable property of said city.

On motion, Board adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
July 13, 1881

At a called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools, there were present A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, General B.C. Ludlow, Mr. R.F. Campbell, Mr. H.C. Still and Judge John B. Rector.

[*Superintendent Winn*] On motion of Mr. H.C. Still, it was ordered by the Board that J.B. Winn be appointed Superintendent of the Free Public Schools of said city.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to call the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

Austin, Texas  
July 14, 1881

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin City Public Schools this day held, the following proceedings were had.

[*Schools Open September 14, 1881*] On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered by the Board that the Free Schools of the City of Austin shall commence on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 1881.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that Governor O.M. Roberts, A.W. Terrell, and General N.G. Shelley be requested to address the citizens of Austin on the ninth day of August, 1881, on the subject of Public Free Schools.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
August 10, 1881

At a meeting of the Trustees of Austin City Public Schools, the following proceedings were had.

On motion of R.F. Campbell, it was determined to select seven teachers for the Austin City Public Free Schools, out of the applications heretofore examined, and further to select said teachers from those whose average was eighty and over.

Under said resolution, the following teachers were selected: Mrs. M.F. Smith, Miss Fannie Pfaefflin, Miss Pattie Towns, Miss Willie R. Smith, Miss Cora Arthur, Miss Catherine McLean, Mr. James Maloney.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.  
{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

Austin, Texas  
August 13, 1881

At a meeting of the Trustees of Austin City Public Free Schools held at the office of the President of the Board, A.P. Wooldridge, the following teachers for Colored Schools were selected: Andrew Herbert, Leeann Persons, Lizzie Pollard, W.G. Wilson, J.A. Jackson.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.  
{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
August 19, 1881

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools held this day, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, H.C. Still, Z.T. Fulmore, and R.F. Campbell.

It was moved and adopted that no teacher be elected whose average fell below 75% for Primary and 80% for Grammar grades.

Under said resolution, the following teachers were selected: Miss Octavia Clifton, Miss Lula Linn, Miss Felicia Miller, Miss Aurelia Brown, Miss Mary V. Jones, Miss Julia McCormick, Miss Mary L. Sloss, Mrs. Theresa Ziller.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.  
{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

Austin, Texas  
August 24, 1881

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Free Schools, held at the office of A.P. Wooldridge, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, R.F. Campbell, H.C. Still and John B. Rector.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that the Superintendent, Professor Winn, be requested to rent School houses for four months, with the privilege of taking same houses four months longer.

On motion of General Ludlow, [18] it was ordered that all scholars of the Grammar grades living west of Congress Avenue shall go to the Graded School house.

[*Sixth Ward: Wooldridge*] On motion of R.F. Campbell, it was ordered that a Primary school be established in the Sixth Ward.

[*11<sup>th</sup> & Rio Grande*] On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that the children of the Primary grades go to the Graded School house from the Third, Fourth and Fifth Wards.

[*Primary*] On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that a Primary school be established at some suitable point for the First and Second Wards.

[*Paschal*] On motion of R.F. Campbell, it was ordered that the Primary and Grammar schools for the Ninth and Eleventh Wards be established at the Paschal house.

[*Grammar School*] On motion of B.C. Ludlow, it was ordered that the Primary and Grammar grades of the Eighth Ward be located at or about the German School house.

It was moved that Mr. Walter Tips should be recommended to the voters of the city for a school trustee in the place of Mr. Rosenberg's, [who has] resigned. It was moved that Judge Rector, Colonel Campbell and General Ludlow be appointed a committee to get [election] tickets.

[*Seventh Ward*] It was moved that the Superintendent be requested to locate the Grammar and Primary school in the Seventh Ward.

Moved that the assignment of teachers be committed to Colonel Campbell, Superintendent and President.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to call the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}



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Austin, Texas  
September 9, 1881

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following proceedings were had.

It was moved and carried that the action of the Superintendent in opening the City Schools on the 12<sup>th</sup> instead of the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, as announced, be approved.

[*Rates of Tuition*] On motion, it was resolved that the following be the rates of tuition for the several grades: Primary \$1.50, Grammar \$2.00, High School \$3.50.

It was moved that an instructor of German be employed in the City Schools. Carried. On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that the Chairman and Superintendent be requested to secure a German teacher for the City Schools.

On motion of Judge Rector, it was ordered that the purchases of supplies for schools, made by the Superintendent, be approved.

On motion of Judge Rector, it was resolved that a committee of two be appointed to purchase such necessary furniture as still may be needed by the City Schools. Colonel Campbell and General Ludlow were appointed.

[*High School*] It was moved and carried that the Superintendent be requested to make arrangement to supply the High School with a temporary teacher. It was moved and carried that Miss Lucy Howard be assigned to duty in the City Schools.

It was moved and carried that a committee of Judge Rector, Dr. Swearingen and Superintendent be authorized to correspond with teachers for our High School.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
September 17, 1881

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Public Free Schools of Austin City, held in the office of the President, A.P. Wooldridge, the following proceedings were had.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the Secretary procure suitable books for the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board.

[*Committee on Rules & Regulations*] On motion of Judge Rector, it was ordered by the Board that Dr. R.M. Swearingen, A.P. Wooldridge, the Chairman, Judge Rector and Professor Winn be appointed as a committee to frame rules for the government of the



present teacher can instruct them, and that they report their action to the next meeting of this Board.

It was ordered that Misters Wooldridge, Ludlow and Campbell be appointed a committee to make arrangements to cash the certificates of those teachers for the month of September who wish to cash them.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the committee furnishing school rooms get call bells, pointers, wash stands, etc.

It was ordered that repair and putting in glass in Colored School building be made to the extent of \$10.

On motion, the Superintendent was ordered to publish for three times that all pupils under 21 years of age living in Austin can attend the Austin City Public Free Schools.

[*Graded School*] It was ordered that Committee on Supplies look after the windows in Graded School and take such steps as are necessary to protect them.

It was ordered, on motion of General Ludlow that the Secretary address a note to W.O. Otis stating that, owing to the financial condition of the schools and the fact that the present incumbent is giving satisfaction, that we make no change.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
October 18, 1881

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, presiding, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, Mr. H.C. Still, General Ludlow and Mr. R.F. Campbell, and Judge Fulmore, by proxy to Mr. A.P. Wooldridge

It being announced that the election of a permanent teacher for the High School was in order, after reading the applications before the Board, on motion of Mr. Still, the name of Mr. B.C. Hendricks was put in nomination. On a vote being taken, Mr. Hendricks was rejected. On motion of Dr. Swearingen, Mr. Burchard was put in nomination, and he was elected.

On motion, it was ordered that the matters of accounts in regard to money paid out by the Board of Trustees in the interest of the Public Schools be referred to the Finance Committee for settlement.

[*Wheatville*] It was ordered that, in the matter of the application of the trustees of the Colored church at Wheatville, [it] be referred to the Superintendent of City Schools, and that the said parties be allowed



## Report of Superintendent

Austin, Texas

November 7, 1881

To the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools:

Gentlemen, I beg leave to submit the following Report of the attendance on the same for the month ending November 4, 1881.

<u>Graded School Bldg has</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total in AGS</u>
High School, Mr. C.A. Burchard	16		16	
High School, Miss A. Brown		31	31	
Grammar Grade, Miss O. Clifton	9	22	31	
Grammar Grade, Mrs. T. Ziller		30	30	
Grammar Grade, M. F. Smith	32		32	
Primary Grade, Miss P. Towns	4	43	47	
Primary Grade, Miss Willie Smith	46		46	
Primary Grade, Miss Lucy Howard	27	32	59	292
6 <sup>th</sup> Ward Primary, Miss Kate McLean	17	18	35	35
7 <sup>th</sup> Ward Primary, Miss Cora Arthur		52	52	
7 <sup>th</sup> Ward Primary, Mr. J. Maloney	40		40	
7 <sup>th</sup> Ward Grammar, Miss F. Pfaefflin	11	18	29	121
<u>Paschal Building</u>				
Grammar Grade, Miss M.V. Jones	9	16	25	
Grammar Grade, Miss Julia McCormick	17	10	27	
Primary Grade, Miss Lula Linn	12	22	34	
Primary Grade, Miss F.A. Miller	16	25	41	
<u>Primary Grade, Miss Mary Sloss</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>163</u>
TOTAL	272	339	611	611

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<u>Colored Schools</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
5 <sup>th</sup> Ward Wheatville Primary, Mr. J.A. Jackson	25	25	50
Ward 1,2,4 Primary, Miss L. Persons	29	35	64
Ward 5 & 10 Primary, Mr. W.G. Wilson	30	37	67
Ward 8 Primary, Miss L. Pollard	44	61	105
Ward 8 Grammar, Mr. A. Herbert	17	29	46
TOTAL	145	187	332

Total Colored 332

Total Whites 611

Total in Attendance 943

Please find enclosed Professor A. Wertheim's Report for last month ending November 4, of the enrollment and attendance of his German classes.

Non-resident pupils	36
<u>Under age</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	48

Received by transfer  
 Received from non-resident pupils  
 Cash to date Nov. 4 \$35

Respectfully submitted,  
 {J.B. Winn}  
 Superintendent

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Report of German Teacher

Austin, Texas

November 7, 1881

Professor J.B. Winn, Superintendent of Public Schools:

Sir, in obedience to your order of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., I have the honor of submit[ting] to you my Report for the second month, ending Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1881, as follows:

For the Graded School

	Boys	Girls
Enrolled to date	24	51
Enrolled during the month	2	10
Left during the month	4	19
Belonging	22	32
Average attendance	19	35
<i>Amounting to 81% for the boys and 77% for the girls</i>		
Average tardiness	"	85%
Cases of tardiness	"	3

For the School in Paschal Building

	Boys	Girls
Enrolled to date	19	16
Enrolled during the month	5	8
Belonging	13	15
Left during the month	6	1
Average attendance	14	14
<i>Amounting to 73% for the boys and 91% for the girls</i>		
Tardiness	None	

Very respectfully,  
 {A. Wertheim}

On motion of R.F. Campbell, it was ordered that the pay of the Grammar grade teachers have for the month ending November 4<sup>th</sup> \$60, and thence forward at the same rate that the Primary teachers receive \$50, and that the two teachers of the High School receive \$75 for the same month and thence forward. [28]

On motion of R.F. Campbell, it was ordered that the report of the Committee on Selection of Textbooks be received, adopted, filed and spread upon the minutes.

### Report of Committee on Textbooks

Austin, Texas

November 8, 1881

To the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools:

Gentlemen, your committee, who were appointed to recommend textbooks to be used in the schools of said city, recommend the use of the following textbooks:

*Appleton's Series of Readers*

*Appleton's Geographies*

*Appleton's Mental Arithmetic*

*Olney's First Lessons in Arithmetic*

*Olney's Practical Arithmetic*

*Olney's Science of Arithmetic*

*Robinson's New Elementary Algebra*

*Robinson's New University Algebra*

*Robinson's Geometry*

*Robinson's Trigonometry*

*Swinton's Word Primer*

*Swinton's Word Book*

*Swinton's New Word Analysis*

*Reed & Kellogg's Graded Lessons in English*

*Reed & Kellogg's Higher Lessons in English*

*Appleton's Model Copy Books* [29]

*Hart's First Lessons in Composition*

*Hart's Composition & Rhetoric*

*Peck's Ganot Elements of Natural Philosophy*

*Webster's Dictionaries*

*Steele's Philosophy*

*Otto's German*

*Townsend Civil Government* – shorter course

*Foxbriger's Drawing Tablets*

*Steele's Chemistry*

*Ridpeth's History of the United States*

*Harkness' Latin Series*

*Folsom's Logic of Accounts-Bookkeeping*

*Shaw's New English Literature*

*Shaw's English & American History*

Signed, {Benj. C. Ludlow} {John B. Rector} {J.B. Winn},  
Committee

On motion of Dr Swearingen, it was ordered that Morgan White be employed on his application as a teacher in the Colored schools.

[*Third Baptist Church: African Church School*] It was ordered that the City Superintendent be requested to place Morgan White at the African church west of the Avenue. Mrs. Leeann Persons at the Third Baptist Church east of the Avenue.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

November 14, 1881

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin City Public Schools, held at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following business was enacted.

[*First Ward*] On the motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that a Primary School be established in the First Ward, and, on motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that Miss Adela Zavala be appointed as the teacher of said school, if she is found qualified after examination.

[*Wheatville*] It was ordered, on motion of Mr. R.F. Campbell, that charges against Mr. Jackson, teacher at Wheatville, be referred to Professor Winn for investigation

[*Paschal*] On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that Laurence Distan be allowed the privilege of occupying [the] outbuilding at Paschal School.

On motion of R.F. Campbell, it was ordered that the President, A.P. Wooldridge, communicate with factories on the subject of furniture.

Adjourned, to meet next Wednesday week at four o'clock.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}



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Austin, Texas  
December 28, 1881

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools, held at the office of the President A.P. Wooldridge, the following proceedings were had.

[*Wards 9 & 10*] On motion of Mr. H.C. Still, it was ordered that Susie Hancock be elected a teacher in the City Public Schools, to supply a demand in the Colored schools of the Ninth and Tenth Wards in the Primary grade.

[*First Ward*] On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that [a] committee be appointed to memorialize the City Council in order to procure a lease of a part or the whole of the park in the First Ward, to the City School trustees, for school purposes. H.C. Still, J.B. Rector and B.C. Ludlow were appointed said committee.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that the Finance Committee, with the Chairman added, pass upon the accounts of the City Treasurer, J.W. Howard, with the City Public Schools, and report at the next meeting.

On motion, it was ordered that Alfred Morgan, janitor of the Austin Graded School building be allowed at the rate of \$20 per month, instead of \$15, as heretofore paid, from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1882.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
December 31, 1881

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools, held at the office of President A.P. Wooldridge, the following proceedings were had.

On motion of B.C. Ludlow, it was ordered that the Superintendent require all pupils attending the City Public Schools to be vaccinated, and that the teachers see that the rule is enforced in their respective grade rooms, reporting the fact to the Superintendent if there are any pupils found whose parents object to having them vaccinated. Such pupils must be suspended for a reasonable time, so that there may be no danger of infection of smallpox from their presence in the schoolroom.

On motion, it was ordered that Dr. Swearingen be appointed a committee of one to employ a suitable physician to vaccinate the children of the Public Schools of the City at a cost not exceeding \$25.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

January 20, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools, held at the office of President A.P. Wooldridge, the following proceedings were had.

On motion of Colonel R.F. Campbell, it was ordered that the Treasurer of the School Board pay all debts accruing prior to December, 1, 1881 against the school fund, on voucher or warrants drawn by A.P. Wooldridge, President of the Board.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered the bond of the Treasurer, General B.C. Ludlow, be placed at the at the sum of \$5,000.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the medical bill of Dr. J.G. Givens for vaccination of the pupils of the Public Schools of the City be allowed and paid. Said bill is \$25. Dr. J.G. Givens reported that he had vaccinated 221 pupils: 49 White and 171 Colored.

[*Seventh Ward*] On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that a committee consisting of R.F. Campbell and J.B. Rector be appointed to procure a building for the Seventh Ward Schools, their removal being necessary on account of propinquity to the house in which the case of smallpox lately originated in the city.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

March 17, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools, held at the office of J.B. Rector this day, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, presiding, R.M. Swearingen, R.F. Campbell, B.C. Ludlow and J.B. Rector

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of B.C. Ludlow, A.P. Wooldridge, President of the Board, was appointed a committee of one to address a communication to our senators and representatives, asking them to use their influence

to pass a bill now before Congress appropriating \$15 million for educational purposes.

On motion of R.M. Swearingen, it was ordered that the Secretary communicate with Colonel O.N. Hollensworth, Secretary of the Board of Education and represent the necessity of immediate action in procuring the balance, if any, coming from the Peabody Fund.

The consideration of the time for closing the Public Schools of Austin being before the meeting, on motion of J.B. Rector, the subject was postponed until the next meeting.

On motion of R.M. Swearingen, it was ordered the teachers be not requested to make visits to families of their pupils, as required in monthly reports to Superintendent.

[Pease] On motion of R.F. Campbell, B.C. Ludlow was appointed a committee to ascertain, through an expert, the cost of repairing the roof of the Graded School building.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

March 31, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools held, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, presiding, J.B. Rector, R.M. Swearingen, B.C. Ludlow by proxy, R.F. Campbell and Z.T. Fulmore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that George Voltgsberger be indefinitely suspended, and that Fred Voltgsberger be suspended for the balance of the term.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the Secretary address Dr. J.M. Curry, general agent of the Peabody Fund at Richmond, thanking him in the name of the Board for his liberal aid to the Public Free Schools of Austin.

[Pease] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that bills of General Ludlow for repairs on the Graded School building be approved.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that the City Assessor be allowed for assessing and collecting the same percent that he is allowed for assessing and collecting by the City.

[Schools Close April 28] On motion, it was ordered that the Austin Public Free Schools be closed April 28. It was ordered that April 14 be set apart as a holiday for \_\_\_ purposes.

[*Building*] It was moved and seconded that the President of the Board be requested to ascertain, by correspondence or otherwise, whether it is practicable to borrow money to build a school house.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

April 26, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools, held at the office of J.B. Rector, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, J.B. Rector, B.C. Ludlow, H.C. Still and Dr. R.M. Swearingen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[*April 28, 1882 Commencement*] On motion, it was ordered that a committee consisting of the Chairman, General Ludlow, Mr. Still and J.B. Rector be approved to arrange a program, select speakers, etc. for the termination of the Public Schools, ending April 28, 1882.

[*Pease*] On motion, it was ordered that Mr. Still and General Ludlow be appointed a committee to have the roof of the Graded School building painted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Chairman and J.B. Rector be appointed to look after the inserting of a provision in the amended city charter granting to the citizens of Austin a right to vote [for] a school tax and to memorialize the legislature to set apart the Old Courthouse building in the First Ward of the city for the use of the Public Free Schools thereof.

On motion, the meeting adjourned, subject to a call of the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

May 26, 1882

Pursuant to a called meeting of the Chairman, the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools met at the Office of General B.C. Ludlow at six o'clock p.m. this day for the transaction of business.

Members present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, B.C. Ludlow, H.C. Still, Z.T. Fulmore and J.B. Rector.

[*Pease*] On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that General Ludlow and Mr. Still be appointed a committee to contract with suitable persons to have such repairs made on the Graded School building as they think necessary.



against the levy of a tax of one-third of 1% on all the taxable property in said city in aid of the Public Free Schools of the City of Austin.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was [39] ordered that a committee of three be appointed to make a showing of publication of the receipts and disbursements of the Public School funds during the scholastic year. The Chairman appointed the Finance Committee, consisting of General Ludlow, Dr. R.M. Swearingen and R.F. Campbell.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that we pass upon the Colored teachers and determine which of them, if any, shall be re-employed.

[*Colored Teachers*] On motion, it was ordered that Miss Lizzie Pollard and William G. Wilson be reelected Primary teachers for the Colored schools.

On motion, it was ordered that Morgan T. White and J. Jackson be not reelected teachers; and Mrs. S. Hancock's, Miss Lee Ann Person's and A. Herbert's applications be not considered at this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that the teachers of the City Free Schools be earnestly requested to attend the summer normal schools.

[*Taxes*] On motion, it was ordered that the Legal Committee this day appointed and Mr. H.C. Still be appointed a committee to memorialize the City Council to order a vote on the increased tax.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that a competitive examination of applicants for positions as teachers in the City Public Schools be held in the Graded School building the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June and the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, to fill such vacancies as may exist there, and that suitable advertisements be made at once on the *Austin Daily Statesman*, *Galveston News* and *Houston Post*.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

June 28, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools, held at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, B.C. Ludlow, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore and J.B. Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Judge Fulmore asked leave of absence for the evening, which, on motion, was granted.



On motion of Dr. Swearingen, Miss Cora Arthur was reelected.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Lucy B. Howard be reelected.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Katherine Mclean be not reelected.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that Miss Felicia Miller be reelected; also that Miss Willie R. Smith be reelected.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that Miss M.L. Sloss be reelected.

On motion, it was ordered that Miss Pattie Towns be reelected.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that Miss A. de Zavala be not reelected. [42]

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered the application of Mr. James Maloney be held in abeyance, and that the Superintendent be ordered to look around for a suitable person for the First Ward School.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that Miss Lee Persons be reelected for the Primary Colored Schools.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that Andrew Herbert be reelected a teacher of the Primary Colored Schools.

On motion, it was ordered that the application of Mrs. S. Hancock be held in abeyance until the next meeting.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that Miss Maud B. Carrington, Miss Nannie Dawson, and Miss Lillie McAllister be elected teachers of the White schools.

On motion, it was ordered that Professor J.B. Winn be elected Superintendent of the Public Free Schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

July 20, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Free Schools, held at the Office of General B.C. Ludlow, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, B.C. Ludlow, H.C. Still, R.F. Campbell and J.B. Rector.

The following proceedings were had.

On motion of H.C. Still, it was ordered that the resignation of Miss Felicia Miller, just read to the Board, be accepted.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that Mr. A. Wertheim be reelected as a teacher of German and modern languages.



On motion of H.C. Still, it was ordered that Mr. James Maloney be retained as a teacher.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that Miss Mollie Dawson be employed as a teacher, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Miller.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that applicants residing at a distance be allowed to stand their examinations at their residences, questions being prepared by Superintendent for that purpose and sent to them by him, provided that some suitable person take charge of the questions and conduct the examinations, and provided further that each applicant so examined shall certify, upon honor, that said applicant has received no assistance from books or persons or from any source in answering the said questions.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the Chairman and J.B. Rector be appointed a committee to look after or onto the school tax question.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
August 11, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools, held at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, the following proceedings were had.

Present: A.P. Wooldridge Chairman, H.C. Still, R.F. Campbell, Z.T. Fulmore, B.C. Ludlow.

The Secretary, J.B. Rector, being absent, Colonel R.F. Campbell was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Judge Fulmore move that a Committee of one be appointed on Fuel. It was ordered that J.B. Winn, Superintendent, be appointed to said committee.

It was ordered, on motion, that Mr. A.P. Wooldridge and General B.C. Ludlow be appointed a Committee on School Houses.

Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, in behalf of the Committee on Furniture, reported that a contract had been made with Mr. J.B. Merwin of St. Louis, Missouri for 200 double-seat desks at \$3.40 each, to be delivered as soon as possible.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that Professor T.E. Woodson be elected to fill the vacancy in the High Schools.

On motion, it was ordered that the account of Mr. Maas for clerical services be allowed, for \$10.

On motion of Mr. R.F. Campbell, it was ordered that the Mayor of the City, Mr. W.A. Saylor, be requested to attend the meetings of the City School Board.

[Pease] On motion, it was ordered that General Ludlow and Mr. Still be appointed a committee to look after the repairs to the Graded School building.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin, Texas

August 29, 1882

The Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools met this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, with the following members present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, B.C. Ludlow, H.C. Still, W.A. Saylor and Z.T. Fulmore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the following business was transacted.

The Committee on Fuel and Repairs reported progress, and work continued.

On motion of Mr. Still, Miss McCormick was granted one month absence, on account of ill health.

The committee to memorialize the City Council on the tax question reported that they would bring up the matter at the next meeting, the first Monday evening in September.

On motion of Colonel Saylor, it was ordered that I.N. Scott be elected a teacher in the Colored Public Schools of the City.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that John N. Johnson be elected a teacher in the Colored Schools of the City.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that W.T. Phillips be elected a teacher in the Colored Schools.

On motion of Dr. R.M. Swearingen, it was ordered that the salary of the Superintendent be raised to \$1,500.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin, Texas  
September 6, 1882

The Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools met this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow. The following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, Z.T. Fulmore, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, H.C. Still and B.C. Ludlow.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Fuel reported favorably. On motion, it was ordered that a contract be made with Dr. Cumming on the basis of the price, as reported, for fuel for all schools.

The Committee on Repairs reported.

The question of the election of another teacher for the Colored Schools was taken up and discussed.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that W.A. Hodgeleins be elected a teacher in the Colored Schools of the City.

[*Taxes*] The tax question was discussed. On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that one third of 1% be the amount of increase of tax for School purposes, for which application be made to the City Council at their next meeting.

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
September 18, 1882

The Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools met this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow. The following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, Z.T. Fulmore, H.C. Still, B.C. Ludlow, R.M. Swearingen and John B. Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following business was then transacted.

[*Pease*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the cistern at the Graded School building be cleaned at an expense not to exceed \$5, and it was further ordered that the Superintendent have the cistern repaired, if it is cracked or if it leaks.

[*Paschal*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the well at the Paschal building be cleaned.

[*Pease*] On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that one of the basement rooms at the Graded School building be fitted upon the best terms that the Chairman and Superintendent can procure.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that the Superintendent take charge of the heaters at the Graded School building.

On motion, it was also ordered that advertisements be made for teachers to be examined, with a view to employment. On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
September 27, 1882

The Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools met this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow. The following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, Z.T. Fulmore, H.C. Still, Dr. R.M. Swearingen and J.B. Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following proceedings then took place:

[*Pease Cistern*] On motion, it was ordered that a cistern top be placed over the cistern at the Graded School building.

[*Brick Building*] On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that the members of the M.E. Church Colored have the use of the brick schoolhouse for religious services for two months.

[*Pease*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the northeast basement room at the Graded School building be repaired at the lowest and best bid that can be obtained.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that the Chairman be requested to prepare an address showing the necessity for the advanced tax asked to be voted by the City of Austin.

On motion, it was ordered that the Collector of the school tax be requested to report to the Board the monies collected and a list of the insolvents who have not paid the tax.

On motion, it was ordered that I.N. Scott be excused from school duties, per request, for two months.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
October 18, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools held this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, B.C. Ludlow, H.C. Still, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, R.F. Campbell, W.A. Saylor and J.B. Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[Pease] The Chairman reported that the northeast corner basement room at the Graded School building had been repaired, as per order [on] September 2, 1882.

On motion of H.C. Still, it was ordered that Professor Wertheim's salary be increased to \$75 after the first of November, if the increased tax be carried at the November election.

On motion of Mr. Still, it was ordered that Miss Erkel be elected a teacher in the Public Schools.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that Miss P.E. Smith be employed as a teacher in the Public Schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

November 3, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools, held this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, the following proceedings were had. Members present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chair, B.C. Ludlow, Z.T. Fulmore, W.A. Saylor and R.M. Swearingen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The question of arranging a ticket for the election on the increase of the school tax was taken up and discussed. On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the form of a ticket be the same as at the last election. On motion of Judge Fulmore, a committee was appointed to agree upon a form of the matter of a ticket. Committee appointed: Judge Fulmore, W.A. Saylor and A.P. Wooldridge.

On motion of W.A. Saylor, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to secure partisans at every precinct during the election. Committee: B.C. Ludlow, R.F. Campbell and Dr. Swearingen.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

November 22, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day at the office of General Ludlow, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, B.C. Ludlow, Dr. Swearingen, Dr. J.M. Litten and Walter Tips.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Tips, a committee was appointed consisting of Judge Rector and General Ludlow to look into the validity of the vote and the latest school tax question.

[*German Academy*] On motion of \_\_\_\_, a committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Litten, J.B. Rector and Walter Tips, to confer with Mr. von Rosenberg in regard to the transfer to the Board of Trustees [of] the old German Academy. Looking into the title.

On motion, Mr. Tips was appointed upon the Finance Committee.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

December 9, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at the office of General Ludlow this day, there were present the following members: Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, B.C. Ludlow and J.B. Rector.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that General Ludlow act as Chairman of this meeting, in the absence of A.P. Wooldridge, President of the Board.

The resignation of Mrs. M.F. Smith, to take effect on the tenth day of December, and the resignation of Miss Lizzie Pollard (Colored), to take effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, were placed in the hands of the Board and, on motion of J.B. Rector, they were accepted.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the following preamble and resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and a copy of the same be sent to Mrs. M.F. Smith: Whereas Mrs. M.F. Smith has tendered her resignation as teacher in the Public Schools of the City, and whereas her long and distinguished services as a teacher required due recognition from us, therefore, be it resolved that we accept her resignation with regret, that she has the best wishes of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of Austin for her restoration to health and future usefulness in a profession to which she is an honor and ornament, [and] that the Board would be pleased to avail itself of her services [53] in future, showed she determined again to enter the duties of her profession.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, it was ordered that Miss Judie Haynes be elected a teacher in the City Public Schools.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that the Schools shall continue until the first day of June 1883 as Free Schools, as long as the proceeds of the Schools will permit, and afterwards as pay schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

December 20, 1882

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at the office of General B.C. Ludlow this day, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chair, Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen and J.M. Litten.

The meetings of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to investigate the irregularities and partisan conduct of judges practiced at the ballot boxes on the day of the election, November 7, 1882, in regard to the question of the increase of the school, reported advising that no action be taken to disturb the validity of the result of the election.

[*German Academy*] The committee appointed to confer with Mr. von Rosenberg in regard to the transfer of the German Academy property, reported progress, and the same committee was continued and authorized to take proper legal steps for the transfer of said property to the possession and control of the City School Board.

[*Finance*] The Committee on Finance, which was instructed at a previous meeting to request the City Collector and Assessor to make out a full exhibit of his account with the City School Board, was granted further time to report on account of the absence of the Chairman of said committee.

The resignation of Professor A. Wertheim was tendered the Board, and, on motion of Dr. Litten, it was accepted to take effect January 1, 1883. On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the Chairman, Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, be requested to prepare a [55] suitable testimonial to be presented to Professor Wertheim in behalf of the Board of Trustees.

[*Xmas Holiday*] On motion of Colonel W.A. Saylor, it was ordered that the City Schools be suspended for Christmas recess from December 22 to January 2, 1883.

[*Pease*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the Graded School building be numbered by the person authorized to number the building in the City, the cost of the said number not to cost more than 75 cents.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin, Texas  
February 14, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Schools, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, there were present the following members: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, Z.T. Fulmore, B.C. Ludlow, Walter Tips and J.B. Rector.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

[*Site for Allan Junior High: East of 400 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street*] It was ordered, on motion of B.C. Ludlow, that the committee heretofore appointed to look into the title of Lot Number 6 in Block 114 in the City of Austin be granted further time to report, and they are authorized to procure an abstract of the title to the property and report condition of said property and the best means of procuring the title to the same for use of Austin Free Schools. The names of this committee are: Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.M. Litten and John B. Rector.

[*Finance*] Judge Fulmore made the following motion: Resolved that the Treasurer of the City Schools be authorized to pay to the County Treasurer, on order of County Judge and parent of child enrolled in City Schools, their state *pro rata* of school funds, viz., \$3.6166, when parent wishes to transfer from City to County Schools. Motion adopted.

[*First Ward*] On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that Mrs. E.M.E. Garland be continued in her present position as teacher for the remainder of the session.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that Miss Emma Delaney be continued as teacher for the remainder of this term.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the resignation of Miss Cora Arthur be accepted, to take effect on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. [57]

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that an examination of parties desiring to be employed as teachers be held by the Committee on Examinations at the earliest practicable time.

[*First Ward: West Avenue*] A petition of citizens of the First Ward was read, asking that a school be established for the same. The Chair appointed General Ludlow as a committee, to which Mr. A.P. Wooldridge was added, to confer with the leading citizens thereof.

The matter of the introduction of supplementary readers as textbooks was referred to the Committee on Textbooks, viz., A.P. Wooldridge, B.C. Ludlow and John B. Rector.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}



Austin

February 24, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Schools, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, B.C. Ludlow, W.A. Saylor, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, Miss Maggie Marshall was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Cora Arthur.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that Mr. Edgar Anderson be elected to fill the next vacancy that may exist in the City Schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

March 28, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, there were present the following members: A.P. Wooldridge, Chair, B.C. Ludlow, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Walter Tips.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[*Schools Close May 31, 1883*] The subject of the limitation of the present session of the City Schools was taken up and discussed, and, on motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that the Schools closed on May 31, 1883, with suitable commencement exercises, the arrangement of which shall be left to the Superintendent.

[*First Ward: West Avenue*] The committee to confer with the leading citizens of the First Ward in regard to establishing a school for Mexican children reported through Mr. Wooldridge that a school had been established for the same with an attendance of 20 pupils.

[*Paschal House*] On motion of General Ludlow, Mr. A.P. Wooldridge was appointed a committee of one to secure of the agent of the Paschal building a lease of the same for two years.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin  
April 11, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day at the office of the President of said Board, there were present the following members: A.P. Wooldridge, President, B.C. Ludlow, Walter Tips, John B. Rector.

The following proceeding were had.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[*East Austin: Bickler*] The Board requested Mr. Wooldridge to ascertain on what terms a suitable plat of ground in Eastern Austin could be obtained to erect a school building.

[*Paschal*] The Superintendent was directed to procure for the school at the Paschal building pure water and discontinue the use of the water from the well and cistern.

The resignation of Mr. James Maloney, a teacher, was accepted.

John B. Rector was appointed to get a deed to Lot Number 6 in Block 114.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin  
June 20, 1883

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chair, Walter Tips, B.C. Ludlow, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, John B. Rector.

The following proceedings were had.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Mr. von Rosenberg be requested to meet the Board at the next meeting, to confer with them about making a title to the German American School house.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that Miss Sally McAlister, Miss Maud B. Carrington, Miss Pattie E. Smith, Miss Nannie Dawson and Miss Mollie Dawson be retained as teachers.

On motion of Dr. Litten, Miss Maggie Marshall was retained.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, Miss Sudie Haynes was retained.

On motion of General Ludlow, Miss Eleanora Erkel was retained and Miss M. Emma Delaney was retained.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, Mr. Edgar Anderson was retained.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was granted that the election of Colored teachers be postponed for the present.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the case of Mr. James Maloney be not considered at present.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that there be an examination [61] of applicants for position of teachers on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, and that the notice of such examination be published.

[*Superintendent*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Professor J.B. Winn be retained as Superintendent of the Public Free Schools of Austin.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

Austin

July 16, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day at the office of General Ludlow, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chair, J.M. Litten, B.C. Ludlow, W.A. Saylor, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips and John B. Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

General Ludlow asked to be excused, on account of sickness in his family, which was granted.

[*German School*] On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, it was ordered that Judge Fulmore and John B. Rector be appointed a committee to examine into the title of what is known as the German American Free School building and report their conclusion to Mr. William von Rosenberg. On motion of Dr. Litten, the President of the Board was requested to confer with Mr. W. von Rosenberg in the event the title is found to be in him to said German [62] school house and prepare a deed to send property to be signed by said Rosenberg.

[*Bickler*] On motion of Colonel Saylor, it was ordered that President A.P. Wooldridge, and Judge Fulmore be appointed a committee to interview Mr. Sampson, and, if practicable and in their opinion advisable, they are authorized to buy of him Block 117 on East Ave.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Mrs. Garland be retained as a teacher in the Colored Schools.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that W.T. Phillips be retained.

On motion of Colonel Saylor, it was ordered that W.G. Wilson be retained.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that Andrew Herbert be not retained.

On motion of Colonel Saylor, it was ordered that Miss Leeann Persons be retained.

On motion of John B. Rector, it was ordered that two Colored schools be opened on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, and that they be afterwards increased as the Board may desire.

The case of Mr. J.N. Johnson was postponed, and he was requested to meet with the Board at its next meeting, to inform them whether he proposes to practice law.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin

August 4, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chair, R.M. Swearingen, B.C. Ludlow, Walter Tips, Z.T. Fulmore, W.A. Saylor, J.M. Litten and John B. Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that Miss Jessie A. Sayers be selected as a teacher.

On motion of John B. Rector, it was ordered that Miss Bessie Greenwood be selected as a teacher.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Kate Colding be selected as a teacher.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the selection of a German teacher was postponed until the next meeting.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that Mr. John N. Johnson be not retained as a teacher, and that the Secretary instruct him as to the action of the Board.

[*High School*] On motion of Dr. Litten, Mr. I.H. Bryant was selected as teacher of the male department of the High School.

[*Tenth Ward*] On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that the Superintendent be requested to see Mr. Millican and get permission to remove the outhouses belonging to the school building in the Tenth Ward.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin

August 13, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Schools, held this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, B.C. Ludlow, R.M. Swearingen, W.A. Saylor, J.M. Litten.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Litten, Miss Lula Holmes was elected a teacher in the City Public Schools.

[*Bickler*] On motion of B.C. Ludlow, it was ordered that the selection of a school site for East Austin Public Schools be postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned, to meet on Monday next, at five o'clock p.m.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

August 22, 1883

The Board of Trustees met this day, pursuant to the call of the President, at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, the following members were in attendance: A.P. Wooldridge, Chair, B.C. Ludlow, W.A. Saylor, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, by proxy to a A.P. Wooldridge.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and ordered approved.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that Mr. R. Springer be selected as a teacher of the German language in the Public Schools at the rate of salary which was given Professor A. Wertheim, and that the Superintendent notify him of the action of the Board.

[*Blackshear: Teacher*] On motion of Colonel Saylor, it was ordered that Mr. E.L. Blackshear be elected a teacher in the Public Schools.

[*Bickler: Block 117*] The consideration of a site for school buildings in the eastern part of the city was taken up, and the subject was discussed at length. After careful consideration of the merits and demerits of all the properties offered the Board, it was ordered, on motion of Dr. Swearingen, that Block 117 be selected as the site on which the school buildings shall be erected.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin  
September 19, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools, held this day at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, B.C. Ludlow, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore. John B. Rector, Secretary, absent.

The following proceedings were had.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

[*East Austin: Bickler*] The Committee on Building reported that they had selected Block No. 117 for a school site, and that they had secured titles to the same of George W. Sampson and other interested parties through their agent, Judge Posey. The same committee reported that they had contracted to have two frame buildings erected on Block No. 117 at a cost of \$1,758 each, payable in one and two years' time, by installments of one-twenty-fourth of said amount per month, if found practicable.

The Committee on Supplies reported that there was great need for more school desks.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the Chairman of this meeting be requested to purchase 200 double desks, and that the contract be so made as to authorize the payment of one-half of the cost of said furniture at the close of the present session, and the remainder at the close of the next session.

[*First Ward*] On motion, it was ordered that the Superintendent be instructed to investigate [67] the condition of the First Ward, as to the present necessity of establishing a school for the same.

A request of Miss Donna Brooks was presented to the Board, to be allowed permission to organize a class in elocution in the Public Schools, to be taught not during school hours. On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the request be granted and that Miss Brooks contract with her pupils for tuition at a rate of not more than 50 cents for a course of 12 lessons.

[*Blackshear*] The Superintendent reported that he had assigned Mr. E.L. Blackshear on Monday, September 17, to duty in the Eighth Ward Colored Schools, on account of the large attendance of pupils. The assignment was approved.

On motion, it was ordered that Miss Eliza H. James and Mrs. A.V. Stuart be provisionally assigned to positions in the City Schools, where their services may be needed, and that they be allowed another

opportunity to test their scholarship. As at the last competitive examination, they failed to make the required percent.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

October 5, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day at the office of General Ludlow, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, B.C. Ludlow, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, John B. Rector.

The following proceedings were had.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

[*Bickler*] It was resolved by the Board of Trustees that the action of the Building Committee, as reported by the Chairman, Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, in procuring school buildings to be erected on Block No. 117, be approved. The resolution is as follows: Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools that the action of the Building Committee have said Board acting by and through its Chairman, A.P. Wooldridge, in contracting for the construction of two frame school house buildings upon Block No. 117 of the City of Austin, Texas, for the price of \$1,784.60 cents each, payable in one and two years from October 3, 1883, with interest at 12% *per annum* from the date of said contract and payable to the order of C.F. Millett, with whom said contract of building was made, and the same is hereby, in all respects, ratified and confirmed and declared to be the action of this Board. And the said A.P. Wooldridge, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is authorized to execute the proper note for the amount of said debt and a deed of trust upon said Block No. 117, to secure the payment of the same. [69]

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the basement of the school houses on Block No. 117 be boarded up.

On motion of the same, it was also ordered that a school be organized and started on the tenth of October, 1883.

On motion, it was ordered that Dr. Litten, General Ludlow and Judge Fulmore be requested to procure fuel and stoves for the winter.

[*Bickler*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the Board memorialize the City Council to construct two foot bridges across Waller Creek, near the school houses on Block No. 117. Dr. Litten, John B. Rector, and the Chairman, A.P. Wooldridge, were appointed a committee to draw up and present the application.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Neal Ramey be elected a teacher and assigned to duty.

On motion, it was also ordered that Miss Lilian Rimassa be elected a teacher.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin  
October 26, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day at the office of General Ludlow, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, B.C. Ludlow, W.A. Saylor, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, Z.T. Fulmore.

The following business was transacted.

[*Taxes*] On motion, it was ordered that [a] committee consisting of A.P. Wooldridge and Z.T. Fulmore be appointed to investigate the law in relation to the school tax and to memorialize the City Council to pass an ordinance ordering an election of the taxpayers, to vote for or against a special annual addition of taxes of one and one-third mills in aid of Austin Public Free Schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin  
November 10, 1883

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of General Ludlow, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, B.C. Ludlow, J.M. Litten by proxy.

The minutes having been read and approved, the following transactions were had.

The Committee on Fuel reported what had been done in procuring the necessary supplies.

[*Tax*] The committee appointed at the previous meeting to memorialize the City Council to pass an ordinance to submit to a vote of the taxpayers a proposition to increase the present rate of school tax, from one-fifth to one-third of 1%, reported that they had performed their duty and had secured the passage of the desired ordinance.



On motion, the following committees were appointed to assist in the work of securing the required two-third vote on the school tax.

Committee on an address to the people, principally the taxpayers, viz., A.P. Wooldridge, Z.T. Fulmore and Walter Tips.

Committee to canvass every candidate for office to exert his influence for the school tax: J.M. Litten, B.C. Ludlow and John B. Rector.

On motion, the resignation of Miss Maggie Marshall was read and accepted.

On motion, it was ordered that Mrs. M.V. Jackson's position be declared vacant after next Wednesday, if she be not present in her grade room.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

November 26, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, B.C. Ludlow, J.M. Litten, W.A. Saylor, John B. Rector.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

[Tax] The following proceedings were had.

The Board assigned Colonel Saylor to attend the First Ward to facilitate the adoption of the increased school tax. Dr. Litten was appointed to look after the Second Ward; General Ludlow, the Third Ward; Professor Winn, the Fourth and Tenth Wards; John B. Rector, \_\_\_; A.P. Wooldridge, the Sixth and Ninth; Z.T. Fulmore, the Eighth; and Walter Tips, the Seventh Ward.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {Jno. B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin

December 27, 1883

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Free Schools, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, B.C. Ludlow, Walter Tips, John B. Rector.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted, and the following proceedings were had.

The resignation of Miss Kate Colding, as a teacher, was accepted.



[*Discipline*] Moved by Mr. Walter Tips that the Principal of East Austin Schools be sustained in suspending Eddie Walker for ten days, for using obscene language. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Swearingen that the parents of the pupils who injured Mr. Deffenbaugh's property be notified that, unless the property be repaired or paid for, the pupils will be suspended from further attendance in the schools. Carried.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}      {Edgar Anderson, Secr. Pro Tem}

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Austin

May 21, 1884

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, B.C. Ludlow, Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen, J.B. Rector.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted.

[*Pease*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the matter of repairs to the Graded School building in West Austin, including the protection to the trees in the school yard, to be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

[*East Austin: Bickler*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the matter of building a house for the janitor of East Austin Schools be referred to the Building Committee.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the appreciation of the Board of the services of Miss Sudie Haynes, who has recently severed her connection with the Public Schools by resignation, be expressed, and that the President of the Board, in a suitable manner, communicate the fact to her.

[*Taxes*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Mr. Wooldridge be requested to see that the official vote of the city ordering the increased tax for school purposes be promulgated.

[*East Austin: Bickler*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the Building Committee be authorized to erect such buildings in East Austin as may be necessary.

[*Eighth Ward*] On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that the repairs to the Eighth Ward brick school house be referred to the Committee on Repairs. [77]

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the Building Committee be requested to ascertain what arrangements are further

necessary to accommodate the Colored children with suitable school houses.

On motion, it was ordered that Miss Aurelia Brown, who was, on account of sickness, excused from her regular duties in the High School Department for one month, be allowed her regular salary, and that she make such payment to Professor Bryant on account of his extra services and duties, as may be agreed between them.

On motion, it was ordered that the meeting adjourn, to meet again on Wednesday next, May 28.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin

May 28, 1884

The Board of Trustees met this day at five o'clock p.m., according to appointment, in the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge. There were present in *propria persona*: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, B.C. Ludlow by proxy, Walter Tips, W.A. Saylor, John B. Rector.

The following proceedings were had.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[*Pease*] The Chairman of the Committee on Repairs reported that a contract had been made to have the Graded School building steps in front and rear and the cistern top repaired for \$50. The committee also reported that they had examined the building generally and advise that no other repairs be made until about the opening of the next session.

[*East Austin: Bickler*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the Building Committee be authorized to have erected a janitor's house in East Austin at a cost of \$250.

[*Teacher Examinations*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the time for holding the competitive examination of teachers for positions in the Public Schools for White teachers be set for June 17, and the time for Colored teachers be set for August 12.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that J.B. Winn, Superintendent, and Dr. Litten be appointed a committee to inquire into the experience of locating the public High School centrally and to obtain a suitable building therefore, if a change be found expedient.

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[*Rule*] On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the salaries of primary teachers be changed from \$50 per month, to \$60 per month.

Mr. Wooldridge, as proxy, seconded the motion for Mr. Walter Tips and Colonel W.A. Saylor, and General Ludlow, as proxy, seconded the motion for Judge John B. Rector.

On motion, the meeting adjourned, subject to the action of the Chairman.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

June 4, 1884

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools, held this day at the office of the President, A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, B.C. Ludlow, John B. Rector.

The following proceedings were had.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted.

[*East Austin: Bickler*] On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the janitor of East Austin Schools be permitted to occupy temporarily one of the rooms of the school buildings as a sleeping apartment.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that Miss Aurelia Brown be conferred with by Judge Fulmore and the President, and ascertain whether she desires, in view of her declining health, to resign.

[*East Austin: Bickler*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Professor Edgar Anderson be re-employed as Principal of East Austin Public School at a salary of \$75 per month.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, it was ordered that Miss Lillian Rimassa and Miss Pattie E. Smith be re-employed.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Jessie A. Sayers and Miss Lula N. Holmes be reelected as teachers. [81]

[*Rule*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered the Primary teachers hereafter receive \$50 per month for the first year's service and \$60 for subsequent years.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that E.L. Blackshear be reengaged as a teacher.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Professor J.B. Winn be reengaged as Superintendent of Austin Public Schools for the succeeding year.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the Principal of the High School Department receive an annual compensation of

\$1,000, and that the Principal of East Austin Schools receive \$75 per month.

[*Pease*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the bill of Mr. Livsey for repairs to steps at Graded School building, to the amount of \$50, be allowed and also the bill of Mr. C.F. Johnson, for hauling stone to protect the trees at the same building, be allowed to the amount of \$36.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin

June 26, 1884

The Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools met this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, with the following members present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robinson, Mayor.

J.W. Robertson, Mayor-elect of the City of Austin, appeared and was welcomed to a seat as a member of the City School Board.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following transactions were had.

The President of the Board announced the death of Miss Aurelia Brown, who had held the position of Principal of the female department of the High School for the last three years, and, on motion of Dr. R.M. Swearingen, it was ordered that the Chairman be requested to prepare a suitable communication expressive of the deep sense of sorrow of the members of the Board on the reception of the sad intelligence of Miss Brown's death, and that the same be spread upon these minutes and a similar copy be addressed to the family of the deceased.

The Chairman, in behalf of the Building Committee, reported progress.

The subject of the election of teachers of the High School was then considered and, on motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Professor I.H. Bryant be reelected Principal of Austin High Schools.

[*West Austin: Pease*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the salary of the Principal of the West Austin Schools be \$1,000 *per annum*. On motion of Judge Fulmore, [83] it was ordered that Professor J.E. Smith be elected assistant teacher of the High Schools, with temporary assignment as Principal of West Austin Public Schools.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that Mrs. Smith Ragsdale be elected to fill the vacancy in the female department of the High School, created by the death of Miss Aurelia Brown.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

July 16, 1884

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson, R.M. Swearingen, J.B. Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Superintendent submitted his report, showing the result of the competitive examination of teachers, held according to notice on June 17, 18 [and] 19, 1880, for the standing of applicants having been duly considered. On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Lizzie Drake be elected as a teacher.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that Miss Lilly Sayers and Miss Mollie F. Brown be employed as teachers.

On motion of Colonel J.W. Robertson, Miss Adelia Suter was employed as a teacher.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Miss Jessie Strayhorn and Miss Mary Downie be employed as teachers.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that Miss Bettie Dozier be employed as a teacher.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that Miss Jessie Rankin be employed as a teacher.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that hereafter all competitive examination be in person in Austin.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin

August 1, 1884

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present *in propria persona* and by proxy: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson, B.C. Ludlow proxy, Walter Tips proxy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected and adopted.

[*Colored School Building*] The subject of erecting [an] additional school building for the Colored children was taken up and discussed at length. Judge Z.T. Fulmore made a statement to the Board, urging the immediate building of one or two more school houses at a moderate cost, say \$1,000 each, supplementing his remarks with a proposition to procure the necessary funds of the Commissioners of Travis County, by way of a loan to the City School Board at a rate of 6% interest *per annum*, for a period of eighteen months. No definite action was taken in the matter, and the further consideration of the subject was postponed.

J.B. Winn, as President of the late Austin Library Association, in behalf of the same, after having consulted and advised with the officers and members thereof, tendered the books, papers, property, etc. in his care to the City School Board, upon condition that immediate steps be taken for the preservation and utilization of the said books, papers, etc. On motion, the offer was accepted, and the Superintendent was requested to have the books and papers boxed for the present.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin, Texas

August 23, 1884

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1884, at the office of the President, A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, B.C. Ludlow, John B. Rector.

The following proceedings took place.

On motion of General Ludlow, the following Colored teachers were elected: Miss A.B. Holloway, Miss. M.F. Brinkley, Miss Eliza H. James, Miss J.E. Harris, Miss Laura Evans.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the bill of Barnes & Flumes for \$885 be allowed.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was [moved] that instruction in the German language be limited to the High School Department and that the selection of a teacher of that language be postponed for the present.



The report of the Committee on the Course of Studies in the City Public Schools was read and discussed, and the following committee was appointed to report upon the same at a future meeting: Dr. R.M. Swearingen, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, A.P. Wooldridge.

[*High School*] The subject of locating the High School centrally was later taken up and discussed. [87]

[*Superintendent*] On motion of Dr. R.M. Swearingen, it was ordered that the annual salary of the Superintendent be placed at \$1,800 beginning on September 1, 1884.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

Austin, Texas  
September 5, 1884

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of President A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, B.C. Ludlow, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robinson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[*Site Offer: Robertson Hill*] The object of the meeting was stated to be the selecting of a site for the location of Colored Schools east of East Avenue.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the lots offered to the Board by George W. Robertson, on what is called the Robertson Hill, be purchased for the use of Colored schools.

On motion of Judge Z.T. Fulmore, it was ordered that the matter of building be referred to the Building Committee.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

[88] Austin, Texas  
September 10, 1884

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of President A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, B.C. Ludlow, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was omitted, and the following transactions were had.

[*Robertson Hill*] The subject of selecting a suitable design for building a school house on Robertson Hill being under consideration,

on motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, it was ordered that the plan of four rooms be selected and that the Building Committee be authorized to have erected a school house not to cost over \$2,500.

On motion, adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin, Texas  
September 24, 1884

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of President A.P. Wooldridge, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, B.C. Ludlow, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was excused, and the following business was transacted.

[*West Austin: Pease*] The question before the Board was the consideration of the report of the Superintendent, that the seating capacity of the West Austin School building was inadequate to accommodate the increased number of pupils asking admittance.

On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the Building Committee be authorized to take immediate steps to complete the remaining room on the first floor of the West Austin School building, for the accommodation of the pupils thereof.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin, Texas  
November 12, 1884

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of President A.P. Wooldridge, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, B.C. Ludlow, J.M. Litten, J.W. Robertson, John B. Rector.

[*Rule*] On motion of President A.P. Wooldridge, it was ordered that, beginning with the first day of January, 1885, no White pupils be enrolled in the Public Schools after 60 days from the commencement of the term in September and January.

Colonel J.W. Robertson, Dr. R.M. Swearingen and J.B. Rector were appointed a committee to report on diplomas to be issued to the High School pupils.

Professor I.H. Bryant was requested by the Board to continue the teaching of German in the High School.

It was ordered, on motion of J.B. Rector, that interest at 10% be allowed Barnes & Flumes and George Fiegel on deferred payment due them.

[Rule] On motion of Dr. R.M. Swearingen, it was ordered that the rule heretofore adopted (if ever adopted), that supernumeraries who had taught in the Public Schools should be first employed, be expunged, and, instead of said rule, be it ordered that the Superintendent shall select suitable persons to fill temporary vacancies. [91]

[Rule] On motion of Colonel J.W. Robertson, it was ordered that, in case of sickness of teachers, whereby they are absent from duty for ten days, they receive full pay; if absent more than 10 days, one-half pay.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Rector, Secretary}

Austin, Texas

December 17, 1884

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Free Schools, held at the office of General B.C. Ludlow, the following trustees were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, B.C. Ludlow, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Walter Tips, Z.T. Fulmore, John B. Rector.

The Board went into a hearing of the charges proffered by Professor Edgar Anderson, Principal of East Austin Schools, against Mrs. M.V. Jackson, a teacher in said, and of her countercharges against him. On motion, it was asked that the written statement of Professor Anderson be read. Professor E. Anderson and Mrs. M.V. Jackson were introduced. Professor Anderson read his charges, and the charges of Mrs. Jackson were read by her husband, Mr. Nat. Jackson. Professor Anderson gave his evidence on the charges proffered by him, and [92] Mrs. Jackson replied thereto, and offered her testimony on the charges proffered by her. Miss E. Erkel then was called by Mrs. Jackson and testified. The Misses Dawson were then called by Professor Anderson and gave their testimony. Miss Ella Stuart was then called by Professor Anderson to testify. Dr. Swearingen then offered a resolution that children should not be examined in this controversy, which was unanimously carried.

The Board then adjourned until Thursday, half past three o'clock p.m., December 18, 1884.

Austin  
December 18, 1884

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment at half past three o'clock p.m. this day, and proceeded to investigate the matters under consideration on the previous day.

Professor J.B. Winn, the Superintendent, upon being called, gave his testimony.

It was moved and seconded that Specification No. 10 of insubordination against Mrs. M.V. Jackson be sustained, and that her resignation as a teacher be requested, and said motion was carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, it was unanimously voted that the charges against Professor Anderson were not sustained, but that it is the sense of the Board that his conduct towards some of the lady teachers had not always been courteous and polite. [93]

The President of the Board was asked to admonish Professor Anderson, which was done in their presence.

[*Xmas Holidays*] On motion, it was ordered that the Public Schools close for the whole day on December 24, and open again on January 5, 1885.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Rector, Secretary}

Austin  
February 4, 1885

At a meeting of the Trustees of Austin Free Schools, held this day at the office of the President, A.P. Wooldridge, the following proceedings were had.

[*Whipping*] The Board investigated the charge of whipping Eddy Green unjustly by Professor J.E. Smith, and the charge of Professor Smith, that Mrs. Green, the mother of Eddie, had insulted him as an officer of the Schools in a way to demoralize the pupils thereof.

[*Discipline*] It was ordered by the Board that the action of the Superintendent in suspending Eddy Green, until the mother should apologize before the grade of pupils in whose presence she had used the offensive language to Professor Smith, thereby demoralizing the same, be, and the same is hereby sustained.

[*Policy: High School*] On motion of General Ludlow, it was ordered that the Principal of the High School is supreme in the internal

administration of the same, subject to the Superintendent and the Board.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin

April 8, 1885

At a meeting of the trustees of the Austin Public Free Schools, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, President, the following proceedings were had.

[*Schools Close*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that these schools continue until the fifteenth day of May, 1885.

[*High School Exhibition*] On motion of John B. Rector, it was ordered that there be a public exhibition of the High School of such character as the teachers and Professor Winn shall determine, provided a suitable hall can be obtained for a sum not to exceed \$40.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

May 13, 1885

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, President, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, B.C. Ludlow, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Robertson, Z.T. Fulmore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[*Schools Close*] The Chairman stated that the principal object of the call of the meeting was to consider the closing exercises of the City Public Schools. He reported that he had secured, in accordance with the request of the Board, the Millett Opera House at a cost of \$30 for the public exercises of the High School.

[*High School Graduates*] The Committee on Examinations reported for graduation the following members of the senior class, they having attained the requisite percent of scholarship: Jessie Ward, Annie Ramey, Fannie Andrews, Lula Bewley, Marion Smith, Eliska Haddon, Mamie Boak, Eugenia Collett, Kittie Carlisle, Lulu Lane, Bettie Ramey, Minnie Carrington, James D. Collett.

[*Diplomas*] After hearing the report of Professor I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, on motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the pupils, as named above, be presented with diplomas.

[*Wheatville*] The application of Mr. Staples and others for the use of the Wheatville School building [96] for the purpose of conducting a Sabbath evening Mission School was read and, on motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the request be granted, until revoked.

[*Clerical*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that \$50, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to employ clerical aid to revise and perfect the Assessor's census of the scholastic population of the City of Austin for 1885 and 1886.

[*First Typewriter*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that \$90, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to purchase a typewriting or collagraph machine for the use of the Superintendent' Office.

[*City Examinations*] On motion, it was ordered that the annual competitive examination of applicants for positions of teachers in the City Schools be held on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

[*Rule*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the use of the City Public School rooms be not allowed anyone during the vacation. The meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin, Texas  
June 17, 1885

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Free Schools, held this day at the office of the President, A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, B.C. Ludlow, Walter Tips, J.W. Robertson, Z.T. Fulmore, John B. Rector.

The following proceedings occurred.

General Ludlow submitted his accounts and his resignation as Treasurer of the City Public Schools. On motion, his resignation was accepted.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that Mr. Walter Tips be elected treasurer of the City Public Schools in place of General Ludlow, resigned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin  
July 4, 1885

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of the President, A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, John B. Rector.

The following proceedings were had.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that Mrs. Smith Ragsdale be reengaged as an assistant teacher in the High School Department.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Miss Lillie Sayers be retained as a teacher.

On motion of Colonel Robertson, it was ordered that Miss Mary Downie be retained as a teacher.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Miss Arta B. Numbers be retained as a teacher.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that Miss Lizzie Drake be retained as a teacher.

On motion of John B. Rector, it was ordered that Miss Adelia Suter be retained as a teacher.

On motion of Colonel J.W. Robertson, it was ordered that Miss Anna McCrillis be elected as a teacher.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that Miss Mollie Brown be retained as a teacher.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Jessie Rankin be retained on probation for another year at first year's salary.

[99] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Maggie M. Swearingen was elected as a teacher.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Miss Rosa A. Penick be elected a teacher.

On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that Miss Elma J. Caswell be elected a teacher.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that Miss Kate Watson be elected a teacher.

On motion of Judge Z.T. Fulmore, it was ordered that a second assistant teacher of the High School be employed at a salary of \$75 per month.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the President, Judge Fulmore and Professor Winn be appointed a committee to inquire into the qualifications of applicants for assistant teacher's positions in the High School.

[*Rule*] On motion of John B. Rector, it was ordered that the Superintendent of the Austin City Free Schools, who may hereafter be elected, shall hold his office until he is removed or resigns.

[*Superintendent Elected*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Mr. John B. Winn be elected Superintendent of the Austin Public Free Schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin

July 18, 1885

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President; J.M. Litten, M.D.; R.M. Swearingen, M.D.; Walter Tips; Z.T. Fulmore, County Judge; J.W. Robertson, Mayor.

The following proceedings were had.

The President announced that he would be absent from the city for several weeks, and advised the election of a Vice President of the Board. On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Dr. J.M. Litten be elected Vice President of the Board.

The subject for the consideration was the election of a teacher to fill a vacancy, the second assistant position in the High School. On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that Mrs. D.A. Hill be elected as second assistant teacher in the High School.

On motion of Colonel J.W. Robertson, it was ordered that Professor E.T.Z. Anderson be allowed \$100 per month for actual services.

[*Furniture*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the Superintendent be authorized to invest \$150 in school desks of such as may be needed in the school rooms.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

August 18, 1885

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: J.M. Litten, Vice President, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson. Members absent from the city: A.P. Wooldridge, President, R.M. Swearingen, John B. Rector, Walter Tips, B.C. Ludlow, resigned.

A quorum not being present, the following transactions were had.



Dr. Litten stated that the object of the meeting was the election of teachers to fill the vacancies in the Colored Schools.

The report of the Superintendent, giving the result of the annual competitive examination of applicants for positions in the Colored Schools, was read and, on motion, the names of Colored teachers eligible to election were taken up in order:

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss A.B. Holloway and Miss M.F. Brinkley were elected as teachers.

On motion of Colonel J.W. Robertson, it was ordered that Miss J.E. Harris and Miss Laura Evans were retained on trial for one year at first year's salary.

On motion of Colonel Robertson, it was ordered that I.B. Scott be elected as teacher.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Adela Kenty be elected a teacher; also Miss Sarah A. Ross.

On motion, it was ordered that the teachers here elected be assigned when their services are needed, and their salaries to run from date of their assignment

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

September 30, 1885

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Free Schools, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.W. Robertson, John B. Rector.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved, on motion of Colonel Robertson, as part of the present meeting (a quorum not being present at the last meeting).

[*High School in Baptist Church*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the basement of the Baptist Church be rented for the use of the High School at \$30 per month.

[*West Austin*] On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that Miss Octavia Clifton be temporarily employed as Principal of the West Austin Schools at an increase of \$15 per month in her salary.

[*Sixth Ward: Wooldridge*] On motion of Mr. Tips, the Chairman appointed the following committee, to wit: Walter Tips, J.M. Litten and J.W. Robertson, to ascertain what valuable site can be obtained in the Sixth Ward for the erection of a school building, at what cost a building can be erected, and what local aid can be had.

[*High School Furniture*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Mr. Wooldridge be requested to procure, on the best terms, furniture for the High School.

It was ordered that the Treasurer's Report be referred to Mr. Wooldridge, Dr. Swearingen and J.B. Rector.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin

October 15, 1885

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Vice President, Walter Tips, J.W. Robertson, Z.T. Fulmore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President reported that he had, as requested at the last meeting, ordered a supply of school furniture.

[*Sixth Ward*] The Committee on School Site in the Sixth Ward reported progress and asked for further time.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that a committee consisting of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge and Judge Fulmore be appointed to examine the Treasurer's annual report and Superintendent's report, and Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, Judge Fulmore and Superintendent J.B. Winn be appointed a committee to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Schools and report back to the Board such matters as contemplate material changes.

[*Finance*] The matter of compensation due the Assessor and Collector for services was brought to the attention of the Board, and, on motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that the President of the Board be requested to see the Attorney General and ask his opinion touching the right of the City Assessor and Collector to demand of the City School Board pay for his services.

Mr. Tips, the Treasurer, reported that he had borrowed \$700 to meet the payment of outstanding warrants and, on motion, his action was approved.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{John B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin  
October 20, 1885

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, John B. Rector.

The following proceedings occurred.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted.

[*Rule*] On motion of J.B. Rector, it was ordered that the amendment to section 4, page 4 be stricken out, and the law left as it aforesaid was.

[*Rule*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the amendments to the Rules and Regulations were then adopted, and it was further ordered, on motion of Judge Fulmore, that they be incorporated in the annual report.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
November 11, 1885

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Austin City Free Schools, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, there were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Robertson, Z.T. Fulmore, John B. Rector.

The following proceedings occurred.

[*Wooldridge*] It was ordered, on motion of Judge Fulmore, that the four lots in the southeast corner of the Muir Block in the Sixth Ward be purchased at \$2,000: \$1,000 cash and the balance in one and two years at 10% interest, subject to the report of the committee on title.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {John B. Rector, Secretary}

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Austin  
January 7, 1886

At a meeting of the Austin School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.M. Brackenridge.

The President of the Board stated the purposes of the meeting, one of which was the induction of the recently-elected members of the City School Board and the reorganization of the Board.

Mr. J.W. Graham and Mr. J.M. Brackenridge, the two members recently elected, being present, were cordially welcomed as associate members thereof.

The offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer, being declared vacant, on motion, the Board proceeded to fill the same.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, Mr. A.P. Wooldridge was unanimously elected President. On motion, J.M. Brackenridge as Secretary and Walter Tips as Treasurer were unanimously elected to fill the same.

After the election of offices, the proceedings of the last meeting were read and adopted.

[*Sixth Ward: Wooldridge*] The subject of building a school house in the Sixth Ward was presented and discussed, whereupon it was resolved, on motion of Judge Fulmore, that Mr. Wooldridge be requested to ascertain for what price the land immediately north of the lots purchased by the Board can be had of the agent of Dr. Rainey.

[*Tenth Ward: Palm*] The attention of the Board was [107] called to the condition of the schools of the Tenth Ward, in regard to school room facilities, and, on motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to investigate the subject, and report.

[*West Austin Colored School*] The condition of the West Austin Colored Schools, in regard to building accommodations, was discussed and passed over.

[*Rule*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was resolved that, after a trial of 30 days of a pupil of the City High School, and still found deficient, the Principal, with the concurrence of the teacher in charge, be required to demote the said pupil.

The subject of a school library and the purchase of a supply of philosophical apparatus was discussed and postponed.

Meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

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Austin  
February 17, 1886

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, J.W. Robertson, J.W. Graham, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Brackenridge.

The following business was transacted.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Mr. Stone be excused from the payment of tuition of his daughter for the remainder of the session.

In the case of the application of Mr. D.N. Robertson, to be excused from the payment of tuition of his daughters who are attending the City High School, it was not entertained.

[*High School*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, the application of Miss Dorio, for the use of a room of the High School, was favorably entertained, on condition that it be used subject to the Rules and Regulations of the schools.

[*Sixth Ward: Wooldridge*] On motion of Colonel J.W. Robertson, it was ordered that the application of the parents and pupils of the Sixth Ward schools, for the use of the rooms after school hours for instruction in penmanship, approved, subject to the Rules.

[*High School*] On motion, it was ordered that the arrangement made by the committee with Professor A.C. Jessen, as instructor of German in the High School, be approved.

[*Rule*] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that \$25 be appropriated annually toward the purchase of a library for High School of classical [109] literature by American and English authors.

[*Sixth Ward: Wooldridge*] On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that a special committee be appointed to take the necessary steps toward the speedy erection of a school building in the Sixth Ward. J.W. Graham, Walter Tips and Z.T. Fulmore were appointed on said committee.

[*Tax Collection*] On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the account of Mr. Fred Sterzing against the School Board for collecting the School taxes be paid.

On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the salary of Miss Octavia Clifton be raised to \$85 per month.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

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Austin, Texas  
April 16, 1886

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, there were present the following members: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Graham, J.W. Robertson, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips.

The President explained the object of the meeting, whereupon the following transactions were had.

Dr. Litten moved that A.P. Wooldridge and J.W. Robertson be appointed a committee to meet with the compilers of the laws of the City, to see that the School laws are properly represented.

[*Robertson Hill*] On motion of Major J.W. Robertson, it was ordered that the privilege of occupying one room of the Robertson Hill schoolhouse be granted to the East Austin Fire Company until they can arrange for a room of their own.

[*Robertson Hill For Sale*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the east lot of the five lots of the Robertson Hill School property be sold at a price not less than the original cost, and that the Chairman of this meeting be authorized to effect the sale.

[*Schools Close*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the City Public Schools closed their session on the first of June.

[*High School Commencement*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the closing exercises of the High School take place in the Millett Opera House on a day to be named.

[*Rule*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that non-resident pay pupils be privileged to attend the City Schools to the extent of the time that the state school funds [111] would give them free tuition, provided the parent or guardian transfer to the City Public Schools the amount of the state funds coming to the child.

[*Census*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Max Maas in regard to the taking of the city scholastic census and to arrange to have the census perfectly taken. Committee: Dr. Swearingen and Judge Fulmore.

[*Sixth Ward: Wooldridge*] The subject of building a school house in the Sixth Ward was taken up and discussed. Action was postponed.

[*Teacher Salaries*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to present plans to grade teachers' salaries. Committee: Judge Fulmore, the Chairman, and Superintendent.

On motion of Walter Tips, it was ordered that a committee of the Board be appointed to cooperate with the Teachers Committee, to raise means to entertain teachers who may attend the State Teachers Association, to convene in Austin [on] June 28 to July 1, 1886. Committee: Walter Tips, J.W. Robertson and J.W. Graham.

The matter of allowing a subscription to be taken up among the pupils of the City Public Schools, in behalf of the Confederate Home, was presented and, after consideration, it was, on motion, disallowed.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}     {John B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin, Texas

April 28, 1886

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson, J.M. Brackenridge.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition asking for a reconsideration of the resolution passed at the last meeting, disallowing a collection to be taken up among the pupils of the City Public Schools in behalf of the Confederate Home, was presented and, after due consideration, the Board declined to rescind the said resolution.

The Secretary was requested to reply to Colonel Lambert, the bearer of the said petition, and to politely inform him of the action of the Board, reciting the Rules and Regulations of the City Schools, disallowing the privileges asked for in the petition.

[*Sixth Ward: Wooldridge*] The Building Committee was called on to report. Mr. Walter Tips, in behalf of the committee, presented several plans for a ward schoolhouse in the Sixth Ward.

[*Schools Close May 15*] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that the resolution passed at the previous meeting, closing the City Schools on the first day of June, be reconsidered, and, on motion of the same gentleman, it was ordered that the time for closing the schools be the middle (15<sup>th</sup>) of May.

On motion of ~~Mayor J.B. Robertson, it was ordered that calls for bids~~ [113] ~~continue~~-J.M. Brackenridge, it was ordered that the report of the Building Committee be received.

[*Sixth Ward: Wooldridge*] On motion of Colonel J.W. Robertson, it was ordered that the plans of Mr. J. Lamour be adopted and that Mr. Lamour be requested to submit plans and specifications to the Board at its next meeting. It was also ordered that calls for bids be advertised as soon as the plans and specifications are submitted and approved by the Board, with a proviso that the entire cost of said building shall not exceed the sum of \$10,000.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}     {J.M. Brackenridge, Secretary}

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Austin  
May 12, 1886

A meeting of the City School Board was held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge. The following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, J.W. Robertson, Walter Tips, Z.T. Fulmore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting is setting forth the condition of the Schools on account of the prevailing sickness, scarlet fever, and, in view of the absence of a large number of pupils from the annual examination, it was suggested that an opportunity be afforded said absentees to stand their examination at a convenient day. On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, it was ordered that an opportunity be given said pupils to stand their examination at an early day.

On motion of the same gentleman, it was ordered that the Superintendent and Chairman be authorized to appoint a day for holding the annual competitive examination of teachers for positions in the City Public Schools.

[*High School*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the work of the High School for next session be consolidated by the employment of three teachers.

[*Rule*] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that the compensation of the first and second assistant teachers of the High School be in future \$750 and \$800.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, it was [115] ordered that the Superintendent and Chairman be authorized to give Mrs. D.A. Hill, late second assistant in the High School, such recommendation expressive of the appreciation of the Board as her services merit.

[*Rule*] On motion of J.W. Robertson, it was ordered that hereafter no non-residents be permitted to enter their children in the City Schools until they have paid in the amount due.

[*High School Principal*] On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that Professor I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, be allowed the sum of \$1,200 as a compensation for his services this year.

[*Discipline*] The Chairman stated that it was an exceedingly unpleasant duty to report that charges had been proffered against W.T. Phillips, Principal of the Colored Grammar School, for having inflicted severe corporal punishment upon the person of one of the girl pupils, Louisa White. The parents being present, he desired to ask that they give their testimony before the Board.



Louisa White first gave her testimony and was cross-examined.

Mrs. White, the mother of the girl, was then sworn and submitted her testimony and was cross-examined.

W.T. Phillips was then sworn and made his statement. He also gave his testimony in writing. Miss S.E. Kendy, having been sworn, also testified in the case.

The Board then fully discussed the testimony pro and con, and, the premise being carefully considered, it was ordered, on motion of J.W. Graham, that the action of the Chairman in suspending the said W.T. Phillips be sustained and that the suspension be made indefinite.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

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Austin  
May 20, 1886

Proceedings of a meeting of the City School Board.

Present: A.P. Wooldridge, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson, J.W. Graham and J.M. Litten.

[*Building Bids: Sixth Ward (Wooldridge)*] Special-called meeting held for the purpose of taking under consideration the bids made for building a school house in the Sixth Ward.

The Committee on Building reported the following bids:

J.H. Berry	9,200.00
I.J. Campbell	9,424.00
Barnes & Flume	10,424.00
W.J. Thigten	9993.00
R.J. Loving	11,000.00
Max Schneider	9425 .00
John M. Donald	9450.00
H.S. Love	9973 .00
William Thaison	9640.00
Key & Lambie	9573 .00
Charles Sheen	10,100.00
J. Schuber	9839.50

On motion, the bid of Mr. I.J. Campbell was accepted.

On motion, it was resolved that the President and Secretary be authorized to enter into contract with the builder in the name of the Board of Trustees, creating a lien on the grounds and building of school house to secure him in the construction.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}                      {J.M. Brackenridge, Secretary}

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Austin  
June 12, 1886

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The object of the meeting was stated to be the consideration of the closing of the City High School.

The report to the Principal was read and considered.

[13 *High School Graduates*] On motion of Z.T. Fulmore, it was ordered that diplomas be granted the pupils recommended for graduation: Miss Gertrude Whitis, Miss Eliza Mitchell, Miss Pearl Cashell, Miss Florence Collins, Miss Lucile S. James, Miss Mila Morris, Miss Helen Grant, Miss Janie Maxwell, Miss Nannie Kelley, Miss Minnie Sykes, Miss Fannie Harlan, Miss Eva Sadler and Mr. Willie Gordon.

[*Rule*] Application was made to allow a medal, which had been prepared for presentation, to be given to Miss Eva Sadler on the evening of her graduation. Discussion arose to a prohibition rule on the subject. The sentiment of the members of the Board was for sustaining the rule, but, on motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the request be granted; hereafter the rule must be strictly observed.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}    {John B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin  
July 17, 1886

A meeting of the City School Board was held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, with the following members present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson and Walter Tips.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman reported that 3,464 children had been enrolled by the city census taker and that the state school fund amounted to \$16,454.

The object of the meeting was stated to be the election of teachers, from the list of those teachers who had made the requisite percentage

of scholarship on the last competitive examination, to fill existing vacancies in the schools.

On motion of J.W. Robertson, it was ordered that the following seven teachers be elected: Miss Estelle Lewright, Miss Jennie F. Ervin, Mrs. B.N. Taylor, Mrs. G.M. Ruthrauff, Miss Lucile S. James, Miss Donnie Gatewood and Miss E. Puckett.

On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, it was ordered that Mr. Isaac Gillespie be elected Principal of one of the Ward Schools.

[*Taff*] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that Mr. J.L. Taff be elected Principal of one of the Ward Schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}    {John B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

January 3, 1887

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day at the office of Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Robertson and J.M. Brackenridge.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Chairman briefly reviewed the work and condition of the City Schools, expressing his belief that they were never in a more satisfactory and prosperous condition, but regretted to say that there were many needed improvements and repairs to make the pupils comfortable.

The first matter brought to the attention of the Board was the water bill of the City Water Company. Captain Mather, President of the Water Company, being present, was asked to explain his claims, which he did. The claims, on motion, were referred to the Finance Committee.

[*Tenth Ward: Palm*] The Chairman invited the attention of the Board to the need of a suitable school building in the Tenth Ward and advised the propriety of obtaining therefor the property known as the United States Barracks, situated in that part of the city, whereupon Judge Fulmore offered the following resolution: Resolved that the Chairman appoint [121] a committee of three members to present to the Congress of the United States and the Legislature of the State of Texas appropriate petitions for cession to the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools, for use for school purposes, the property in this city known as the Old Arsenal property, and the one-fourth block,

northwest of the present Capitol enclosure, and also to obtain, if possible, a bill empowering this Board to sell and make title to purchase of the block in West Austin known as the Academy Block.

The Chairman appointed said committee: Misters Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson and Walter Tips.

[*Academy Block*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, the same committee was appointed to obtain the passage of a bill by the Legislature, granting power to the School Board to dispose of, by sale, the Academy Block just north of the West Austin School block.

[*German Teacher*] On motion, Professor A.C. Jessen of the City High School, was authorized to give instruction in German to pupils of the A Grammar grade.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the consideration of the application of Mr. Maas, the City Assessor and Collector, for compensation, for collecting of the City School taxes, was postponed until the next meeting.

[*West Austin: Pease*] The matter of the selection of a Principal of the West Austin Schools, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Isaac Gillespie, coming on to be considered, on motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to examine the recommendations of the several applicants.

After considering the applications of the most approved and well-endorsed candidates, it was proposed to proceed at once to ballot, whereupon W.A. Leonard [122] received four votes and L.L. Todd received three votes. Mr. Leonard's election was then declared unanimous.

[*Finance*] The annual report of the Treasurer of the City Schools, Mr. Walter Tips, coming up to be considered, on motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the books of the Treasurer, having been audited by the Finance Committee—J.M. Litten and R.M. Swearingen—be declared correct.

[*Rule*] On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the City School Board meet hereafter on the second Tuesday of each month, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}    {John B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

January 27, 1887

A meeting of the City School Board was held this day at the City Hall with the following members present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham and J.W. Robertson and W. Tips.

[*Discipline: East Austin*] The Chairman presented as a matter for the consideration of the Board a case of discipline in the East Austin schools of master Bailey Walker. Professor J L. Taff, principal of the school, being present, was called upon to state the case, which he did. On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that Bailey Walker be suspended from the school for the remainder of the year.

[*Rule*] The question of the absence of principals was considered. On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that, in the event of any principal desiring to be absent, [the Superintendent's] permission may be given said principal, provided notice be given the Superintendent not later than four o'clock the preceding day.

[*Rule*] The following resolution was offered by Dr. J.M. Litten: Resolved that this Board recognizes and affirms the right of a teacher to administer corporal punishment in proper cases.

On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the Superintendent be granted a week's absence to go on a necessary visit to New Orleans.

On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that Judge Fulmore and Mayor J.W. Robertson be appointed to investigate the law in regards to the authority of teachers over pupils coming and going to school.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem}

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Austin

February 8, 1887

The Austin School Board met at the City Hall February 8<sup>th</sup>, four o'clock p.m.

Present: A.P. Wooldridge, Dr. Swearingen, Judge Z.T. Fulmore. J.W. Robertson and J.W. Graham.

President A.P. Wooldridge stated to the Board [that] the following changes had been made since the last meeting: Miss Clifton to Miss Brown's position of principal of North Austin School, Miss Brown to Miss McClaurin's grade, Miss McClaurin to Professor Leonard's grade, and Professor Leonard to Miss Clifton's grade.

It was moved by Judge Fulmore that the case of suspension of Sal Edwards be continued until next meeting of the Board. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Graham, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter of corporal punishment in the Colored schools. J.W. Graham, Dr. Swearingen and Z.T. Fulmore were appointed on the above committee.

[*Room for Board Meetings*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that a room be rented at a cost not to exceed \$10 per month, as a place for holding their meetings.

[*North Austin 6<sup>th</sup> Ward: Wooldridge*] The furnishings of North Austin Building with lightning rods was postponed until next meeting for consideration.

[*Discipline: East Austin*] It was moved by President Wooldridge that the principal of East Austin schools be sustained in his suspension of John Eanes, and that he notify Mr. Frank Eanes that his son, John, could be reinstated by submitting to such corporal punishment as the principal might think proper to inflict.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, students dropping a study at parents' request was referred to Professor Cooper & Superintendent

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

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Austin, Texas

February 16, 1887

The City School Board held a called meeting this day at the office of President A.P. Wooldridge, with the following members present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten. Z.T. Fulmore. J.W. Graham and R.M. Swearingen.

On motion, the reading of minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

[*High School*] The Chairman, before proceeding with the business for which the call was made, inquired whether the committee to memorialize the legislature had discharged this duty and urged upon them the importance of securing a site for a high school building.

He then stated that the object of this meeting was to reopen the case of Master Bailey Walker. Mr. W.B. Walker and Professor J.L. Taff, Principal of East Austin School, were allowed to make statements touching the matter which led to the suspension of Bailey [and] Mr. Walker applying for the readmission of his son. Judge Fulmore moved that the action of the Board, suspending Bailey Walker for the

remainder of the session, be reconsidered. There being no second to the motion, the sentence was perpetuated.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the charges proffered against Mrs. E.J. Holland touching excessive punishment of pupils of her grade reported that the challenges were not well formulated.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

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Austin, Texas

March 8, 1887

The Austin City School Board met pursuant to adjournment in regular session this day with the following named members present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips and J.M. Litten.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted

The suspension of two pupils of the High School, Miss Clemmie Scott and Miss Lizzie Hunter, having been reported to the Board, the subject was considered first in order, as the parties were present. Professor Bryant, Principal of the High School, being also present, stated that the course of their suspension was general disorderly conduct coupled with recent defacement of their textbooks by writing in them improper erotic sentiments. Mrs. S. Ragsdale, Assistant Teacher in the High School, being also present was requested to give her testimony, which she did, testifying to the general misconduct of both of the young lady pupils. Miss Scott and Miss Hunter, being called and allowed to answer the charges proffered against them, gave their testimony in excusation of their conduct. The Board, having carefully considered all the circumstances that led to the sentence of suspension, invoked it, but, upon motion of Z.T. Fulmore, it was resolved that Miss Scott and Miss Hunter be readmitted to their grade room and that the Chairman of this Board, at his earliest convenience, be requested to give the said young ladies a public reproof and censure in the presence of teachers and pupils of the High School.

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[*Finance*] On motion of Mr. Graham, the Board resolved itself into a committee of the whole to visit the City Council upon the subject of the restoration of the rebate of the school tax of last year.

Adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*John B. Winn, Secretary Pro Tem*}

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Austin, Texas  
April 11, 1887

The Austin City School Board met this day, pursuant to a call of the President, with the following members present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore. J.W. Robertson, J.W. Graham and Walter Tips.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An invitation was extended to the School Board by the Chaucer Library Society of the City High School, to attend a debate of the members thereof at Turner Hall on Friday evening, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at eight o'clock.

Professor A.C. Jessen applied to be excused from his duties four days to attend the Sanger Fest celebration at San Antonio commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> inst. On motion of Judge Fulmore, his request was granted.

On motion, the Board agreed to attend in a body the meeting of the City Council on Monday next, to represent the financial status of the City Schools.

On motion of J.W. Graham, a committee was appointed to look into and report upon the character of services which have been rendered by Mr. M. Maas as City Assessor, and also the amount to be allowed him for taking the census for 1887-1888. Committee: J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, and R.M. Swearingen

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that a suitable bookcase be purchased for the proper presentation of the books of the teachers' library.

The following cases of suspension were asked upon:

1. John Mitchell, for four months truancy, suspended for the remainder of the session.
2. Henry Marks, for damaging property of Baptist Church, in basement of which the High School is taught, [129] ordered that he be required to pay the damages, assessed amount \$1, or the sentence of suspension be perpetuated.
3. Lonny Wren, for willful exposure of his person in grade room, suspended for remainder of session.
4. Soloman Abrams, for obscene language, suspended for remainder of session.
5. Channing Barnes, for damaging property and for improper language to Professor Bryant, ordered to pay the damages



assessed and to offer satisfactory apologies before being admitted.

The subject of closing the present session was considered. The City School Treasurer, Mr. Tips, presented a statement of the financial condition of the schools and, in consideration thereof and on motion of Judge Fulmore, it was agreed that the session shall close on May 18, and it is so ordered.

On motion of Walter Tips, it was ordered that the closing of the A Grammar grade and High School will be left to the action of the President of School Board, City Superintendent, and Principal of High School.

A petition of the teachers of the City Schools, praying to be put on a fair annual salary or a return to scholastic monthly payment, was presented on motion. The petition was referred to a committee of three members of the Board, viz., Judge Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten.

Adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

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Austin

May 10, 1887

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day, these were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Chairman, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Walter Tips and J.W. Graham.

The following business was transacted.

[Finance] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was agreed that Mr. M. Maas, City Collector and Assessor, be paid the sum of \$500 for assessing and collecting the City School taxes, which includes the taking of the school census for this year.

On motion, adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

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Austin, Texas

June 7, 1887

The City School Board met this day in an irregular session, with the President, A.P. Wooldridge, in the chair. The following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following transactions were had

The President received the work of the City Schools in their several Departments, Primary, Grammar and High School, and expressed himself as gratified with the work of the teachers and the progress of the pupils during the session just closing, [and] that there were more promotions and fewer demotions of pupils than had occurred at any previous examinations.

[*High School Commencement*] The matter of the commencement exercises of the High School was taken up and, on motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the Millett Opera House be procured for the purpose, and also that Professor Herzog's band be engaged at reasonable rates. On motion, it was ordered that the matter of arranging a program for the commencement exercises be left to the Superintendent and teachers of the High School.

[*High School Diplomas*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that diplomas be conferred upon the following pupils of the senior class: David McFall, Daniel Penick, Charles Hufford, Miss Rosa Hirschfeld, Miss Lena Richmond, Miss F. Goggin.

[*Rule*] On motion of Mr. Wooldridge, it was ordered that the standard of proficiency be 80 *per centum* (80%) for graduation.

[*High School Diplomas*] On motion of J.W. Graham, diplomas were conferred upon Miss Leonia Wood, Miss Lilly Garver, Miss Agnes Suter, Goodall Wooten and John Brady. [130]

On motion of Z.T. Fulmore, diplomas were conferred upon Miss Athol Estes and Miss C. Robinson.

On motion of Dr. Litten, a diploma was conferred upon Miss Euginir Brunel.

On motion, it was ordered that certificates of proficiency in certain branches of the High School course of studies be conferred upon Miss Ella Hughes, Miss Forney Beaumont and Mr. Channing Barnes.

[*West Austin: Wheatville*] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that the needed improvements upon the West Austin and Wheatville school buildings be referred to the Building Committee, and that the said committee be instructed to have the work done.

The Chairman, Mr. Wooldridge, offered his resignation as a member of the Building Committee and appointed Mr. J.W. Graham to fill the vacancy on said committee.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Mr. Charles H. Powell, who had been engaged to take the census of the out-of-city transfer pupils for 1886-1887 and had reported 143 White pupils and

54 Colored pupils enrolled and transferred from the County to the City Public Schools, be allowed five *per centum* (5%) on the amount of funds transferred.

[*Teachers*] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that the following teachers be reelected to positions in the City Public Schools: Miss Estelle Lewright, Miss L. Perkins, Miss J.F. Erwin, Miss Emma Puckett, Miss J.W. Baker, Miss Lucille S. James, Mrs. G.M. Ruthrauff, Mrs. B.N. Taylor, Mr. W.R. Leonard, Mr. J.L. Taff. [131]

It coming to the knowledge of the City School Board that Miss M.E. Delaney has at times expressed herself indifferent to her schoolwork and that she has exhibited an apparent want of permanent design and interest therein, it was therefore ordered that Miss Delaney be kindly admonished by the Superintendent.

[*Teacher Salaries*] On motion, a committee consisting of Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten and the Superintendent was appointed to formulate a plan to grade the teachers' salaries.

[*City Exams*] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that notice of the holding of the annual competitive examination of applicants for positions in the City Schools be referred to the Chairman and the Superintendent.

The meeting then adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

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Austin

June 21, 1887

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day in regular session, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Graham, J.W. Robertson, Walter Tips.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following transactions were then had.

Professor Bryant made application to the Board to have the expenses incurred by him in the purchase of books for the High School library, in excess of appropriation, paid. No action taken.

Professor Bryant decided to make a statement in regard to the High School, which was granted.

On motion, Mr. J.W. Graham was elected Secretary of the City School Board.

The Chairman then reviewed at length, the condition of the High School and the professional character and ability of the principal and associate teachers.

The subject of salaries was discussed.

[*Rule*] On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the salaries of the principals of East and West Austin School be twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) *per annum*. On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the salary of the principal of the North Austin Schools be eighty-five (\$85) per month.

[*Salaries*] The Committee on Salaries appointed at the last meeting, being called upon to report, made its report through its chairman, Judge Fulmore.

The subject was discussed for some time and, no conclusion being reached, on motion of R.M. Swearingen, the further consideration of the matter was postponed until the next meeting, and that the chairman, Mr. Wooldridge, be added to the Committee on Salaries.  
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[*Rule*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that all applicants for positions in the High School shall hereafter be required to stand examinations upon all subjects taught in the same.

Pending the consideration of the subject, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin  
June 27, 1887

At a meeting of the City School Board, held this day in regular session the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Robertson, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[*Colored Church*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was agreed to offer the Colored church represented by Reverend Grant the sum of \$450 for the property now occupied by the Colored children in West Austin, for school purposes, to be paid in the following manner: \$225 cash, and the balance of \$225 in twelve months, without interest.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin  
July 14, 1887

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day in regular session, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Walter Tips, Dr. J.M. Litten, J.W. Robertson, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham.

[*Rule*] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was agreed that teachers in the different grades of the City Schools be required to send out quarterly reports of the progress of their pupils, instead of monthly reports.

[*Rule*] On motion of Colonel Robinson, it was agreed that Latin be taught in the A Grammar grade of the City Schools.

[*Teachers*] On motion, the following teachers were engaged to fill vacancies: Miss Annie Shappard, Miss Florence R. Brooke, Miss Lula Bewley, Miss Emily Numbers, Miss Annie V. Newton, Miss Leontine Brunet, Miss Pearl Cashell.

On motion, Miss Jenny Maxwell was elected to fill the first vacancy occurring as teacher in the City Schools.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet Wednesday, July 20, 1887.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin  
July 20, 1887

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day in regular session, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Dr. J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, Colonel J.W. Robertson, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips.

On motion of Dr. Litten, the plan presented by President Wooldridge in regard to payment of teachers was adopted.

On motion, the above resolution was reconsidered.

[*Rule*] On motion, the salary of Miss Lewright was increased to \$75 per month as teacher in the High School.

[*Sixth Ward: Wooldridge*] On motion, it was agreed to place a written or printed notice on the Sixth Ward School Building, offering a reward of \$10 for the arrest or conviction of anyone caught breaking windows and otherwise defacing and destroying said building

[*Colored Schools Open*] On motion, it was agreed to open the Colored schools one month later than those of the Whites.

[*High School*] On motion, the following committee consisting of Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Colonel Robertson and Dr. J.M. Litten was

appointed to arrange for renting the Baptist Church for High School purposes.

[*Turner Hall*] On motion, the same committee was instructed to act in regard to the renting of Turner Hall for school purposes.

A communication was read from Miss Neal Ramey, which was ordered filed, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate with Miss Ramey and to inform her that no reflections were intended to be cast upon her good name as a teacher, in refusing to engage her services. [137]

On motion, the meeting adjourned, to meet on next Tuesday, at five o'clock p.m.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin

July 26, 1887

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day in regular session, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Colonel J.W. Robertson, Dr. J.M. Litten, Mr. Walter Tips, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, Professor Winn was added to the Committee on the Renting of Buildings for School Purposes.

On motion of Mr. Tips, Professor Winn was instructed to have the damage on Sixth Ward School Building repaired and, if possible, have the parents of the children who committed said damages pay for half of same.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the President of the Board was authorized to give Professor Bryant a general letter of recommendation from the Board.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, Miss Cora L. Smith and F.J. Webb, Jr. were elected as teachers in the Colored schools.

On motion, action of classification of teachers was proposed by Judge Fulmore.

[*Tenth Ward*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, the sum of \$5,000 was appropriated for the building of a school house in the Tenth Ward, provided that the government ground can be procured for the same.

On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that Miss Arta B. Numbers be appointed principal of North and West primary grades, namely C and D, at a salary of \$75 per month.

On motion, it was ordered that the matter of disbursement of the school funds be referred to the Finance Committee, to be reported upon at the next meeting.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet Tuesday, August 9, 1887.  
 {A.P. Wooldridge, President} {J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin

August 16, 1887

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Dr. J.M. Litten, Mr. Walter Tips, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Colonel J.M. Robertson, J.M. Graham.

[*Scandinavian Church*] On motion of Dr. Litten, the committee having in charge the perfecting of title to the Scandinavian church was instructed to have the Trustees of said church make the proper conveyance to the School Board.

[*West Austin: Colored*] On motion of Mr. Tips, the repairing of the West Austin Colored School was placed in the hands of the Building Committee.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that Miss Numbers be assigned the position of Principal of C and D primary grades of the City Public Schools.

The matter of furnishing school furniture was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

[*Schools Open*] On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the schools open on the third Monday in September, namely the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., 1887.

On motion, Board adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President} {J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin

September 13, 1887

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day at the Superintendent's office. the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Dr. J.M. Litten, Mr. Walter Tips, J.M. Robertson, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Swearingen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[*Third Ward: Site Purchase Report*] The special committee appointed to procure a title to the property purchased of the Trustees of the

Colored church in the Third Ward reported progress through its chairman, Judge Fulmore.

The Committee on Repairs reported satisfactory progress.

[*Rule: Tuition*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the prepayment of the tuition from non-residents be hereafter rigidly enforced, and that, in case of transfer pupils, one month previous to the time at which their *pro rata* share of the school fund expires, their account for tuition shall be sent and at least monthly payments shall be required.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that a committee consisting of Judge Fulmore, Mayor Robertson and Mr. Wooldridge be appointed to investigate the legality of the transfers of pupils made to the city, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

[*Gift*] On motion of Mr. Graham, it was ordered that the proposition of Mr. Lauve as donating to the City Schools twenty volumes of Bancroft's *History*, provided that he be relieved of the payment of the forthcoming volume of the same, be accepted and that the proposition of Professor Bryant pledging the payment of the future volume by the teachers and pupils of the High School be also accepted. [141]

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the Superintendent be instructed to purchase two of Yaggy's manikins [for anatomical study], provided they can be obtained for \$30 each.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Mrs. Miller be allowed to send her children to the West Austin School, on account of satisfactory reasons presented in her notes to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that Mrs. S. Ragsdale's resignation, as presented through a private letter to Professor Bryant, be accepted.

The Board then proceeded to the election of Mrs. Ragsdale's successor.

[*Rule*] The following resolution was first introduced on motion of Judge Fulmore: Resolved that the compensation of the Second Assistant in the High School continue to be \$750 *per annum*.

The following names were put in nomination. The name of Professor Todd was presented by Mr. Graham, and that of Miss Nannie Dawson was presented by Dr. Swearingen. A ballot being taken, Miss Dawson was elected.

It was announced that the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Walter Tips, was ready to be submitted to the Board, whereupon the gentleman



read his annual report, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Supplies reported that it had accepted the bid of A.S. Roberts for wood, his being the lowest and best bid.

[*Rule*] On motion, it was ordered that the salary of the First Assistant in the High School be \$750 *per annum*.

The meeting then adjourned

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

September 28, 1887

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day, the following members were present: Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, President, Mr. Walter Tips, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Colonel J.W. Robertson, J.W. Graham and Dr. R.M. Swearingen.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the Superintendent was instructed to make the proper transfer of pupils from East to West Austin.

[*Colored Schools to Open*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the resolution opening the Colored schools one month later than the Whites' was rescinded. On motion of Mr. Tips, it was agreed to open the Colored schools on Monday October 3, 1887, provided there were as many as 25 in attendance upon each grade.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was agreed to accept Mr. Maxwell's proposition of paying one-half of the tuition of those children whose names do not appear upon any school census of the County and [be] regarded as transfers to the City Schools.

On motion of Mr. Tips, action on Mr. Woods' case was postponed.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was agreed to appropriate an amount not exceeding \$25 for the purchase of a bookcase for East Austin. On motion, it was agreed to appropriate \$150 for the purchase of proper apparatus for the instruction of the pupils in the C and D primary grades.

The meeting then adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
October 10, 1887

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day, the following members were present: Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, President, Mr. Walter Tips, Dr. J.M. Litten, Mr. J.W. Graham, Dr. R.M. Swearingen.

[*Insurance: Colored School*] On motion of Mr. Graham, the action of Mr. Tips and Mr. Wooldridge in insuring East Austin Colored School building and furniture was ratified.

[*Deffenbaugh House*] On motion of Mr. Tips, it was agreed to rent a room from Mr. Deffenbaugh in East Austin for \$120 per year.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the proposition of Judge Schutze to teach music in the City Schools was referred to the President of the Board and Superintendent, to act as they thought best.

[*Church Rented*] On motion of Dr. Litton, it was decided to rent the Baptist Church in East Austin for the excess of Colored pupils in that part of the city, at a sum of \$12 per month.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the Superintendent was instructed to telegraph for sufficient furniture to satisfy present needs.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was agreed to refer the matter of renting additional grade rooms and employing an additional teacher to the President of the Board and Superintendent.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the request of Mr. Wood to permit his son to omit certain studies was granted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
November 8, 1887

At a regular meeting of the School Board held this day, the following members were present: Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, President, Mr. J.W. Graham, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, Dr. J.M. Litten, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Colonel J.W. Robertson.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the purchase of charts was indefinitely postponed.

[*West Austin: Discipline*] The suspension of Sidney Lock of West Austin was reported to the Board and, on account of willful and flagrant conduct, on motion of Judge Fulmore, his suspension was continued for the rest of the session.

[*North Austin: Wooldridge*] On motion, the amount of \$30, or so much thereof as may be necessary, was appropriated to defray the expense of the bell at the North Austin school building.

[*East Austin: Bickler*] The report of the truancy of Tom Cumeo, a pupil at the East Austin Schools, was submitted to the Board for its action and, pending consideration thereof, the Board adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

December 20, 1887

At a meeting called of the City School Board held this day, the following members were present: Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, President, Mr. J.W. Graham, Secretary, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, Dr. J.M. Litten.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, a committee was appointed to investigate the claim of Mr. Maas for collection of school tax. Misters Tips, Graham and Dr. Litten were appointed as said committee

On motion of Mr. Graham, the note of Mr. McNamara was extended 60 days.

[*Wheatville*] On motion of Dr. Litten, it was decided to place a partition in the school room in Wheatville, occupied by Colored pupils.

On motion, Mr. Tips was unanimously chosen Treasurer of the School Board.

On motion of Dr. Litten, the salaries of E.L. Blackshear and W.T. Phillips were increased to \$70 per month.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the action of the President of the Board, in allowing Mrs. Garland \$10 for the employment of an assistant, was satisfied.

On motion, Professor Bryant was granted leave of absence on Thursday and Friday of the week.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the petition of Mr. Oliphant, asking the transfer of his son from West Austin to Central Austin, was granted.

[*Rule*] On motion, the rule in regard to receiving pupils after 60 days from the first of January, and after the opening of the session in September, was suspended.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
January 10, 1888

At a regular meeting of the School Board held this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Dr. J. M. Swearingen, Dr. J.M. Litten, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips.

[*Finance*] The report of the committee appointed to investigate the claims of Ms. Maas was received. The same committee reported that they had made a contract with Mr. Sterzing, to pay him \$500 for the collection of the school tax for 1888.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the proposition of Mr. Mason, as presented by Mr. DeWitt, was accepted.

[*Rule*] On motion of Mr. Graham, the Office of Assistant to Superintendent and Principals was created. On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the selection of a suitable man to fill said position was left to the Superintendent and Principals.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the petition of Mrs. Dohnen, that her daughter be allowed one half of her tuition bill, was granted.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that a copy of the resolution of the Board accepting the proposition of County Superintendent Maxwell to pay one half the tuition of transfer pupils be furnished him, and that he be requested to comply with the terms of the same.

The meeting adjourned

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
February 4, 1888

At a called meeting of the School Board held this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Dr. J.M. Litten, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, ~~Mr. Maxwell~~, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham.

[*Arsenal Block: Palm*] The Chairman explained the object of the called meeting to be the consideration of a telegram from the Honorable Joseph D. Sayers addressed to Judge Fulmore. The message was read, and is as follows:

Washington, D.C.  
February 3, 1888

Honorable Z.T. Fulmore, Austin, Texas,  
Mayor [Joseph] Nalle wires me that passage does not meet  
the approval of the people of Austin. What about it? I trust  
you will relieve me of all responsibility. Answer.  
{Joseph D. Sayers}

The telegram elicited considerable discussion, pending which Mr. Wooldridge submitted the following resolutions:

Whereas the telegrams sent by the mayor of their city to the Honorable Joseph D. Sayers, our representative at Washington, in which it is stated that the bill passed by the Lower House of Congress transferring the old Arsenal Block in Austin to the School Board for educational purposes does not meet the approval of our people, is calculated to place the School Board as well as the Honorable Joseph D. Sayers in a false attitude towards the public of this community. Therefore resolved that the effort of the Honorable Joseph D. Sayers to procure by Congressional action a transfer to the School Board for educational [148] purposes of the old Arsenal Block in this city was made on his part solely upon the repeated official solicitations of the School Board of this city and the individual members thereof.

Resolved that the grateful acknowledgments of this Board are due, and they are hereby tendered, to the Honorable Joseph D. Sayers for his successful effort in behalf of the public schools of Austin.

Resolved that, in our judgment, the bill he has procured to pass the Lower House of Congress does meet the cordial approval of the vast majority of our people.

Resolved that a copy of the official acts of the Austin School Board in the matter of procuring federal legislation, looking to a transfer to this city for school purposes of the old Arsenal Block be furnished to the City Council for its information, and that a copy of the same be furnished to the city papers for publication.

Resolved also that a copy of the following telegram be signed by the individual members of the School Board and be sent to the Honorable Joseph D. Sayers.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the resolutions were adopted.

Judge Fulmore submitted the following telegram addressed to the Honorable Joseph D. Sayers:

Honorable Joseph D. Sayers, M.C. Washington, D.C.

Accept the thanks of the Austin School Board for your action in the passage of the bill giving us the Arsenal property. We believe the sentiment of the people here to be overwhelmingly in its favor.

{*A.P. Wooldridge*} {*Walter Graham*} {*R.M. Swearingen*}  
{*J.M. Litten*} {*Walter Tips*} {*J.W. Maxwell*} {*Z.T. Fulmore*}

Meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

February 15, 1888

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Walter Tips, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, Secretary.

[*A.M.E. Church*] On motion of Dr. Litten, the account of J.B. Davies \$7.50, for professional services in examining the records concerning the title of the A.M.E. Church property, was allowed.

The case of the suspension of John Mitchell, a pupil of the High School, came up for the consideration of the Board. After hearing from Professor Bryant and from Mr. Mitchell, the father of the boy, on motion of Judge Fulmore, the suspension was ordered to continue until consultation would be had with Miss Dawson.

The meeting then adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin

March 13, 1888

The City School Board met in regular session, the following members being present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Walter Tips, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, Secretary.

On motion, John Mitchell was readmitted to the High School.

On motion of Dr. Litten, Judge Fulmore was requested to return thanks to Senator [Richard] Coke for his efforts in helping to secure the Arsenal Block.

[*Arsenal Block*] A committee consisting of Misterys Tips, Graham and Dr. Litten was appointed to look into the condition of the above-mentioned property and instructed to report at the next regular meeting.

[*West Austin: Pease*] On motion of Mr. Tips, Charles Klein, an idiotic boy at the West Austin School, was dropped from the roll.

Professors Taff and Blackshear having presented statements concerning certain trouble between the pupils of their respective schools, the Board authorized extreme measures to be taken, if necessary, to suppress these.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Board ordered the purchase of not more than four copies of Yaggy's anatomical chart at \$40 per copy, payable January 1, 1889, without interest.

After hearing a financial report from Mr. Tips, the question of the time of closing the schools came up for consideration. Pending the consideration of the question, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday next.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin

March 24, 1888

At a special meeting of the City School Board held this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Pres., J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The matter of the difficulties between the pupils of the White and Colored schools, referred to the Board at the previous meeting, was taken up and, after some discussion, it was decided to reinstate all the suspended pupils but that, in all future cases of well-established misconduct, the aggressor should be both suspended and given over to the civil authorities.

On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that all past-due tuition bills be put into the hands of a competent person, for collection.

On motion, the question of the admission of the children of non-resident taxpayers, who have not transferred their funds to the city, was referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Swearingen, Judge Fulmore and Mr. Tips.

[*Rule*] On motion, it was ordered that the third quarter's examination be merged into the final one.

[*Tenth Ward: Palm*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the resolution appropriating \$5,000 to build a school house in the Tenth Ward be rescinded, and that the schools close May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin  
April 4, 1888

At a called meeting of the School Board held this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, Secretary.

The object of the meeting was the matter of the suspension of two pupils, Mr. Joe Wooten and Mr. Fred Shelley, members of the High School.

The charge proffered against them by the principal was malicious mischief in wantonly deranging and damaging the school property.

Professor Bryant, the principal, and the two suspended pupils, being present, made their statements to the Board.

After carefully considering the premises, on motion of Mr. Tips, it was resolved that the suspension be continued until satisfaction be given in the restitution of damaged property.

Application was made by Professor Lowry and others to rent a part of the Superintendent's office, to conduct a teacher's agency. On motion, the Board declined to entertain the proposition to rent.

Meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin  
April 9, 1888

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day at the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, Secretary.

The question for the consideration of the Board was the case of the suspended pupils, Misters Joe Wooten and Fred Shelley. Professor Bryant, having stated that the boys had made the reparation desired, on motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that they be reinstated.

It was moved by Mr. Tips that the Secretary of the Board be instructed to write to Channing Barnes and to his father, and to demand full satisfaction for all damages done to school property by the former.

Meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}



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Austin  
May 8, 1888

In a meeting of the City School Board this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, President, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, Secretary.

[*School Closings*] On motion of Mr. Wooldridge, it was ordered that the High School and A Grammar grades close on June 14.

It was ordered that action in re. to certain wall maps sent by A.H. Andrews & Company be postponed until next fall.

[*High School Commencement Exercises*] It was ordered that the details concerning the closing exercises of the schools be left to the Superintendent and teachers of the High School.

The petition of the teachers requesting that they be paid during the week of the drill [a week of festivities to celebrate the new Capitol] was not granted.

Professor Leonard, Miss Drake, Miss M. Dawson were granted the privilege of renting certain rooms for the purpose of conducting private schools after the formal dismissal of the public session.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that the Chairman be authorized to take such steps, as in his judgment seeing best, to secure [from] the city for public school purposes the property known as the Arsenal Block,

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
May 30, 1888

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: Dr. J.M. Litten, Dr. R.M. Swearingen, Honorable Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, Secretary.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Dr. Swearingen, Dr. Litten and Mr. Tips, was appointed to confer with a committee from the City Council in regard to the levying of the school tax from 1888.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
June 14, 1888

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The question of having a complete census of the children of Austin was then discussed. On motion of Mr. Tips, it was ordered that Judge Fulmore and Mr. Graham be appointed as a committee to attend to same.

[*High School*] On motion, a committee consisting of Doctors Swearingen and Litten and Mr. Tips was appointed to look after a suitable site for the High School, and also to determine the rent for same.

The resignation of Miss Delaney was submitted and, on motion, accepted with the good wishes of the Board.

It was reported that, on account of sickness, Miss Lizzie Hunter had failed to attend the final examination of the senior class, and, on motion, it was resolved, the Principal of the High School recommending, that she receive a diploma upon condition that she show a midterm examination in the Superintendent's office at some convenient day, the said examination to be held by the Superintendent or Principal of the High School.

On motion, it was ordered that Mr. Joe Wooten, a student of the High School, be awarded a certificate of proficiency in physics, provided that he show an examination in English grammar and allow the requisite percent of scholarship.

On motion, it was ordered that [157] certificates of graduation be conferred upon the following pupils of the High School: Mamie Slone Chadwick, Ella Mae Easton, Maclonia Hill, Maggie E. McGinnis, Emma Roenbeck, Lizzy S. Ramsey, May Taylor Smith, Clemmie Scott, Katie Piery Walker, Victor Lee Brooks, Johanna Mack, William Brueggerhoff, Cabel W. Chadwick, Whitfried Hannah, Meade Goodlow, Sydney M. Posey.

{A.P. Wooldridge, *President*}

{J.W. Graham, *Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
June 22, 1888

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

The report of the committee appointed at the last meeting being called for, Judge Fulmore and Mr. Graham reported that they had seen Mr. Sterzing, the census taker of the city, on the subject of making a complete and perfect scholastic census, [and] that Mr. Sterzing represented that he wanted to do his full duty in the premises.

[*Temporary Capitol: High School Quarters*] The Chairman then announced that the principal object of this meeting was to confer with the Committee on Renting a Suitable Building for the High School, as to the propriety of offering a bid for the Temporary Capitol, which was now offered for rent by the custodian of the public property. After the subject had been carefully discussed, on motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that a bid be made to the amount of \$1,500 and, on suggestion, the Chairman was requested to present the bid by 12 p.m. tomorrow, the 23rd inst.

[*Finance*] It coming to the notice of the Board that Mr. Joseph Nalle, Mayor of the City of Austin, had instructed the City Treasurer not to pay over the school funds to the Treasurer of the School Board, it was ordered that the School Treasurer be instructed to make a formal [159] demand upon the City Treasurer for the City School funds and, in the event of refusal by the City Treasurer, that steps be taken to *mandamus* him.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, a certificate of proficiency in mathematics was granted to Mr. John Pope, student of the High School.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
June 28, 1888

The City School Board met this day to determine in regard to renting and disposing of extra rooms in the Temporary Capitol.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion of Dr. Litten, a committee was appointed, consisting of Tips, Litten and Swearingen, to confer with Mr. J.K. Holland, and, if suitable arrangements can be made with him,

to employ him as agent in renting out rooms in the Temporary Capitol.

Present at meeting: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Maxwell.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

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Austin, Texas

June 30, 1888

At an adjourned meeting of the City School Board held yesterday at 3:30 p.m., the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion, it was resolved that Professor J.J. Anderson and Professor Walden be requested to send to the Board by 4:00 p.m. sealed bids to rent certain designated rooms in the Temporary Capitol, bids to be accompanied by satisfactory security and payments of rental to be made monthly.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Fred Sterzing, City Assessor and Collector, had submitted his report of the enrollment of the scholastic population, which embraced 4,320 children.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion, it was ordered that the unfinished matter of renting the rooms of the Temporary Capitol be referred to the committee consisting of Misters Tips, Swearingen and Litten. At request of Dr. Swearingen, Mr. J.W. Graham was substituted in his place on the committee.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

July 10, 1888

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Maxwell, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the salary of Professor Bryant was placed at \$1,350.

[*Rule*] On motion of Dr. Litten, Professor Jessen was to receive \$500 *per annum* for services.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss McCrillis be retained as Assistant Principal at a salary of \$70 per month.

Ms. [Fannie] Goggin was reelected as a second-year teacher.

[*Reilly*] On motion of Dr. Litten, Miss Reilly was elected as a first-year teacher.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the following teachers were reengaged Mrs. F.R. Brooke, Janie Maxwell, Annie Shapard, Lula Bewley, E.C. Numbers, Lula Bewley, Annie Newton, Pearl Cashell, and Nannie Kelley.

Miss Octavia Clifton was reelected as Principal of the North Austin school.

The following teachers were elected to fill existing vacancies: Misses E. Erkel, Belle Dozier, Irma Heapin, S.R. Cooke, Mary Harhon, and Minnie Dill.

Misses K.R. Carlisle and Eliza J. Mitchell were elected to fill the first occurring vacancies.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The committee in charge of the subletting the extra rooms in the Temporary Capitol building reported that many of the rooms not needed for school [163] purposes had been rented at satisfactory rates, and that the Board would realize a profit from this source.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

July 31, 1888

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, J.W. Maxwell.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, on motion.

It was ordered that Mr. F.J. Webb, Jr. be not reelected, as recommended by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent was authorized to employ a janitor for the Temporary Capitol at half pay until September 1.

It was moved that the bond of the City School Treasurer be put at \$10,000, and that he be the authorized custodian of all the City School funds.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The matter of partitioning the Senate chamber and the House of Representatives was referred to the Special Committee on the Temporary Capitol.

On motion, Misters Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen and A.P. Wooldridge were appointed a committee to arrange the classification and grading of the teachers of the city schools.

The account of Misters Andrews & Company against the City Schools for the sum of \$25 was ordered paid.

It was further ordered that the matter of purchasing the necessary furniture for the coming year be referred to the President of the Board and the Superintendent.

The report of the Superintendent in regard to the examination of Colored teachers was read, and the following teachers were engaged for the coming year: Miss Cora L. Smith (reengaged), Mr. H.T. Kealing H.C. Gray, P.H. Hubbard and Mrs. M.E. Neale (engaged to fill vacancies).

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

August 21, 1888

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the Superintendent was instructed to confer with the agent of the publishers of *White's Arithmetics* and secure the best possible rates for the introduction of these books into the City Public Schools.

The Committee on the Temporary Capitol reported that nothing had as yet been done in regard to partitioning off the halls in that building.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion of Dr. Litten, \$150 was appropriated to purchase slate blackboards for the use of the schools located in Temporary Capitol.

An application was received from the Union Mission Sunday School Association, requesting the use of the large room of the High School and, upon consideration, the application was not granted.

On motion of Dr. Litten, it was ordered that the City Schools open on September 17.

On motion, the Superintendent was authorized to employ clerical assistance at a cost not to exceed \$50 per month.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, a vote of thanks was returned to Honorable J.D. Sayers for his kind interest in the success of the Austin Public Schools and for his recent valuable donation of books, etc. to the public school library.

A motion to allow the High School \$250 for purchase of maps, etc. was laid over until the next meeting, on account of the absence of the Treasurer. [166]

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

September 11, 1888

At a meeting of the City School Board held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.M. Litten, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and their adoption postponed until omissions were inserted in the resolutions regarding Andrews & Company and Honorable J.D. Sayers.

Judge Fulmore having called attention to the expense incurred by the issuance of the High School report, the Board requested that, in future, no expenses be incurred except for actual necessities by the Superintendent or by principals, unless the same shall have been previously authorized by the Board of Trustees.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The application of the Union Mission Sunday School Association was reconsidered, and the Superintendent and the Principal recommended that it be granted. On motion, the Union Mission Sunday School Association was granted the use of the High School assembly room on condition that the hall be kept in good order and with the understanding that this permission may be revoked at the option of the Board.

The President of the Board submitted a letter from the Mayor of the City, stating that the City Council had declined to authorize the City Treasurer to pay over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees the City School funds, and announcing that these funds would in future be dispersed by the City Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Article \_\_\_, Chapter \_\_\_ of the City Ordinances. The sections referred to were read by the Treasurer. [168] The Board then authorized its President to call upon the Mayor and learn, if possible,

what class of claims would be paid by the City with the least reluctance.

The question of an appropriation for the purchase of apparatus, maps, charts, etc. for the High School was then called up and, on motion of the Treasurer, the sum of \$250 was appropriated for that purpose.

The principal of the High School reported that an assistant to the teacher of the junior class would probably be needed, and, after some discussion, the matter was deferred to a later meeting.

On motion of Mr. Wooldridge, the salary of Miss McCrillis, Principal of the Central Austin School was placed at \$80 per month.

Applications were received from Misters Sanford, Reilly and Caldwell to have their children transferred from the City, to St. Elmo School. On motion, the applications were granted, and the Superintendent was authorized to deduct the state funds of these nine children from the amount due by the County to the City, on account of transfer of pupils,

The matter of allowing patrons to send their children to the school at the Temporary Capitol as a matter of convenience was left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

[*High School (Temporary Capitol)*] On motion, permission was granted to the Principal of the High School to dismiss the High School pupils at two o'clock p.m., to have no intermediate recess between the 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., if, in his judgment, it seemed best.

On motion, the sum of \$25 was appropriated for the purpose of repairing the gallery in the rear of the Temporary Capitol, and the Superintendent was instructed to request the State Superintendent of the building to refund the same.

[*Scholastic Age*] On motion, it was decided to allow no children under seven years of age to [169] enter the public schools, unless written application had been made to the Board of Trustees and granted, and all such pupils as may be allowed to enter are to be charged tuition at the rate of \$1.50 cents per month until they shall reach the age of seven years.

Professor Leonard presented the application of Clarence Hunter to be allowed to enter his son in the West Austin School, as provided in the foregoing resolution, and the permission was granted by the Board.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}



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Austin, Texas  
September 19, 1888

The Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools met in the office of the Superintendent, with the following members present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, J.W. Maxwell, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted after the resolution in regard to tuition of children under seven years had been made to read \$1.50 cents per month, instead of \$1.

[*East Austin*] Professor Taff reported that, in grade first of the East Austin Schools, there were five children under seven years of age, and owing to the crowded condition of this grade, he could not recommend that they be retained.

On motion, the application of M.H.M. Laurin, to have his son, aged six years and nine months, enrolled in the public schools, was granted, Dr. Swearingen voting no and giving notice that he wished to recant his vote against the granting of any such application on the ground that children under seven years of age were too young to be received in the city schools.

A similar application was received from Mr. J.H. Robertson, accompanied by a recommendation from the teacher of the first grade in West Austin, and also one from Mr. Hamilton, accompanied by the report of the supervisor of the primary grades.

[*Scholastic Age*] After some discussion, the resolution passed at last meeting, allowing children under seven years of age to be enrolled, was called up for reconsideration. On motion, the resolution was repealed, and all permissions heretofore granted under its provisions were revoked.

On the recommendation of the President, it was moved that the President and Superintendent be authorized to make provisional [171] arrangements for furnishing a suitable instruction to such Colored pupils as were prepared to enter the junior year of the High School course.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
October 10, 1888

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Walter Tips, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham.

The President of the Board, after reviewing the present condition of the City Schools, reported the same to be highly satisfactory and congratulated the Board on the efficiency of the present corps of teachers.

A proposal to furnish wood at \$4.50 per cord by Mr. Jacob Hufford was reported from the Committee on Fuel.

[*Colored Central Grammar School*] The President reported that, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board, a class for such Colored pupils as were prepared to enter the junior year of the High School course had been organized and placed under the charge of Mr. E.L. Blackshear, Principal of the Central Grammar School.

Doctors Litten and Swearingen of the Finance Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's report for the year 1887-1888 and had found the same correct.

The application of Mr. D.B. Denick to have his nephew admitted to the City Public Schools, without charge for tuition, was read and, on the same presumption that his nephew had become a permanent member of Mr. Denick's family, the petition was granted.

The petition of Mr. Lutz to be excused from making good his county fund was discussed and passed over without any definite action.

[*Finance*] On motion, the Secretary was instructed to request the Mayor to call a special meeting of the City Council for the 15th inst. to take action on a requisition from the Board for funds sufficient to meet the payroll for month ending October 17, 1888. [173]

On motion, holiday was granted on Friday, October 12.

On motion, the President and Superintendent were authorized to secure an additional teacher for the junior class of the High School, provided it can be done without making any addition to the number of teachers now in the City Public Schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
November 13, 1888

The Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools met in the office of the Superintendent, with the following members present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, J.W. Maxwell, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The application of Mr. J.C. Ralston, to have his adopted son entered in the City Schools free of tuition, was read and laid aside until inquiry could be made as to whether the young man was a *bona fide* member of Mr. Ralston's family and a permanent resident of Austin.

A letter charging Miss S.A. Ross, a teacher in the Colored schools, with unbecoming conduct and demanding her dismissal from the public schools, was received from a committee appointed at a meeting of Colored citizens. The matter was briefly discussed and, as the suggestion of the President, it was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, November 15, at 4:00 p.m. to investigate the charges. Mr. G.W. Harrison, Chairman of the Committee, and Miss Ross were present and both were notified to be present on Thursday with such witnesses as they desired to give evidence.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
November 15, 1888

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools, held in the office of the Superintendent to consider the charges against Miss S.A. Ross, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, J.W. Maxwell, J.W. Graham.

The following witnesses, having been sworn by. E.W. Shands, Notary Public, gave their testimony in the presence of the Board. Miss Ross and Mr. L.M. Mitchell, Ford Rister, George Tyler, Betty D. Clark and \_\_\_ Thomas.

After a careful hearing of the testimony, the Board unanimously agreed that the evidence failed utterly to sustain the charges against Miss Ross and, on motion of Dr. Swearingen, these charges were dismissed

[Deffenbaugh] The application of Mr. A. Deffenbaugh to be paid full rent for his building in East Austin for the month of July and August

1888 was granted and, on motion, the sum of \$24 was appropriated to cover the amount due.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

December 11, 1888

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, J.M. Litten.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted

On motion, classes were discontinued for the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 22 and resumed on Wednesday, January 2, 1889.

[*Arsenal Block*] The President reported that the deed to the Arsenal Block had been received and recorded, and that the Board would be placed in possession of the property on Wednesday next. On motion of Mr. Tips, the Superintendent was authorized to place a janitor in charge of the property as soon as the Board had been given formal possession, in order to have the building ready for occupancy by January 2.

[*Sixth Ward*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the Superintendent was authorized to have such desks from North and West Austin schools as might be necessary to supply the needs of the school at the Arsenal Block.

The President reported that, after an inspection of a larger number of examination papers and after conferring with a number of the teachers, he felt that the standard required for promotion was not sufficiently high, he recommended to the Board that the regulations governing the promotion of pupils be revised.

The Superintendent read the present regulations and called the attention of the Board to the fact that, if rigidly enforced, these regulations would be entirely sufficient to meet all requirements. He affirmed the poor [177] grading to the fact that the regulations were not properly carried out by the teachers.

The President further suggested that the Board begin to consider the advisability of increasing the efficiency of the present system of school work by the employment of specialists in certain lines. He suggested the following as probably the most important:

- a teacher of penmanship and drawing,
- a teacher of reading and elocution,
- a teacher of music and calisthenics,
- a principal for the four primary grades, and
- another for the four grammar grades.

[*Reilly*] The application of Miss Reilly to be allowed the salary of a second-year teacher was brought up and, on motion, the Board declined to depart from the established rule governing such cases.

On motion, the salary of the janitor at the Temporary Capitol was raised to \$40 per month, beginning with the month of January.

Mr. Mack Henson submitted to the Board a verbal statement concerning charges brought against Miss S.A. Ross at Hot Springs and Camden, Arkansas, together with a certificate from the County Examiner of the latter place. On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the Board refused to consider the matter until specific charges had been proffered against Miss Ross and she had been duly notified to be present at their consideration.

The bill of the City Water Company was called up and, on motion of Mr. Tips, it was referred to the Committee in charge of Temporary Capitol.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

December 18, 1888

At a special meeting held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members of the Board of Trustees were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.W. Graham, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

[*Arsenal Block*] The President then stated that the object of this meeting was to consider what action was best to be taken in the Arsenal Block controversy and gave a summary of the case as it now stood, together with a review of all that had taken place since the first action of the City Council in the matter.

Mr. F.G. Morris, who was present, was asked to discuss the legal aspect for the case for the benefit of the members of the Board. After carefully discussing the legal points involved in the case, Mr. Morris tendered his services to the Board without charge to assist such representatives as the Board might select to conduct the case.

On motion of Mr. Tips, a committee composed of the President and Dr. Swearingen was appointed to confer with the City Attorney in regard to the matter, and then to employ such legal talent as they might see fit.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

January 8, 1889

[At] a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

[*Arsenal Block*] For the committee appointed at the last meeting to employ, counsel and institute proceedings for possession of the Arsenal Block, Dr. Swearingen reported that Mr. D.M. Doom had been employed at the fee of \$100 to carry the case through the district court, and, in case of an appeal, he was to conduct the case to its final issue for a reasonable fee.

The resignation of Miss S.A. Ross was read and accepted and, on motion of Dr. Litten, the Board expressed its satisfaction at the results of her teaching during the term of her employment in the Austin Public Schools.

The President recommended that the amount due Mr. Doom as attorney's fee be paid at once, but, after some discussion, the matter was deferred to a future time.

[*Finance*] On motion, the President and the Secretary of the Board were appointed a committee to secure a called meeting of the City Council for the purpose of taking action on the resolution to turn over to the School Treasurer all monies collected on account of City School tax.

At the suggestion of Dr. Swearingen, a motion was made to appoint a committee to urge the passing of the bill now pending before the Legislature defining the present law in regard to the

custody of school funds and to secure, if possible, an emergency clause to the bill.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

February 12, 1889

[At] a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham.

As there was no quorum present, the minutes were not read, and the members present proceeded to an informal discussion of the matters awaiting the consideration of the Board.

Upon the arrival of Dr. Swearingen, the President announced a quorum, and the Board took up the regular consideration of the pending business.

The complaint of the City Water Company in regard to the waste of water at Temporary Capitol was referred to the committee in charge of that building.

The matter of the suspension of Mr. George H. Prowse, a pupil of the High School, was called up, and the facts in the case were explained by the Superintendent and the Principal of the High School. The case was fully discussed and, on motion of Judge Fulmore, Mr. Prowse was readmitted to the schools, provided he enter whichever one of the grammar grades that would be assigned to him upon examination.

The matter of the demotion of John Hill from the sixth grade of the North Austin School was called up by the Superintendent, with the request that the Board decide the course of action to be followed. After some discussion, the Board referred the matter back to the Superintendent for adjustment, as he should deem just and proper.

[*High School*] An application was received from Miss Salter to be allowed the use of a classroom in the High School for the purpose of forming a class of elocution for public school pupils. On motion, Dr. Swearingen and Judge Fulmore were appointed a committee to investigate the qualifications of the applicants and to report same to the Board. [181]

[*First Ward*] An application was received from Reverend Mr. McIntyre to be allowed the use of the First Ward School building for

Sunday school purposes, and, on motion, the application was granted.

The President reported that the cause of delay in bringing up the bill now pending before the legislature in regard to the custody of school funds, and [he] appointed a committee consisting of Dr. Swearingen, Judge Fulmore and Mr. Graham to look to the matter of legislative disposition of the Temporary Capitol building

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

February 23, 1889

At a called meeting of the Board of Trustees, held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W. Tips, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read, and the Board at once proceeded to the consideration of regular business.

A communication was read from the Principal of the South Austin School, asking the Board to take action in the case of a pupil whose presence in the school was considered as likely to exert a bad influence on the moral tone of the grade. On motion, the President and the Superintendent were appointed a committee to investigate the case and report to the Board.

The matter of the suspension of Sidney Locke was called up, and action on the same was postponed.

On motion, the Superintendent was instructed to investigate the matter of the suspension of Charles and Harry Buckner from the Central Grammar School and also to set the facts of other suspensions from that school in a proper light before the parents of the suspended pupils.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mistfers Holland and Griffith submitted a statement of facts in regard to Mr. Traynham, an occupant of rooms on third floor of Temporary Capitol, and asked for instructions from the Board in regard to allowing him to continue to occupy his rooms. On motion of Mr. Graham, Mr. Traynham was allowed until April 1 to vacate his present rooms.

In the matter of the demotion of John Hill, the Superintendent failed to sustain the action of Miss Brown, and the case was referred to the Board as an appeal from the decision of the Superintendent.



After hearing a statement from the Superintendent and a statement from [183] Miss Brown, the case was referred to a committee composed of Misters Wooldridge, Fulmore and Maxwell, said committee to inspect the class record and the examination record of Master Hill for the past two years and to either sustain or demote him, as should seem best.

After some discussion in regard to the best method of procedure to secure the school funds now in the hands of the City Treasurer, a statement of the law on the subject of [illegible] procedure was made by Colonel Robertson. On motion, a committee consisting of Mr. Graham and Fulmore was appointed to confer with Colonel Robertson and arrange with him to have writs of *mandamus* issued and served forthwith on the City Tax Collector and the City Treasurer.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

March 7, 1889

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, W. Tips, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and, after correction, adopted.

A committee consisting of the Superintendent and Misters Wooldridge and Graham was appointed to take such steps as seemed best for the purpose of preventing the seepage of water into the basement of the North Austin School.

[*South Austin*] For the committee appointed at the last meeting to look into the matter referred to in the communication from the Principal of the South Austin School, Mr. Wooldridge suggested that the pupil be refused readmittance into the City Schools. On motion, the suggestion was adopted.

[*First Ward*] An application was received from Rev. Fr. Louth to be allowed the use of the First Ward School building for Sunday school purposes. On motion, action was deferred until the President could confer with Father Louth.

The matter of free tuition for Jack Holman, a non-resident, was called up, and, on motion of Dr. Swearingen, action was postponed.

On motion, the Superintendent was instructed to purchase from the publishers a sufficient number of *Webster's Academic Dictionaries*

to supply one dictionary to each grade room in the city not already provided with a suitable dictionary.

For the committee appointed to consider the demotion of John Hill, the President reported the result of his examinations, read the rules and regulations bearing on the matter of promotions, demotions, and the supervisory powers delegated to the Superintendent, and suggested that the action of [185] the Superintendent in restoring Master Hill to the sixth grade to be sustained by the Board.

The matter of the suspension of Blinn Dunn from the middle class of the High School was reported by the Principal of the High School. Misses Hill and Daughy and Misters Smith, McCleary and Mitchell were called in and testified in regard to the facts leading to the suspension of Dunn. Mr. Dunn failed to appear before the Board and, on motion, action was deferred until he could be given an opportunity of stating his case.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

April 1, 1889

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Maxwell, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

[*Sixth Ward: North Austin*] For the committee appointed to arrange for filling the cellar at the North Austin School. Mr. Graham reported that the water had been pumped out and the cellar partially filled with dirt, and that the total cost was \$105, that the contractor had worked faithfully, but that he had lost money on his contract. On motion, \$12.50 was appropriated to be paid to the contractor, in addition to the amount already paid him.

On motion, an abstract of the proceedings of each meeting was ordered to be furnished to each of the daily papers for publication.

On motion, the Supervisor of the Primary Grades was requested to submit to the Board a written communication setting forth fully the progress now being made in the primary grades and to include in this communication any requests or suggestions that she might wish to make for the improving of these grades.

A communication was read from Mr. H.B. Kinney in regard to the re-admission of Master Gwynn and, on motion, the Superintendent was instructed to send to Mr. Kinney by mail a readmission card.

On motion, County Superintendent Maxwell was relieved from paying any county transfers remaining unsettled at this date.

[*Seventh Ward Grammar School*] On motion, the petition from the teachers and pupils of the Colored Grammar School to be allowed to continue their school until June 1 was refused. [187]

The President announced that the suit against the City Treasurer and the City Tax Collector had been decided in favor of the Board and, on motion, a vote of thanks was referred to Mr. F.G. Morris for valuable legal services rendered in these cases.

On motion, the settlement of the amount of attorney's fees to be paid Misters Robertson and Williams was postponed without action.

On motion, the matter of arranging time, place and details of the commencement exercises at the close of the present session was left to the Superintendent, Principal and teachers of the High School.

[*John T. Allan*] Reports and communications from the executors of the estate of the late John T. Allan were read, and, on motion, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools do hereby accept for the City of Austin the property and house as devised and set forth in the will of the late John T. Allan and that the Treasurer of this Board be and is hereby authorized to receive from the executors of said will the monies in their hands belonging to the estate and to receipt to them for the same.

On motion, Judge Fulmore and Dr. Litten were appointed a committee to report to a future meeting of the Board a plan for best carrying out the wishes of Mr. Allan.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion, a committee consisting of Judge Fulmore and Mr. Wooldridge was appointed to see to the renewing of the lease of the Temporary Capitol building.

The statement of Mr. Blinn Dunn was heard and, on motion, his suspension was ordered to be continued for the remainder of the present scholastic session.

On motion, the Superintendent was authorized to have a telephone placed in his office. [188]

On motion, Misters Holland and Griffith where requested to at once comply with the former instructions of the Board in regard to the ejection of Mr. Traynham.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

April 17, 1889

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

For the committee appointed to report to this meeting the condition of the Allan estate, Judge Fulmore submitted the report of Misters Eggleston and Goldbeck, who are at present acting as the agents of the City in the management of the estate.

[*John T. Allan Estate*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, Misters Eggleston and Goldbeck were retained to act as agents of the Board in managing the business of the estate at the following rates of compensation:

- for assessment and payment of taxes on land: .75 per tract
- for collection of rents from White tenants: 5%
- for collection of rents from Colored tenants: 10%
- for collection of monies due the estate: 1%
- for negotiating sale of lands: 5%

On motion, this contract was to continue at the pleasure of the Board.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, all papers in hands of Secretary of the Board bearing upon the matter of the Allan estate were ordered to be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

On motion, Misters Tips and Litten were appointed a special committee to supervise and manage the Allan estate.

On motion, Judge Fulmore was requested to investigate and report to the Board the values of the property belonging to the estate.

The Treasurer's report was read and, on motion of Dr. Litten, the schools were ordered closed for the present scholastic session on May 31, 1889. [190]

[*Holiday*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, holiday was granted Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. and from noon of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> inst.

On motion of Mr. Tips, Professors Winn, Bryant, Leonard and Taff were appointed a committee to arrange, if possible, for a parade of the public school children in the procession of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

A. In re. Estate of John T. Allan

Austin, Texas

5 April 1889

Board of Trustees for Public Schools of the City of Austin:

Gentleman, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1888, Mr. John T. Allan of this city died, leaving a will, of which the following is a copy.

Know all men that I, John T. Allan, of Austin, in the County of Travis and State of Texas, being of sound mind, though in feeble health, considering the uncertainty of life, do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament, and repealing all and any former will or testament by me made.

First: I give and bequeath to Geraldine C. Osborn, daughter of Daniel C. Osborne of New Orleans, Louisiana, \$5,000.

Second: I give all the rest of my property – real, personal and mixed – to the City of Austin in Travis County in the state of Texas, in trust for the following purposes, to wit, to establish in the City of Austin aforesaid an industrial school, in which shall be taught the practical use of tools, as well as scientific principles as applied to labor.

Third, I hereby appoint James P. [191] Richardson and Louis N. Goldbeck, both of Austin aforesaid, to be executors of this, my last will, and direct that they shall not be required to give bond of any kind.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name in the presence of the witnesses whose names are hereunto subscribed and who have signed in my presence and in the presence of each other this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 1888. {John T. Allan}

Witnesses: {J.M. Litten} {Frank Litten} {John Webourg}

The said will was admitted to probate in the County Court of said Travis County at the April term 1888 and, by order of said court, the real estate belonging to the estate was at once transferred to the City of Austin, there being sufficient personal property to pay all debts and claims against the estate.

The City Council of Austin accepted said real estate and appointed Misters Eggleston and Goldbeck to have the case and to dispose of the same for the City. Since that time, the Attorney General, the Legislature of the State, the District Court, and the City Council have decided that the properly bequeathed by the said will properly rests in your Board of Trustees for the use of the City Schools.

We understand that the City Council has referred our communication regarding the matter to your Board for action.

The administration of the estate is now closed, and we have in our hands \$7,087 which we are ready to pay over to the Treasurer of your Board, as soon as you will signify your acceptance of the [192] property and the trust as set forth in said will. Such acceptance should be by resolution, officially certified, so that it may be filed with the record in the County Court.

Very respectfully,

{J.P. Richardson} & {L.N. Goldbeck}, executors

B. Extract from Minutes of Meeting of April 10, 1889

Acceptance of trust. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools do hereby accept for the City of Austin the property and trust as devised and set forth in the will of the late John T. Allan, and that the Treasurer of said board be and is hereby authorized to receive from the executors of the said will the money in their hands belonging to said state and to receipt to them for the same.

## C. Propositions of Eggleston &amp; Goldbeck

Austin, Texas

April 17, 1889

Misters J.M. Litten and Z.T. Fulmore, Committee

Gentlemen, in replying to your inquiry in reference to our compensation for the management of the Allan estate, we beg to submit to you the following two propositions, one of which is for a stipulated annual fee, and the other based upon contingent commissions.

First proposition: We will attend to the management of the Allan estate, that is to say, assessing [193] the lands and other property, pay taxes thereon, collect all rents and monies that may now be due the estate, negotiate loans to the extent of \$15,000 upon approved securities for \$150. This proposition is independent of negotiating sale of lands for which our charge will be 5% on amount of sales.

Second proposition:

- For assessment and payment of taxes on lands: .75 cents per tract
- For collection of rents from White tenants: 5%
- For collections of rents from Colored tenants: 10%
- For collection of monies due the estate: 1%
- For negotiating sale of lands: 5%

Trusting that you will find it to the interest of the object of the request to continue our services as agents, we remain

Very respectfully,

{Eggleston & Goldbeck}

D. [*Letter from G.C. Osborne*]

To the President and Members of Board  
of Public School Trustees, Austin, Texas:

Gentlemen, having appointed Misters Eggleston and Goldbeck since the death of the Honorable John T. Allan as my lawful agents, to represent my land and other interests in which I am still jointly interested with the Allan estate in Texas, I would respectfully ask your Board to also appoint these gentlemen agents to represent and look after your interests in the Allan estate in order that future transactions,

such as sales of lands, collection of joint notes, etc. be accompanied with as little expense as possible to both of us.

Trusting that you will find it [194] advisable to appoint these gentlemen, as your future agents, I remain

Respectfully yours,  
{Geraldine C. Osborn}

### Inventory

Vendor's lien land notes owned jointly by Allan Fund and Mrs. G.C. Osborne, one half each:

Note of M.M. Gahart	\$240
Note of M.M. Gahart	\$240
Note of L.L. Boyd	\$254
Note of J.W. Rushing	\$400
Note of J.W. Rushing	\$400
Total	\$1,534
Int. of Allen fund	\$767
Cash for Richardson & Goldbeck	\$7,087.00
Cash for J.D. Myrick	\$4,056.60
Cash for Eggleston & Goldbeck	\$351.18

### Unimproved Lands

Owned jointly one half each by Allan Fund and W.C. Gullett:

<u>Abst.</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Acres</u>
156	A.G. Elgin	Lavaca	1476
101	W. Koehfler	Calhoun	256
60	P. Coulter	Calhoun	1280
105	J. Lowery	Calhoun	640
223	T. McKay	Jackson	884 4/5
140	W.B. Blown	Victoria	640
185	M. Irwin	Victoria	920
242	W. Koehfler	Victoria	384
255	T. McKay	Victoria	590
273	S. Prince	Victoria	640
336	A. Talbott	Victoria	640
<u>294</u>	<u>D. Scott</u>	<u>Victoria</u>	<u>368</u>
Total			8,718 4/5

Interest of Allan Fund      4,359 2/5



[195] One-fourth undivided interest in Abst. 18, John Gilbert, Sabine County, 1,107 acres, owned as follows:

F. Brichta, died, 553 acres

G.C. Osborn, 277 acres

Allan Fund 277 acres

Owned exclusively by Allan Fund:

<u>Abst.</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Acres</u>
5	M.L. Baden	Trinity	1,660
341	D.M. Wiseman	Bastrop	320

Owned jointly one-half each by Allan Estate and Mrs. G.C. Osborne:

<u>Abst.</u>	<u>Survey</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Acres</u>
170		J. Papinoe	Washington	640
147	1047	M. Bay	McCulloch	160
148	1046	M. Bay	McCulloch	160
391	341	J. Gaertner	McCulloch	320
19	296 $\frac{3}{4}$	W. Assenmacher	Medina	160
1064	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	H. Zinsmeister	Medina	160
909	128	G. Maetzke	San Saba	320
84	35	Otto Behne	Mason	160
730	239	H. Deelhorst	Llano	160
16		Sophia Dean	Jefferson	3,000
<u>412</u>		<u>A. de los Reyes</u>	<u>Kauffman</u>	<u>298</u>
Total				5,538

Interest of Allan Estate: \$2,679

Town Property

Lots 4, 6, 7, 8 & 25, part of 3 in Block 132

Lots & improvements valued at \$9,000

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Austin, Texas  
April 20, 1889

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, W. Tips, J.M. Litten, J.W. Maxwell, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

On motion, the bill of William Burke, \$45 for plumbing done at Temporary Capitol, was ordered paid.

The President then stated that the object of the present meeting was to consider the case of Master John Hill and others charged with gross misconduct at the West Austin Schools. The Superintendent reported that the father of Master Hill had been notified of the meeting and had waived the right to have himself or his son present at the inquiry. After sharing the reports of the investigations made by the Superintendent and by the Principal of the West Austin Schools, it was ordered, on motion of Dr. Litten, that Master John Hill be summarily expelled from the Austin Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the Superintendent and the Principal of the West Austin Schools were requested to further investigate the charges against the remaining pupils accused with Master Hill, and to report the same to the Board as soon as they should deem necessary.

[*John T. Allan Estate*] On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the Treasurer of the Board was authorized to invest the funds of the Allan Estate in outstanding debts of the Board on account of school buildings and to allow the fund to draw interest from such investment at the rate of 8% *per annum*.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the bill of Misters Robertson and Williams for \$150 was ordered paid.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
May 15, 1889

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Maxwell, Walter Tips, J.M. Litten.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the Principal of the High School was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the sum of \$12 was appropriated to engage music for the High School commencement exercises.

The Principal of the High School recommended the following pupils for graduation: Misses Mary Deckerd, Alice Tips, Lizzie Weller, Nala Dilworth, Nina Hill, Mary Johnson. He further reports that the following pupils of the senior class had failed in the studies [illegible] their names, but he recommended that a special examination be given them in these branches, and that they be graduated in case they pass said examinations:

- Miss Helen Beall, algebra
- Miss Laura Burleson, algebra & grammar
- Miss Minnie Jones, algebra
- Miss Edna Malthensdorff, geometry
- Miss Fairie Blanton, geography
- Miss Elma Dill, geography

On motion, the investigation of the charges against Masters Sidney Bowles and Joe H. Stewart, pupils of the West Austin Schools, was begun. After hearing the statements of Harry Easton, Pope Caldwell, Jasper Wooldridge and Masters Bowles and Stewart, the latter two were, on motion of Dr. Swearingen, suspended for the remainder of the year.

The following communication from Misters Eggleston and Goldbeck was received and, on [198] motion of Mr. Tips, the releases asked for were ordered to be made and Misters Eggleston and Goldbeck were authorized to make the sales referred to in this letter, with the exception of the tracts in Washington County.

Mr. Walter Tips:

Dear Sir, at the meeting of the Board of School Trustees, kindly have the Board pass a resolution authorizing the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute a deed of ratification to Alex Gilmer of Orange, Texas, for undivided one-half interest in the Evan Shoemaker league survey for 4,428 acres in Newton County, notifying deed of the City of Austin to said Gilmer dated December 10, 1888.

Also please authorize deed to M.H. Lawson to one-quarter undivided interest in 1170 acres out of the John Gilbert league survey in Sabine County for \$415 to be issued by the President and Secretary of the Board of Public School Trustees of the City of Austin. Also deed to D.H. Neal, who offers \$200 for

undivided interest in 100 acres out of the Antonio de los Reyes survey in Kauffman county, being at the rate of \$4 per acre, which is the price obtained for Miss Osborn's interest in the same land.

We have also had application of purchase for one-half interest in the James Papinoe survey of 640 acres in Washington County at \$1.50 cash per acre, which we are informed is all that this land is worth, being only lightly timbered and unfit for farming purposes.

The party desiring to purchase the same is the Honorable Mr. McGuire of the 21<sup>st</sup> Legislature.

Awaiting your action in the premises, we remain, dear sir,

Respectfully yours,

{Eggleston & Goldbeck} [199]

On motion of Mr. Wooldridge, Judge Fulmore and Mr. Maxwell were appointed a committee to obtain a division of the fund accruing from school funds invested in county bonds.

On motion of Mr. Tips, Misters Hall and Griffith were authorized to withhold execution of judgment against Mr. Traynham until July 1, unconditioned that Traynham pay costs of court and secure the payment of his rent up to that date.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

May 28, 1889

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, W. Tips, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion of Dr. Litten, the Secretary was authorized to bid \$1,860 *per annum* for the rental of the Temporary Capitol Building.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, Mr. Caldwell was granted permission to present two medals to the pupils of grade seventh in the West Austin School, provided that the medals be presented at the closing exercises to take place in the grade room.

The Superintendent announced that all the pupils of the senior class of the High School who had failed at the first examination had

been re-examined, and he recommended the following young ladies for graduation: Lilly Burleson, Minnie Jones, Edna Walthersdorff, Fairie Blanton, Helen Beall, Elma Dill. On motion of Mr. Tips, these young ladies were added to the list of graduates.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the Treasurer was authorized to borrow such an amount as should be necessary to pay off the salaries due on 31<sup>st</sup> inst.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

June 10, 1889

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the office of the Superintendent, the following were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, on motion, adopted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion of Dr. Litten, the bid for the temporary Capitol Building was raised to \$1,950. Misters Swearingen and Fulmore voted against the increase.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, Miss Fannie Johnson was allowed the privilege of a private examination in English and granted a diploma if she passed the examination satisfactorily.

On motion, the annual examination of applicants for positions as teachers was dispensed with for the present year.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion of Dr. Litten, the Superintendent was authorized to rent out rooms in the Temporary Capitol for school purposes during the summer months.

On motion of Mr. Wooldridge, Miss Arta B. Numbers was placed on an annual salary of \$1,000 beginning July 1, 1889.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, the matter of fencing grounds was referred to the Committee on Improvement.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
July 24, 1889

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, J.W. Maxwell, W. Tips.

The Treasurer's annual report was read and, on motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

[*Manual Training*] A motion was made by Judge Fulmore to appropriate \$50, or as much thereof as might be necessary, to defray the railroad fare of an expert to and from Austin who should appear before the Board for the purpose of discussing the probable cost of establishing and maintaining a manual training school. Motion was lost.

On motion, a committee consisting of Misters Wooldridge and Fulmore was appointed to confer with Superintendent[']s Bookkeeper and secure from him a ruling as to the legality of applying funds derived from local taxation to the maintenance of a manual training school.

[*North Austin*] On motion of Mr. Graham, the Building Committee was authorized to make such changes at North Austin [School] as it might see fit.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion of Judge Fulmore, the Board accepted the offer of Mr. C.H. Powell to act as agent for the subletting and collection of rents for the rooms on first floor of Temporary Capitol for the compensation of 4% of rents collected.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the sum of \$100 was appropriated to reimburse the City National Bank for the amount paid to Mr. D.M. Doom as attorney's fees in the suit of ejectment against J.M. Snyder.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the Board adjourned for one week, to meet [203] as a committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing a plan submitted by the President for the better classification of City teachers and looking to the establishment of salaries on the basis of a ten-month session.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
July 31, 1889

At a special meeting of the City School Board, held in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, W. Tips, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, on motion, adopted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion of J.M. Litten, the Board expressed its sense of satisfaction in regard to the services rendered by Misters Holland and Griffith as its agents for subletting the rooms in the Temporary Capitol. It was ordered spread upon the minutes that the declination of their services as agents was due to the unwillingness of them to work at as low rates as offered by others.

[*Wheatville*] On motion of Mr. Graham, the sum of \$25 was appropriated to aid in the extending [of] water facilities to Wheatville, provided that the Water Company make all connections necessary to supply the school building.

[*Robertson Hill*] On motion of Dr. Litten, the Board agreed to rent three rooms in the Colored Masonic Lodge on Robinson [sic] Hill at a rental of not more than \$20 per month, provided said rooms be ready by the opening of school and in every way satisfactory to the Board.

On motion, the Board approved the action of the committee in buying stoves and desks at the state sale.

The following communication from Superintendent Croper [likely State Superintendent Oscar Henry Cooper] was received in answer to the request of a committee [205] of the Board for a ruling as to the legality of applying local funds to the maintenance of a manual training school.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, the sum of \$55, or as much thereof as may be necessary, was appropriated to pay the railroad fare of Professor Chatterton to and from Austin for the purpose of enabling him to discuss thoroughly before the Board the matter of manual training. Dr. Litten and Mr. Tips voted no.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, the following classification of teachers was adopted:

- Class 1<sup>st</sup>, teachers have one year's experience in graded systems, to receive \$40 per month
- Class 2<sup>nd</sup>, two years' experience, \$45
- Class 3<sup>rd</sup>, three years' experience, \$50

- Class 4<sup>th</sup>, four years' experience, \$55
- Class 5<sup>th</sup>, five years' experience, \$60

On motion of Professor Winn, [it] was requested to select four Colored teachers for employment and submit the names to the Board at its next meeting.

Motion of Judge Fulmore to increase the salary of the Principal of the High School to \$1,500 dollars *per annum* was lost.

On motion, it was ordered that, in future, two examinations be provided for Colored teachers, corresponding to the examinations required by the state for first- and second-grade certificates, such as pass first-grade examinations, to receive the same compensation as White teachers, and those passing second-grade examinations to receive a maximum salary of \$50.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

August 15, 1889

At a meeting of the City Schools Board held this day in the office of the Superintendent, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following transactions were had:

Mr. Smith of the Tillotson Institute, by initiative of the Board, read a paper upon the subject of manual training in the public schools, and, at its conclusion, a vote of thanks was tendered him.

Dr. J.M. Litten, in behalf of the Finance Committee, reported that the vouchers of the City School Treasurer, Mr. Walter Tips, had been examined, and his books and accounts were found to be correct.

The President of the Board, Mr. A.P. Wooldridge, then delivered an annual message setting forth his plans and purposes for the future management of the City Schools and asked the patient attention of the Board while he presented the more prominent and important features thereof.

He recommended first that the teachers who have been in the employment of the Board five years or more shall receive an increase of 5% upon their monthly salaries, and, when they shall have been in its employment ten years or more, they shall receive an increase of 10% on their monthly salaries. [207] And secondly, that teachers be



paid by the scholastic [month] and not by the calendar month. On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the first proposition be adopted.

It is understood that the proposed increase in salaries shall apply only to teachers of the primary and grammar grades, and that the salaries of teachers already in the schools who have not been in the service five years shall not be affected by the proposed changes in the salaries and classification of teachers.

In the third place, he recommended that the principals of the East and West Austin Schools have assistants, that they may be relieved largely of their teaching work, so that they may supervise the grammar grades especially. He considered it impossible for the Superintendent, with his present multitudinous duties, to attend efficiently to laying out or carrying into results the work of the grade rooms and, under the present system, the principals neither can nor do attempt to do this most necessary work.

On motion of Mr. Graham, it was ordered that the Principals of the East and West Austin schools be allowed assistants at a monthly salary of \$40 each.

The next recommendation was that a supervisor of all the Colored schools be appointed, a part of whose duties shall be to give instruction in the Colored High School. The salary was placed at \$750 *per annum*. This recommendation was also favorably considered and passed to a vote.

On motion, it was ordered that the salaries of Miss Octavia Clifton, Miss H.A. McCrillis and the Colored Supervisor [208] be placed at \$750 *per annum*.

The following teachers were reengaged: Misses S.R. Cooke, Maggie Riley, Mary Horton, Minnie Dill, K.R. Carlisle and Mrs. Irma Taff.

The following Colored teachers were reemployed: Mrs. M.E. Neale, H.T. Kealing and P.H. Hubbard. There were other Colored teachers recommended for employment, but the matter was postponed to the next meeting.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the services of a clerk be engaged for the Superintendent's office.

[*Sixth Ward*] The Committee on Repair and Improvements reported favorably upon the work done at the Sixth Ward School building.

[*West Austin*] The same committee was instructed to order the necessary repairs upon the West Austin School building.

[*East Austin*] On motion, the Building Committee was authorized to have some improvements made at the East Austin School building. It was ordered that the schools be opened on September 16, 1889.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

August 28, 1889

At a special meeting of the Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, for the purpose of considering the subject of a manual training school and the employment of a man to take charge of it, there were present the following members: A.P. Wooldridge, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, R.M. Swearingen.

The following transactions were had:

Judge Z.T. Fulmore moved that the investigation of the subject of manual training be continued, but action in the matter deferred.

It was moved by Judge Fulmore that Professor Chatterton be not employed on account of the condition of the Public School fund and for other reasons.

[*John T. Allan*] On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, it was ordered that, as a mark of respect to the late Judge John T. Allan, the Board appropriate such a sum of money as shall be found necessary to keep in order his grave in the City Cemetery. A committee consisting of Misters Graham, Tips and Litten was appointed to confer with the City Council in regard to placing a railing or stone at the grave of Judge Allen.

A paper from Miss Arta B. Numbers was then read, asking that the Board appropriate money sufficient to furnish supplies for the object work in the first and second years of the primary department. On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, the Superintendent was requested to confer with Miss Numbers in regard to the supplies asked for, and report at the next meeting of the [210] Board.

It was order that the Superintendent confer with the Trustees of the Colored Deaf and Dumb Institute and ascertain whether they desire the services of Professor Chatterton, while he is in the city.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
September 12, 1889

At a postponed meeting of the City School Board held this day, in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: A.P. Wooldridge, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Maxwell.

The Committee on Repairs and Improvements reported that the Sixth Ward and West Austin School buildings had been put in thorough repair for the reception of pupils.

On motion of Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Superintendent Winn was requested to write to Professor Chatterton of Lake City, Florida, asking him to return as a matter of information the letter written to him by Superintendent Winn in which he stated the amount appropriated by the School Board to pay his traveling expenses to and from Austin.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, a committee of three, consisting of Misters Graham, Litten and Maxwell, were authorized to purchase such a quantity of new, self-adjusting school desks, as upon consultation with the Superintendent, should be found necessary.

On motion of Dr. Litten, the Board appropriated the sum of \_\_\_ for the purchase of supplies, of object forms, number work, etc., needed in the primary department.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the Board gave to Superintendent Winn the power to make such transfers and changes in the classification of pupils as he should deem necessary, he to make report of all such transfers and changes to the Board.

Mr. J.W. Graham was appointed a [212] committee of one to appear before the County Commissioners in the interest of the City Schools, in regard to the payment of the amount due the City as a *pro rata* of the income accruing from county school lands for the years 1888 and 1889.

[*Buildings Fund*] Mr. Wooldridge then read a paper setting forth a plan for raising a fund for the erection of High School and other Ward School buildings, which fund he suggested could be raised with an additional tax upon the people.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
October 9, 1889

At a postponed meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, the following members were present: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore.

The minutes of the meetings held on August 15 and September 12 were read and approved.

Superintendent Winn reported that the School Board [members] were in possession of the Arsenal Block.

On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, the Superintendent was requested to write to Mr. Chatterton of Lake City, Florida, that the balance of his bill, \$50.15, had been disallowed because he had been distinctly notified that \$50 and no more had been appropriated by the School Board to pay his traveling expenses to and from Austin.

[*Arsenal Block*] On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, it was ordered that the Arsenal Block be cleared up, the stables torn down, and other improvements made, the direction of which was left to the judgment of Superintendent Winn.

[*East Austin*] The subject of a Principals room at the East Austin School was brought up and discussed, the Board deciding to take no action in the matter at present.

On motion of Mr. J.W. Graham, it was ordered that Miss Cooke be paid at the rate of \$60 per month.

Mr. J.W. Graham reported that the amount of \$763.20 due the City Schools by the County Commissioners as a *pro rata* of the income accruing from [214] the county school lands for the years 1888 and 1889 had been paid.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{A.P. Wooldridge, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
November 12, 1889

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: A.P. Wooldridge, R.M. Swearingen, Z.T. Fulmore, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

[*Arsenal Block*] Dr. J.M. Litten, on behalf of the Building Committee, reported that the repairs and improvements at the Arsenal Block were

incomplete and that the expenses incurred up to this time amounted to \$289.15.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, the sum of \$22 was appropriated to purchase the four volumes of Hubert Howe Bancroft's works needed to complete the set now in the possession of the High School library.

On motion of Dr. R.M. Swearingen, it was ordered that the suspension of Sidney Locke be continued.

Mr. A.P. Wooldridge then brought to the consideration of the Board the application of Mrs. B.N. Taylor, for an increase in her salary, of \$75 per month. After some discussion, action on the application was deferred.

Upon motion of Judge Z.T. Fulmore, it was ordered that Miss Carlisle receive a salary of \$60 per month.

On motion of Dr. R.M. Swearingen, the Board accepted the resignation of W.E. Easton.

On motion of Judge Z.T. Fulmore, it was ordered that hereafter substitutes be paid at the rate of \$2 per day. A committee consisting of Judge [216] Z.T. Fulmore and Walter Tips was appointed to investigate the question of Mr. George Chatterton's bill, the Board agreeing that any disposition they might make of the matter would be satisfactory.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

*{A.P. Wooldridge, President}*

*{J.W. Graham, Secretary}*

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Austin, Texas

November 27, 1889

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: A.P. Wooldridge, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, Walter Tips, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. J.W. Graham then read a paper from P.H. Hubbard, asking for an increase in his salary, which the Board declined to grant.

On motion of Judge Z.T. Fulmore, the reading of a similar paper from W.E. Easton was dispensed with, for the reason that he was no longer in the employ of the School Board.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, the Board declined to grant the application of Mrs. B.N. Taylor for an increase in her salary.

Mr. Walter Tips reported that the committee appointed to act on Mr. Chatterton's bill had written to him, to return all papers and

letters and telegrams received by him relative to his visit to Austin, and the Board would then consider his claim.

[*First Ward*] The President then presented to the Board the application of Father Louth, for permission to occupy the school room in the First Ward Mexican School for the purpose of giving religious instruction. After considering the matter, the Board declined to grant the application. On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that no room exclusively [218] used and controlled for school purposes should be used for sectarian instruction.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was ordered that due notice be given those pupils belonging to the eighth grade of the West Austin School and living on the east side of Congress Avenue that, because of the overcrowding of said grade, they must, after January 1, 1890, attend the East Austin School and that, in future, the rule requiring pupils to attend the school to which they belong be strictly enforced.

The President then brought to the attention of the Board as a matter for their future consideration the propriety of introducing sewing into the Colored Schools of the city. He also expressed the hope that the Colored Schools might receive their share of attention from the Board and that the primary grades especially might receive the material which they needed in order to carry out the prescribed course of study.

[*Wise Men's Hall*] It was ordered incorporated into the minutes that the rent for the Knights of Wise Men's Hall should be paid by the month and only during the scholastic session. On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, the Secretary and Superintendent were authorized to enter into a lease of the Knights of Wise Men's Hall for three years, from the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1889.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

December 10, 1889

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: A.P. Wooldridge, Walter Tips, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Maxwell, J.M. Litten, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, it was ordered that the schools be closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday evening, December 20,

and opened on Monday morning, December 30, and that there be no school on Wednesday, the first day of January.

The President then stated that the claim of W.E. Easton, tabled at the previous meeting, had, by his order, been paid.

[*Wise Men's Hall*] The Secretary then presented to the Board the lease of the Knights of Wise Men's Hall, which they confirmed.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The Board, after considering the proposition of L.R. Walden to lease the third floor of the Temporary Capitol, declined to accept it.

The Board then adjourned, and the new Board, consisting of Misters J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten and J.W. Maxwell, proceeded to organize. On motion of J.W. Maxwell, Dr. J.M. Litten was called to the Chair *pro tem*.

The election of officers being in order, J.W. Maxwell nominated Dr. R.M. Swearingen for President. He was unanimously elected and took the chair.

On motions of Drs. Litten and Mathews, Walter Tips and J.W. Graham [220] were reelected to the officers of Treasurer and Secretary.

On motion of J.W. Graham, Dr. J.M. Litten was elected Vice President.

The Board then adjourned.

{*A.P. Wooldridge, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

January 14, 1890

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, J.W. Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President then announced that the following standing committees had been appointed:

- Finance: Walter Tips, J.W. Smith, J.M. Litten
- Judiciary: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips.
- Building: J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, John McDonald
- Textbooks: Walter Graham, W.J. Mathews, R.M. Swearingen
- Rules and Regulations: R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Maxwell and J.W. Graham

- Supplies: J.M. Litten, J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham.
- Examinations: W.J. Mathews, J.W. Maxwell, R.M. Swearingen

On motion of J.W. Graham, the proposition of L.R. Walden to lease the third floor of the Temporary Capitol was referred to the Building Committee, they to report to the Board as soon as possible.

The Secretary then laid before the Board the resignation of Miss Lizzie B. Drake. It was accepted and, on motion of Dr. Litten, Superintendent Winn was requested to prepare suitable testimonials for Miss Drake and to present these to the Board for official signature. [223]

Superintendent Winn reported the verbal resignation of Mrs. J.L. Taff, which, on motion of J.W. Graham, the Board accepted.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, it was ordered that hereafter H.B. Fry be paid a salary of \$60 per month, and that he be paid \$20 additional, this being the balance due him for services rendered during the month of September and November, for which he received but \$50 per month.

The application of Mrs. M.E. Neale, for an increase in her salary, was discussed, but no action taken.

On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, a committee consisting of J.W. Graham and Superintendent Winn was appointed to act in connection with Miss Octavia Clifton and Miss Mollie Brown, in the investigation of the charges brought against the Master John Tobin and others of the Sixth Ward School, they to report to the Board as soon as possible.

On motion of Walter Tips, Mrs. E.M.E. Garland was allowed an assistant teacher in the person of Miss Juliana Rodriguez, at a salary of \$10 per month.

The Secretary then read a report made by Superintendent Winn to the President of the Board, of the additions made to the corps of teachers.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, the action of Superintendent Winn establishing a half-day grade at the Central Austin School was approved.

On motion of Walter Tips, the Board appropriated the sum of \$10 for the purchase of books for indigent children.

It was ordered by the Board that [223 ]the salary of Miss Ithie O. Haynie be \$40.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

*{R.M. Swearingen, President}*

*{J.W. Graham, Secretary}*



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Austin, Texas  
January 17, 1890

At a special meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed to investigate the charges brought against Master John Tobin and others of the Sixth Ward School, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, John McDonald.

After stating the charges against Masters John Tobin, Leslie Waggener and Kendall Callaway and Willie Gerhard, all of whom were present, the President of the Board offered an official reprimand as part of the penalty assessed by the committee appointed to make the investigation.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The Board, after hearing the report of the Building Committee on the application of L.R. Walden, for an extension of his lease of the third floor of the Temporary Capitol, on motion of Walter Tips, agreed to extend the lease of said third floor for a term of two years, from the first day of June, 1890.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, a complete revision of the rules and regulations of the Austin Public Schools was referred to the committee on that subject with instructions to report the results of their work to the Board for future action.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

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Austin, Texas  
February 11, 1890

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, John McDonald, J.W. Graham, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the meetings held on January 14 and 17 were read and approved.

[*West Austin*] A report of the Building Committee was then read, stating that faucets and hoes were needed for the preservation of newly-planted trees at the West Austin School. On motion of J.W. Maxwell, the Board adopted the report and authorized the improvement advised therein.

The Secretary also read a communication from Mr. George A. Plimpton, in regard to the introduction of the National Music Course

into the public schools of the city. After considering the matter, action on the proposition was deferred.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the question of the manner of celebrating Arbor Day was referred to the Superintendent, principals and teachers of the Austin Public Schools, with a request from the Board that they take action in the matter.

The Secretary then read a communication from Miss F.R. Brooke, Principal of the Arsenal building in regard to the suspension of Master Bogel Payne for misdemeanor. On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, the suspension was confirmed indefinitely.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, the [226] action of the Board in transferring Miss Waldran Zimpleman from the West to the East Austin School was rescinded, and she was allowed to remain at the West Austin School.

[*Wheatville*] On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham and Superintendent Winn were requested to look into the condition of the Colored School at Wheatville, with instructions to report the result of their investigations to the Board.

On motion of J.W. Maxwell, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

February 21, 1890

At a special meeting of the School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer then offered the following resolution which, on motion, the Board adopted: Resolved that the President and Treasurer are authorized to borrow money for the purpose of paying salaries promptly when due, provided that the rate of interest shall not exceed 8% *per annum* and provided further that the sum or sums so borrowed shall not exceed the amount receivable for the current fiscal year.

[*Wheatville*] The Secretary read the report of the special committee appointed at the previous meeting to investigate the condition of the Colored School at Wheatville. The report stated that, upon investigation, it had been found necessary to employ an additional teacher, which they had done at a salary of \$35 per month. On motion of Judge J.W. Smith, the report was adopted.

The President then stated that Judge Z.T. Fulmore, who was [previously] President, would address the Board in behalf of Oliver Caldwell, demoted from the junior grade of the High School at the intermediate examinations. After hearing the testimony of Mrs. B.N. Taylor, teacher of the junior grades, and Professor [228] I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, the Board, on motion, ordered that Oliver Caldwell be re-examined and that the examiners be selected by the President of the Board and Judge Fulmore.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

February 24, 1890

At a special meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, John McDonald, J.W. Maxwell.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was postponed, and the Secretary proceeded to read the proposition of Mr. George A. Plimpton in regard to the introduction of the National Music Course into the City Schools. On motion of Walter Tips, the proposition was referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Board.

[*Sixth Ward*] The Secretary read the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Building Committee. Resolved that the sum of \$100, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the purpose of curbing the sidewalk in front of the Sixth Ward School.

The President then stated that both Judge Fillmore and himself had failed in their endeavors to carry out the order raised by the Board at the previous meeting, being unable to secure competent teachers who were willing to re-examine Oliver Caldwell. On motion of J.W. Smith, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution presented by him: Be it resolved that we, the Trustees of the Public Schools of Austin, sustain the action of Professor Bryant and Mrs. Taylor in the demotion of Oliver Caldwell [230] and believe the demotion was justified by the laws of this State and by the rules and precedents established by this Board. In consideration, however, of the fact that the examination papers upon which the demotion was based cannot be found, and, in consideration of promises on the part of Oliver

Caldwell to do better in the future, we respectfully request Professor Bryant and Mrs. Taylor to give him another trial by re-admitting him to Mrs. Taylor's room. Be it further resolved that Professor Winn be asked to read these resolutions to the High School, so that teachers and pupils can correctly construe this ruling of the Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

March 11, 1890

At a regular meeting of the School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, J.W. Smith.

The minutes of the meetings held on February 21 and 24 were read and approved.

[*Sixth Ward*] The Secretary read the report of the Building Committee, which stated that the work of curbing the sidewalk in front of the North Austin school building was being done at the price of 43 cents per foot for curbing two feet deep and well set. On motion of Mr. Walter Tips, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee requested that more time be given them to investigate the question of the National Music Course. Before making their report, and, on motion of J.W. Graham, their request was granted.

The Secretary read a communication from H.B. Fry, Principal of the Central Grammar School, in regard to the suspension of Eugene Robinson and Dennis Allen. On motion of J.W. Graham, the suspension of Dennis Allen was made permanent for the remainder of the session, and that of Eugene Robinson was made temporary, with the addition of a reprimand from the Colored Supervisor when he should be readmitted to the school.

Dr. R.M. Swearingen presented the application of Miss Estelle Lewright, teacher of the middle grade of the [232] High School, for an increase in her salary from \$750 *per annum* for the present session, to \$1,000 *per annum* for the coming session. No action was taken in the matter.

Mr. Walter Tips presented the following resolution, which, on motion the Board, [was] adopted: Resolved that Principals of Schools are authorized to practice fire drills in the several school buildings,

provided that no alarm shall be given without previous notice or that would be likely to frighten the children or cause a panic or false alarm of fire to people living in the neighborhood.

[*East Austin*] Judge J.W. Smith then presented the following resolution for the consideration of the Board, which, after some discussion, he asked to have laid over till some future date: Resolved that there is a necessity for the construction of a Public School building on Block 117 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and that the Building Committee be hereby authorized to do and perform all acts and things to have said building constructed on said block, said building not to cost less than \$12,000.

The Board then adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

April 8, 1890

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, Walter Tips.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary then presented the resignation of Miss Mollie Dawson, teacher of the eighth grade at the East Austin School, which, on motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, the Board accepted.

On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, the Board also accepted the proposition of Professor J.L. Taff to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Miss Dawson and to perform at the same time such of the duties connected with his office of Principal as might be possible.

The Superintendent reported the suspension by Professor J.L. Taff, Principal of the East Austin School, of Grooms Brady, Charley Cooley, and Henry Cherico. After some discussion, the action of Professor Taff was sustained.

On motion it was ordered that the schools be closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the competitive examination of teachers be held on June 19, subject to a change of date at the discretion of the President.

J.W. Graham reported in behalf [234] of the Building Committee that the curbing of the sidewalk in front of the North Austin School had been completed according to contract and paid for.

On motion of Walter Tips, the subject of the introduction of the National Music Course into the City Schools was deferred till next session.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the pay of Henry Kippenbrock, janitor at the West Austin School, was allowed him for the term of 18 days, during which he had been disabled by sickness.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

May 16, 1890

At a postponed meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Superintendent was then read and, on motion of Walter Tips, the Superintendent was requested to furnish each member with a copy thereof.

[*High School Commencement*] On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, the Superintendent was authorized to engage the Millett Opera House and the customary music for the commencement exercises, which would take place on Friday evening, May 13.

The names of the candidates for graduation were then read and, on motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, were confirmed, conditioned on their passing the remaining examinations.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The lease of the third floor of the Temporary Capitol to L.R. Walden was referred to the Judiciary Committee for investigation or revision. On motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, the Building Committee was instructed to inform the agent of the Board that, after July 1, the Salvation Army and Union Sunday School could no longer occupy [236] their respective rooms in the Temporary Capitol.

[*East Austin*] The petition of the German Lutheran Church for the use of one of the rooms at the East Austin school for the purpose of holding a school therein during the summer months was, on motion of J.W. Graham, granted, conditioned on their using the Deffenbaugh Building and paying therefore to the Public School the same amount per month as is paid by the Schools for the rent of the building.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
May 23, 1890

At a special meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of J.W. Smith, it was ordered incorporated in the Rules and Regulations that the Superintendent is authorized to employ such janitors as he may choose.

On motion of Walter Tips, it was ordered that the salaries of janitors be fixed by the Superintendent and submitted to the Board for approval.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the consideration of the course of study was postponed till the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion of Walter Tips, it was ordered that several copies of the Rules and Regulations be printed and submitted to the members of the Board for consideration before publication.

On motion of J.W. Smith, it was ordered that a male teacher be employed in the High School, who shall be known as the Principal's Assistant.

On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that such Colored teachers now in the employ of [238] the Schools as are deemed proficient and whose work has been satisfactory may be excused by the Examining Committee from standing the examination.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
June 20, 1890

At a postponed meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, J.W. Smith, J.W. Maxwell, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Superintendent was then read, giving a list of applicants for positions in the Austin Public Schools and the average percent attained by each on the competitive examination held June 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the report of the Superintendent was adopted, and it was ordered that those applicants who had attained the required average of 75% be awarded teacher's certificates.

On motion, it was ordered that, before proceeding to the election of teachers to fill existing vacancies, the Committee on Examinations investigate the necessity for increasing the number of teachers now employed in the schools and report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Walter Tips, the election of an assistant male teacher in the High School was postponed until the committee on examinations should make their report.

Mr. J.W. Graham, on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, asked that more time be granted them in which to make their report. [240] On motion of Walter Tips, [Mr. Graham's] request was granted, the time being extended to the next meeting of the Board.

[*J.T. Allan Estate*] Mr. Walter Tips, as one of the trustees of the John T. Allan Estate, presented for the consideration of the Board a letter received by him from Misters Hill and Fly of Victoria, Texas, relating to a tract of land located in Lavaca County and belonging to the John T. Allan Estate, which land is claimed and occupied by one J.K. Brill, and to which he has no title. On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the committee consisting of Misters Walter Tips and J.M. Litten, having charge of the Allan Estate, be authorized to take such steps in the matter as, upon investigation, they should find it necessary.

On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that an invitation be extended to the State Teachers Association convening in Galveston on June 25, to hold their next meeting in Austin. It was further ordered that Superintendent Winn be requested to extend the invitation in person during the convention of the association at Galveston.

H.T. Kealing, Supervisor of the Colored Schools of the City, being present, presented his report on the condition of the Colored Schools for the session of 1889 to 1890. On motion of Walter Tips, the report was received and that portion of it relating to buildings referred to the Building Committee for consideration.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}



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Austin, Texas  
July 1, 1890

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, J.W. Smith, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary then read the report of the Superintendent, and the suggestions contained therein in regard to textbooks now in use in the schools was, on motion of J.M. Litten, referred to the Committee on Textbooks.

The Secretary read the report of the Building Committee, stating that they had leased to the firm of John Southgate & Son the room known as the Comptroller's Department in the Temporary Capitol, formerly occupied by the Salvation Army, for a term of two years, at a rental of \$25 per month. On motion of J.W. Graham, the report was adopted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] A petition was read from the Union Sunday School, asking permission to continue their occupation of the assembly room in the Temporary Capitol. Dr. J.M. Litten moved that the use of the room be granted them during the summer vacation. J.W. Smith offered an amendment to Dr. Litten's motion, asking it read [242] that the use of the room be granted them on Sunday evenings and for Sunday school purposes exclusively, subject to the discretion of the Board. The motion, as amended, was passed.

The President then stated as a member of the Committee on Examinations, that, after a careful investigation and consideration on his part, he had arrived at the conclusion that it was a matter of necessity for the schools to employ for the coming session the full number of teachers employed during the past session. The Board, on motion of J.W. Graham, proceeded to the election of teachers.

A list of vacancies was read and, on motion of J.W. Maxwell, Misses Laura Steele, Florence Worthy, Lutie McLean, and S.R. Cooke were reelected teachers in the Austin Public Schools, and, on motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that, in consideration of their experience and their service in the schools during the past session, they be considered permanent teachers and receive a salary of \$60 per month.

Mr. J.W. Graham rose to state that Miss Mary Downie, formerly a teacher in the City Schools, but for the past two years a student in Europe, was again an applicant for a position. Miss Anna P. Ellis of Hallettsville, Texas, was also [243] mentioned as an applicant and, on

motion, she was elected. On motion of J.W. Graham, Miss Mary Downie was elected a permanent teacher.

On motion of J.W. Maxwell, Mr. B.S. Brown of Lorena, Texas was elected Assistant Principal in the High School and, on motion of J.W. Graham, R.E.L. Holland was elected a teacher in the Colored Schools of the city.

The Board then adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

August 8, 1890

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day at the Superintendent's office, the following members were present: J.M. Litten, Vice President, presiding, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, Walter Tips, J.W. Maxwell, Mayor John McDonald, J.W. Graham.

The order of business was taken.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which, without corrections, stood approved.

Superintendent's report was submitted and read, which, on motion, was taken up.

1. Recommending that Miss Anna Blanton, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the report of last meeting, be reelected as teacher in the East Austin Schools. On motion, Miss Blanton was reelected.
2. Recommendation of Superintendent was that W.R. Leonard be assigned as Supervisor of all the Grammar grades of the City Schools, with principalship of the West Austin Schools, with an increase of salary of \$150, making in all \$1,350. On motion of Mr. McDonald, the recommendation was adopted. A motion was then made to reconsider Mr. McDonald's resolution, which was carried. Mr. Tips moved that Professor Leonard be assigned to West [245] and North Austin as a Supervisor, and Professor Taff be assigned to East Austin and the Tenth Ward, which motion being put there, was a tied vote, which was decided affirmatively by the Chair.
3. The matter of the supervisory work evidently being misunderstood by some members of the Board, Mr. Graham moved to reconsider the last motion and defer the whole

question till the next meeting, which motion was carried, and the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

4. The fourth recommendation of the Superintendent, to increase the salary of Miss Brooke to \$75, was, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The fifth recommendation, in regard to the adoption of the Mason System of Music, etc., was postponed until the next meeting.
6. The sixth recommendation, in regard to school supplies, was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Under the next order of business, the Committee on Textbooks asked for further time to report.

The Treasurer, Mr. Walter Tips, presented his annual report, which was, on motion of Mr. Graham, referred to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the books and papers of the Treasurer and found them [246] correct. On motion, the report of the Finance Committee was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations went over to the next meeting.

[*First Ward*] Under the head of New Business, a petition of some patrons of the First Ward Schools, asking that Mr. James L. Warren be employed in said school, was presented and read. On motion, it was referred to the Superintendent, to be reported upon at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

August 12, 1890

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day at the Superintendent's office, the following members were present: J.M. Litten, Vice President, presiding, Walter Tips, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Graham.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The matter of the election of a Supervisor of all the Grammar grades of the City coming up for consideration, on motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the supervisory system of all the Grammar grades be adopted.

On motion of Mr. J.W. McDonald, it was ordered that Professor Leonard be elected Supervisor of all the Grammar grades.

The Committee on Textbooks reported adversely on the adoption of Pennybacker's *History of Texas* in the place of Thrall's *History*.

On motion of Mr. Tips, the Superintendent was instructed to purchase for the schools the following list of supplies, cost estimated as follows:

75 adjustable desks	\$225
10 slate blackboards	\$44.10
Set of metric measures	\$15
Six complete globes, at \$12 each	\$72
Five sets Rand McNally's new series of maps, at \$42	\$210
Two gross of erasers	\$24
Total	\$590.10

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas  
September 9, 1890

At a special meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Smith.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

A list of applicants for positions in the Colored Schools was read, giving the average percent of scholarship attained by each on the competitive examination, and, on motion of J.W. Graham, Miss Anna E. Grinage was elected a teacher in the Colored Schools.

On motion of J.W. Smith, it was ordered that a teacher certificate of proficiency be given to Miss Anna E. Grinage.

On motion of J.W. Smith, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Miss Laura Evans was elected to a position in the Colored Schools of the city.

The Secretary then read the resignation of Professor W.R. Leonard, Principal of the West Austin school, and, on motion, it was accepted. The question of filling the vacancy created was then considered and the following gentlemen were announced as applicants for the position: Walter S. Dunstan, J.A. Brooke, James A. Nydegger, Neal J. McArthur, Constance Pessel, J.B. Rogers. [249] After sharing the

credentials of the applicants, J.B. Rogers of Manor, Texas was, on motion of J.M. Litten, elected Principal of the West Austin School.

An application was read from Miss Anna M. Cotney, for the use of the school rooms from 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock every evening. On motion of Walter Tips, the application was rejected.

[*Arsenal Block*] The Secretary then read a petition of the patrons of the Arsenal Block School, asking that Miss F.R. Brooke be allowed to teach the fourth and fifth grades during the coming session. On motion, the petition was referred to the Superintendent, for action.

[*Schools Open*] On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the schools be opened on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September.

The request of Mr. J.O. Munson, to have his four children transferred from Austin to the Decker District, was granted.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations asked for further time in which to make their report, which, on motion of Walter Tips, was granted them.

The report of the Finance Committee was read, fixing the salaries of the teachers for the coming session. On motion of John McDonald, the salary of Miss Anna Blanton was fixed at \$50 per month, and the report of the Finance Committee adopted.

On motion of Walter Tips, the report was made final and permanent for the year. [250]

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

September 12, 1890

At a special meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Smith, J.W. Maxwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of Miss Bessie Millard was read and accepted.

On motion of J.W. Smith, it was ordered that all cases of transfer from one ward of the city, to schools not belonging to that ward, be referred to the Superintendent, subject to appeal to the Board.

The resignation of Miss Estelle Lewright was read and, on motion of J.W. Smith, accepted.

[*High School*] The application of \_\_\_ Magnanet, to be allowed the use of a room in the High School Department after school hours, was rejected.

On motion of Walter Tips, it was ordered that copies of the Rules and Regulations be printed and submitted to the members of the Board for examination and criticism.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the term of scholastic age was changed from seven to twenty-one years, to eight to eighteen years inclusive.

J.W. Smith moved that the hours of the daily session of the schools be extended from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with one hour for recess, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. After some [252] discussion, the question was, with his consent, deferred till the next meeting.

On motion of Walter Tips, it was ordered that Superintendent Winn be instructed to engage a competent teacher to give instruction in the Mason System of Vocal Music in the Public Schools during the coming session, at a salary not exceeding \$50 per month.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

September 13, 1890

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members:

R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Maxwell.

The President stated that the meeting was called in response to the request of Misters Graham, Litten and Maxwell, for the purpose of reconsidering the action taken at the previous meeting in changing the City School age.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was omitted and, on motion of W.J. Mathews, the Board proceeded to reconsider the order restricting the City School age to eight to eighteen years. After some discussion, it was ordered, on motion of J.W. Maxwell, that the order passed at the preceding meeting in regard to the City School age should not take effect until the session of 1891-1892.

The resignation of Miss Lilly Sayers was presented by the Secretary and, on motion, accepted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
September 26, 1890

At a special meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, J.W. Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

[*High School*] A report of the enrollment of the schools for the week ending September 26 was then read and, on motion of J.M. Litten, the Superintendent was authorized to have the partition between two of the rooms of the High School Department moved forward, to give seating room for the excess of pupils in the middle grade.

[*Blanton*] A petition was read from Miss Annie Blanton, asking that her name be placed on the roll of those teachers receiving \$60 per month for their second year's service in the Schools. It being necessary to reconsider the action of the Board taken at the special meeting held on September 9 before Miss Blanton's petition could be considered, the Board, on motion of J.W. Graham, proceeded to reconsider the report of the Finance Committee, fixing the salaries of teachers for the session. After some discussion, the salary of Miss Annie Blanton was, on motion, raised to \$60 per month.

The salary of Miss Nannie Dawson was also reconsidered, and, [255] on motion of J.M. Litten, was raised to \$750 for the present session.

On motion of John M. McDonald, the report to the Finance Committee, as amended, was made final for the session.

On motion of Walter Tips, it was ordered that the Board meet in special session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the first day of October.

The Board then adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
October 1, 1890

The City School Board met in special session this day in the Superintendent's office, for the purpose of considering the revised Rules and Regulations. Being unable to complete the work, the Board adjourned till 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

Austin, Texas  
October 2, 1890

The City School Board met at 4:00 p.m. this day, to complete the work of considering the revised Rules and Regulations. After a long session, the Board adjourned to complete the work in regular session on Friday, October 3.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
October 3, 1890

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Smith.

The minutes of the meetings held September 26, October 1 and October 2 were read and approved.

The Board then proceeded to conclude the consideration of the revised Rules and Regulations and, after some discussion, recommitted the matter to the Committee, for publication.

A report to the Finance Committee was read, recommending that the salaries of the following teachers be fixed, as specified:

- Miss Mattie P. Brumley, \$50 per month
- Miss Hattie A. Stevens, \$50 per month
- Miss Minnie Carrington, \$75 per month
- Charles W. Virtis, \$50 per month

On motion of John McDonald, the communication from Mr. John Traynham, in regard to furnishing the schools with maps of the State of Texas, was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Walter Tips, the bids for furnishing the schools with fuel for the winter were referred to the Committee on Supplies, with authority to contract for same.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}



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Austin, Texas  
November 7, 1890

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Smith, J.W. Maxwell.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, held October 3, was dispensed with.

Miss F.R. Brooke, Principal of the Arsenal Block School, being present, was asked to state to the Board the complaint against Bogel Payne, a pupil in her school. After hearing the case and learning that he had already been suspended, pending further action on the case, the Board, on motion of J.W. Maxwell, made the suspension indefinite. On motion of J.W. Smith, the case was ordered submitted to the County and District Attorneys, to receive such action as they might deem necessary.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas  
December 5, 1890

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, William Von Rosenberg.

The minutes of the meetings held on October 3 and November 7 were read and adopted.

[*Xmas*] On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the schools be closed for Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 24 and reopened on Monday, January 5, 1891.

The report of the Committee on Supplies, recommending that the proposition of Mr. John Traynham be declined, was received and adopted.

An application was read from Miss Anna E. Grinage, asking that her salary be raised from \$40 per month to \$50 per month, from the beginning of the session, and, on motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, her application was granted, and the balance due, \$20, was ordered paid.

An application was read from Miss Mary Downy, asking that the Board regard the current session as the sixth year of her service in the

Schools and grant her 5% increase in her salary. The motion of Dr. J.M. Litten, to grant her application, was lost.

[*Third Ward*] A report was read from our R.E.L. Holland, Principal of the Third Ward School, relative to the suspension of Joel Stamps for insubordination. [260] On motion, the suspension was made indefinite.

A report was then read from H.T. Kealing, Supervisor of the Colored Schools, in regard to the expulsion of James Brown, and, on motion, the expulsion was made indefinite

[*Savings: Central Grammar*] A communication was read from H.B. Fry, Principal of the Central Grammar School, setting forth the advantages of a savings bank in connection with the Colored Schools of the City, and, on motion of J.M. Litten, it was ordered returned with the statement that the Board declined to be connected with it, but, should they desire to engage in the enterprise themselves, they would meet with no opposition, as long as it did prove detrimental to the Schools.

[*South Austin Colored, Tenth Ward*] On motion of Walter Tips, the Chairman of the Building Committee was authorized to look for a suitable site for a Colored School house in the Tenth Ward and report the same to the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

January 9, 1891

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, J.W. Smith, John McDonald.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on December 5, 1890, were read and approved.

A report from the Superintendent was read, recommending the employment of an additional teacher in the High School, and, on motion of Walter Tips, the Superintendent was authorized to engage an additional teacher, whenever it should become necessary.

The request of the Superintendent for permission to reorganize the High School, adopting the plan to have a general assembly room with classrooms to which the pupils would pass for recitation, was, on motion of Walter Tips, granted.

The Superintendent stated that, in order to reorganize in the assembly room plan, it would be necessary to move some of the partitions in the High School Department and to meet this expense. The Board, on motion of John McDonald, appropriated \$25, or as much thereof as it should be found necessary.

It being necessary to utilize the entire assembly room in the reorganization, the Board, on motion of John McDonald, withdrew from the Union Sunday School the [262] permit allowing them the use of the same.

On motion of Walter Tips, the recommendation of the Superintendent in regard to the employment of two additional Colored teachers was referred to the President and Superintendent, and the recommendation in regard to an additional building on Robertson Hill was referred to the Building Committee, with authority to act.

[*Vaccinations*] Mr. J.W. Graham then brought before the Board for consideration the propriety of having all children in the schools vaccinated or taking other precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the smallpox, which had developed in the city. The matter was discussed, but no action taken.

The Board then adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

February 9, 1891

At a postponed regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Superintendent, on the general condition of the Schools, was read and, on motion of Walter Tips, adopted and ordered filed.

On motion of Walter Tips, \$10, or as much thereof as may be found necessary, was appropriated for the purchase of books for indigent children in the schools.

The Committee on Supplies submitted a report, approving the request of the Superintendent for certain supplies for the use of the High School and other schools, and, on motion of John McDonald, the Board appropriated funds necessary for the purchase of the same.

On motion of W.J. Mathews, the question of readmitting to the schools those children who had been excluded because of their refusal to be vaccinated or because of their having been exposed to the contagion of smallpox, was referred to the President of the Board.

On motion of John McDonald, the petition to readmit Joel Stamps, who had been indefinitely suspended by action of the Board during [264] the current session, was granted.

The Secretary then read a communication from Mrs. B.F. Hendricks, stating that her son, Franklin Hendricks, a pupil during the first term of the current session of the low eighth grade of the West Austin School, had been refused promotion to the High School, which promotion, she claimed, he was well-qualified for and entitled to, as some four other pupils of his grade who had received such promotion from the Superintendent. She asked that the Board investigate the matter and promote him to the High School.

After thoroughly investigating the matter, the Board, on motion of Walter Tips, instructed the Secretary to write Mrs. Hendricks, that her son, Franklin, had received the promotion due him on his class standing for the first term from the low to the high division of the eighth grade, and the Board could see no reason for giving him further promotion, for which he was not qualified, and to which he was not entitled.

The question then arose as to whether any action should, in justice, be taken in regard to the four pupils who had, through a misunderstanding of the Superintendent, been allowed to skip the high eighth grade and were by him promoted to the High School, and, on motion [265] of John McDonald, they were ordered to be demoted to the high eighth grade, to which they properly belonged.

On motion of John McDonald, the Board granted the petition of Miss Mary L. Boak, Clerk of the Superintendent, asking that the Board increase her salary from \$50 per month, the amount now paid her, to \$60 per month.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the Board approved the action of the Superintendent in employing Miss Mary M. Leverett to fill the vacancy created in the High School by the semi-annual promotions.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

*{R.M. Swearingen, President}*

*{J.W. Graham, Secretary}*

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Austin, Texas  
March 6, 1891

At a regular meeting of the City Schools Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, William Von Rosenberg.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Superintendent was read, giving the general condition of the Schools and calling special attention to the increasing enrollment and attendance.

[*Old Court House*] He stated that the enrollment at the West Austin School already exceeded the maximum seating capacity. While the enrollment of the First Ward School would soon make it necessary to have better accommodating there, he suggested that the building known as the Old Courthouse in the First Ward might be procured and reconstructed to afford relief to the schools on the west side of town.

[*East Austin*] The East Austin School had also nearly reached its maximum seating capacity, and the Arsenal Block School already contained five grades under four teachers.

[*Arsenal Block*] He suggested that an additional building might be erected on the Arsenal Block property, to accommodate the excess of pupils on the east side of town.

[*Temporary Capitol*] He suggested that, as the State had taken charge of the Temporary Capitol, it might be well [267] to secure control of it for the future. It was understood that an endeavor was being made to obtain the use through legislative enactment of rooms in the Temporary Capitol for purposes which would be detrimental to the schools, and asked for instructions in regard to the matter. After hearing the report, the President referred that posting of it relating to buildings to the Building Committee. On motion of Judge Smith, the portion relating to the Temporary Capitol was also referred to the Building Committee.

The Superintendent asked what should be done with those pupils whose parents were in arrears for their tuition and, on motion of William von Rosenberg, it was ordered that the rule excluding from the schools those children whose parents refused to pay their tuition account should be strictly enforced. The Superintendent then asked if those non-resident pay pupils whose state transfer funds had not been paid should also be excluded, and, on motion of John McDonald, it

was ordered that those non-residents pay pupils whose state funds had actually been transferred but had not been paid over through fault of the County Superintendent should be allowed to remain in the Schools.

A communication was then read from Colonel Joel H.B. Miller remonstrating against the [268] demotion of his daughter, Bessie Miller, from the junior grade of the High School, to which she had been promoted by error from the low eighth Grammar grade of the West Austin School, to the high eighth of said grade, to which she properly belonged. On motion of John McDonald, the communication was ordered placed on file

Professor I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, being present, stated to the Board, as a matter of interest, that a bill providing for state uniformity of textbooks had passed the Lower House of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Legislature now in session and had been submitted to the Senate. No action was taken.

[*Building Fund*] Judge J.W. Smith then notified the Board that, at the next regular meeting, he would submit a motion to have one-fourth of the fund annually received from the City for the support of the Schools set aside for building purposes.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

April 3, 1891

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held in the Superintendent's office this day, there were present the following members: J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Graham, John McDonald.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

[*First & Third Ward*] A report from Superintendent Winn was read, giving the general condition of the Schools and submitting the resignation of Miss Zelma J. Caswell, teacher of the first Primary grade of the East Austin School, and Miss Mary E. Griffin, teacher of the first and second Primary grades at the Third Ward Colored School. He stated that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Caswell had been filled for the remainder of the session by the appointment of Miss Kate Eanes, who had one year's experience in the schools during the session of 1889-1890, while the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Griffin has been filled by consolidating the

First Ward School with the Third Ward School, P.H. Hubbard taking the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Griffin.

Professor I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, being present, stated that he had suspended 12 pupils of the High School [270] for one day, for truancy on April 1. Some of said pupils had obtained the consent of their parents before playing truant, and some of them had not. Some of the parents of those children who had obtained consent before playing truant had objected to his disciplining their children for doing that which [the students] had received their parent's permission to do. He argued that, even if those who had received permission were guiltless of infringing the rules in playing truant, they were amenable to discipline on the charge of conspiracy, in having accompanied and induced others to accompany on the truant expedition those who had not received permission. He asked the opinion of the Board, as to whether he had authority to discipline them upon said charge, and, on motion of John McDonald, the Board sustained his action.

[*Rule: Building Fund*] Judge J.W. Smith, in pursuance of his notice given at the previous meeting, then submitted the following resolution: Resolved that one-fourth of the Public School Fund received by this Board from the City of Austin for the year 1891, and for each year thereafter be and is hereby set aside by this Board as a special fund which shall only be used by this Board in constructing public school buildings and in purchasing lot or lots upon which such buildings may be built, or [271] for paying off any indebtedness of this Board incurred heretofore in constructing Public School buildings. On motion of Walter Tips, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

[*Allan Fund*] On motion of J.W. Smith, the Treasurer was instructed to pay, when it should fall due on May 1, the two years' interest on money borrowed by the General School Fund from the Allan Fund, net of any money which should be in the Treasury at that time, or from the first funds received thereafter.

The Treasurer then submitted a report of the estimated resources and liabilities for the balance of the current session, and, after considering the same, the Board, on motion of John McDonald, ordered that the schools be closed on May 15.

[*Schools Close*] On motion, the resolution ordering the schools to be closed on May 15 was reconsidered, and, on motion of J.W. Smith, it was ordered that the Public Schools be closed on May 15, with the

exception of the High School, which should be continued for two weeks longer.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{R.M. Swearingen, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

May 8, 1891

At a postponed meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, J.M. Litten, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Superintendent was read, giving the general conditions of the Schools and submitting several applications, petitions, etc. On motion, the report was considered *seriatim*.

The petition of E.L. Blackshear, Principal of the Robertson Hill Colored School, asking that his name be placed on the list of principals receiving annual salaries, and that his salary be increased to not less than \$750 *per annum*, was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The application of Miss Bertha Johnson of Topeka, Kansas, for a position in the City Public Schools for the coming session, was referred to the Superintendent,

The application of the Ruttan Manufacturing Company, to place in the school buildings their system of heating and ventilating, was referred to the Building Committee.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the claim of Dr. B.F. Church, for vaccinating 140 Colored School children, was ordered paid. [273]

[*East Austin*] On motion of J.W. Smith, a petition of Miss F.R. Brooke, Principal of the Arsenal Building, for permission to occupy one of the East Austin School rooms in which to teach a school during the summer vacation, was referred to the Building Committee.

[*Temporary Capitol*] An application from Miss Lydia Littman, for the use of a school room in the Temporary Capitol in which to teach a school during the summer vacation, and, on application from Reverend H.C. Huffman, for the use of a school room in which to teach a German school during the vacation, were both referred to the Building Committee.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The application of Mr. Harry Hutchings, to rent the Old Comptroller's Department, to be used as a printing



establishment, with the privilege of using his furnace outside the building, was also referred to the Building Committee.

The following memorial was read from the teachers of the West Austin School, expressing their satisfaction with and their appreciation of the manner in which J.B. Rogers, appointed Principal of that school for the session just closed, had discharged the duties pertaining to his office. On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the memorial be spread upon the minutes.

Austin, Texas

May 7, 1891

We, the undersigned teachers of the West Austin School, desire respectfully to express to the honorable Board of Trustees our high appreciation [274] of our present Principal, Professor J.B. Rogers, who, during the year now drawing to a close, has, by his unvarying courtesy to the teachers under him; his faithful discharge of every duty; his cheerful, considerate and helpful bearing under all circumstances; his earnest appreciation of the duties of our common profession; his enthusiastic study of the best, the broadest and the most progressive principles of teaching; and, most important of all, his truly Christian sense of the high responsibility of his position; has enabled us to carry on our work most pleasantly, harmoniously and successfully. In consideration of these facts, we deem it but a just recognition of his high virtues and earnest fitness for the position he now occupies to thus express our perfect satisfaction with the appointment of Mr. Rogers to this position for the year now closing and, believing that the success of the schools under our charge will be greatly enhanced, thereby we venture to express the hope that our honorable Board of Trustees will see their way clear to permanently appoint him to his present position.

Signed,

{Mary L. Sloss} {Hattie A. Stevens} {Willie R. Smith} {Annie Shapard}  
 {Jessie A. Sayers} {Mary Horton} {Lillian Rimassa}  
 {G.M. Ruthrauff} {Elenora Erkel} {Laura Steele}  
 {Emily L. Numbers}

The recommendation in regard [275] to placing heavier gauze over the west windows of the Old Comptroller's Department, in order to protect them from breakage, was referred to the Building Committee.

The question to the Superintendent in regard to the Board making an appropriation for the entertainment of the State Teachers Association was discussed, but no action taken.

[*Rule: Building Fund*] Judge J.W. Smith then called up the following resolution, offered by him at the previous meeting, and, on motion of J.M. Litten, it was passed. Resolved that one-fourth of the Public School Fund received by this Board from the City of Austin for the year 1891 and for each year thereafter be and is hereby set aside by this Board as a special fund to be known as a Building Fund, which shall only be used by this Board in constructing public school buildings and purchasing lot or lots upon which such buildings may be built, or for paying off any indebtedness of this Board incurred heretofor in constructing public school buildings.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. John Southgate of the firm of Southgate & Son here asked for a hearing, which, being granted, he stated that he had suffered considerable loss by reason of damage done by water to goods belonging to him and stored in the Old Comptroller's Department and, by theft of a portion of said goods, he asked that the Board investigate the matter and allow him damages. His complaint was referred to the Building Committee. [276]

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

May 22, 1891

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, John McDonald, W.J. Mathews, William Von Rosenberg.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report was read from Superintendent J.B. Winn and, on motion of J.M. Litten, was received and considered *seriatim*.

The recommendation in regard to issuing certificates to teachers now in the service of the Schools, not holding certificates, was first considered and, on motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that all teachers considered competent by the Superintendent and who had stood the competitive examination required of all applicants for positions in the schools, be awarded certificates.

The report of I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, giving the list of the members of the senior class recommended for graduation

and certificates, was next considered and, on motion of John McDonald, the Board approved the graduation of the following students and ordered their names and class standing as given spread upon the minutes: Leffler Corbitt 84, Daisy Crawford 88.5, Jessie Holland 79, Helen Hornsby 93.5, Annie McKay 77, Mary Pillow 72.5, Nellie Prowse 76, Lizzie Rutherford 77, Elvie Smith 77, Mabel Teagarden 75, Maude Roosevelt 77.5. [278]

The three following students were awarded certificates: Julia Baker 68, Gertrude Dunn 78, Carrie Dunn 88.5.

[*Commencement*] On motion of J.W Graham, the sum of \$30, or as much thereof as should be found necessary, was appropriated to pay the expense of the commencement exercises at Millett Opera House on Friday evening, May 29, at 8:30 p.m.

The request of H.T. Kealing, Principal of the Colored High School, for permission to close said school on Wednesday, May 27, was, on motion of J.W Mathews, granted.

On motion of J.W Graham, Superintendent Winn's recommendation in regard to much-needed repairs on school buildings was referred to the Building Committee, with authority to act.

On motion of Walter Tips, the question of retaining the service of some of the janitors during the summer vacation was referred to the Building Committee, with authority to take such steps as they should deem best.

On motion of Mr. Litten, \$25, or as much thereof as should be found necessary, was appropriated to pay for music for the commencement exercises of the High School.

The Finance Committee then submitted a report on the petition of E.L. Blackshear for an increase in his salary, which had been referred to them at the previous meeting. They approved of the increase asked for, but were not prepared to recommend it and suggested that no action be taken till the time [279] for the annual revision of the salaries of all teachers for the coming session. Their report was received and adopted.

On motion of Walter Tips, the report to the Building Committee was received and taken up *seriatim*.

The action of the committee in refusing the application of the Ruttan Manufacturing Company to supply the schools with their system of heating and ventilation was sustained.

[*East Austin: Deffenbaugh*] The committee recommended that Miss Brooke be refused the use of one of the East Austin School's rooms in which to teach a school during the summer vacation, but, after some discussion, the Board, on motion of J.M. Litten, granted her the use of the Deffenbaugh building at the East Austin School, on condition that she paid the Schools the same rent per month as is paid by them for the use of said building.

The action of the committee was sustained, in refusing to Miss Lydia Littman the use of a school room in the Temporary Capitol, in which to teach a school during the summer vacation.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The application for the use of the rooms of the High School Department in the Temporary Capitol in which to hold a summer normal, should the Department of Education see fit to establish one at Austin, was granted. The application of Mr. Harry Hutchings, to lease the Old Comptroller's Department in the Temporary Capitol for a printing establishment, was granted. The motion of John McDonald, that [280] his lease should be conditioned on his using no steam engine, and that the term of his lease should not extend beyond the time for which the School Board had leased the Temporary Capitol, was carried.

[*First Ward*] On motion of J.M. Litten, Mrs. E.M.E. Garland was granted the use of the First Ward School building in which to teach a school during the summer vacation, on condition that she paid to the Schools the same rent per month as is paid by them for the use of said building.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The request of I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, for the use of some of the school rooms of the Temporary Capitol for the purpose of teaching a school therein during the summer months, was referred to the Building Committee, with authority to act.

Mr. John Southgate of the firm of Southgate & Son here asked for a hearing, which, being granted, he stated that he estimated the damage done to goods belonging to him and stored in the Old Comptroller's Department, a claim for which he had presented at the previous meeting, at \$50. He further stated that he owed the Board \$150 for unpaid rent of said rooms and [was] prepared to pay \$100 of this amount, the balance \$50 to be allowed by the Board for damage done to his property. On motion, his proposition was accepted.

H.T. Kealing, Supervisor of the Colored Schools, being present, [281] read his annual report of the condition of the Colored Schools,

and, at its close, the Board, on motion of Walter Tips, tendered acknowledgments to Mr. Kealing for his able and carefully-prepared report and his earnest interest in the Schools.

The Board then adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

June 5, 1891

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, J.W. Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report was read from Superintendent J.B. Winn, and, on motion of John McDonald, it was approved, and the Superintendent was authorized to issue certificates to all teachers in the employment of the Schools who were deemed competent by him and who had passed the required examination.

On motion of J.M. Litten, the Board appropriated \$25 for the purchase of books for the High School library.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the recommendation of the Superintendent in regard to the annual competitive examination of teachers was approved, and it was ordered that the examination be held from July 5 to 11, inclusive.

On motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the election of teachers be held after the competitive examination.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the report of the Building Committee was received and adopted. The report stated that the fire insurance on the West Austin School building, having expired, the Committee had renewed it, distributing it among the following companies:

- Phoenix [283] (McCleery and Morris, agents)
- \$2,000, Royal (Eggleston and Goldbeck, agents) \$2,000
- American (Tobin and Johnson, agents) \$2,000
- Northern (Warner and Raymond, agents) \$2,000

Professor J.B. Rogers, Principal of the West Austin School, read his annual report and, on motion of J.M. Litten, it was received and the thanks of the Board tendered him for the same.

On motion of J.W. Graham, Misters. L.R. Walden and Isaac Gillespie, who were present, were granted a hearing.

Mr. Walden stated that he wished to give the Board his views on the necessity for having a better system of teaching penmanship in the schools and said that, if his views met the approval of the Board, he would make them a proposition on behalf of his brother, to introduce into the schools a thorough system of teaching penmanship. No discussion was had or action taken.

Mr. I. Gillespie asked the attention of the Board while he expressed his views on the necessity of having a more thorough system of teaching reading in the Public Schools and said that, if his views met with their approval, he would be pleased to make them a proposition to introduce his own system. No discussion was had or action taken.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

June 11, 1891

At a meeting of the City School Board held this day, the following members were in attendance: R.M. Swearingen, President, J.M. Litten, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham.

The meeting being called, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Superintendent made a verbal report, asking for the time of holding the competitive examination be changed from July 5, to July 14, which, on motion, was adopted.

Professor I.H. Bryant read and commented on his annual report of the High School, and, on motion of Walter Tips, it was ordered that action on the report of Professor Bryant to be postponed until it was given in proper form.

The Board then adjourn, to meet again on Thursday, June 18.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

June 18, 1891

At an adjourned meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Miss Mollie Brown, teacher of the seventh Grammar grade in the Sixth Ward School, being present, tendered her resignation, which was accepted by the President in the name of the Board, with expressions of regret. J.M. Litten moved that the resignation be formally accepted, and, on motion of Walter Tips, the Secretary was instructed to prepare a letter for Miss Brown, testifying to the number of years of her service in the Schools and the universal satisfaction which her service had given the Board.

[*Taff*] J.L. Taff, Principal of the East Austin Schools, being present, read his annual report on the condition of the schools under his care, which, on motion of J.M. Litten, was received and the thanks of the Board tendered him for the same

On motion of J.W. Graham the reports of Miss Octavia Clifton, Principal of the Sixth Ward School, and Miss H.A. McCrillis, Principal of the Central Austin School, were ordered read and the thanks of the Board tendered them. The report of Miss McCrillis was read and, on motion of J.M. Litten, [286] received with the thanks of the Board.

The annual report of the Superintendent relating to the general welfare of the Schools was read and, on motion of J.M. Litten, received and the thanks of the Board tendered him.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the Board proceeded to the election of principals.

On motion of Walter Tips, the question of the election of teachers was referred to a committee of which R.M. Swearingen was president, and the election of teachers was deferred one week, till Thursday, June 25.

The Board then proceeded to the election of principals.

On motion of J.M. Litten, I.H. Bryant was reelected principal of the High School.

On motion of Walter Tips, it was ordered that a male principal be elected for the Sixth Ward School and, the name of Professor Isaac Gillespie of Jacksonville, Texas being submitted, he was, on motion of J.W. Smith, elected.

On motion of J.W. Graham, Miss F.R. Brooke was reelected Principal of the Arsenal Block School.

On motion of J.W. Smith, J.L. Taff was reelected Principal of the East Austin schools.

On motion of J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers was reelected Principal of the West Austin School.

On motion of J.W. Graham, Miss H.A. McCrillis was reelected Principal of the Central Austin School.

On motion of J.W. Graham, Mrs. E.M.E. Garland was reelected [287] Principal of the First Ward School.

The secretary read an application from Miss Mollie Dawson, formerly a teacher in the Austin Public Schools, for the position of Principal of the South Austin School, the Board being of the opinion that a male principal would be necessary to preside over the South Austin School. The election was deferred.

J.W. Smith offered a motion to abolish the positions of all Supervisors, to which J.W. Graham offered an amendment, to abolish the positions of all White Supervisors. After some discussion, Mr. Graham changed his amendment, to read "abolish the position of Supervisors of Primary grades."

On motion of J.W. Smith, the position of Instructor in Music in the Austin Public Schools was abolished.

On motion of J.M. Litten, H.T. Kealing was reelected to the position of Supervisor of all Colored Schools and Principal of the Colored High School.

On motion of J.M. Litten, H.B. Fry was reelected Principal of the Central Grammar School

On motion of J.W. Graham, E.L. Blackshear was reelected Principal of the Robertson Hill Colored School.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the name of R.E.L. Holland, Principal of the Third Ward Colored School, was passed for future consideration.

On motion of John McDonald, the name of W.G. Wilson, Principal of the Masontown Colored School was passed for further consideration. [288]

On motion, the Board adjourned, to meet again at five o'clock on Thursday, June 25.

*{R.M. Swearingen, President}*

*{J.W. Graham, Secretary}*

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Austin, Texas

July 3, 1891

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Smith.

The minutes of the meetings held on June 5, 11 and 18 were read and approved.



A report was read from Superintendent J.B. Winn, and, on motion of J.M. Litten, it was received and considered *seriatim*.

[*Miss Dawson*] An application was read from Charles H. Hufford for the position of Principal of the Eleventh Ward School, his name, with that of Miss Mollie Dawson, whose application was presented at the previous meeting, being the only ones submitted as applicants for the position. The Board proceeded to the election of a Principal for the Eleventh Ward School. The names of Charles H. Hufford and Miss Mollie Dawson being placed in nomination, a vote was taken, which resulted in a tie, three votes being cast for Mr. Hufford, and three for Miss Dawson. Neither being elected, further proceedings in the election were, by order of the President, deferred.

[*Oak Hill*] The question how to accommodate the children enrolled in the scholastic census from the new addition to the city was [290] discussed, and, on motion of J.W. Graham, the question of renting the schoolhouse in the Oak Hill district, south of the entrance to the lunatic asylum, was referred to the Building Committee, with authority to act.

[*Miss M. Dawson*] Mr. Walter Tips having arrived, the President directed that the vote on the Principal of the Eleventh Ward School should be retaken, which was done, resulting in three votes being cast for Mr. Hufford and four for Miss Dawson. Miss Mollie Dawson was declared elected

On motion of J.W. Graham, the question of how to accommodate the children enrolled in the scholastic census from the tenth district was referred to the Building Committee, with authority to act.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion of J.W. Smith, the question of how to abate the nuisance created in the High School Department, made by the movement of the machinery of Hutchings Printing House, was referred to the Building Committee.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the Building Committee was authorized to confer with Judge William von Rosenberg, Superintendent of County Schools in regard to transferring to the custody of the City all school furniture and other school property belonging to that portion of the County which had recently been annexed to the City.

The Secretary then read the resignation of Miss Arta B. Numbers, Supervisor of the Primary grades of the Austin Public Schools, and, on [291] motion of J.M. Litten, it was accepted by the Board.

J.W. Smith submitted the following report of the Committee on Teachers:

To the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools,  
Your committee makes the following recommendations:

First, that Miss Carrington be not engaged as teacher in the High School.

Second, that Miss Mary M. Leverett be elected teacher in the High School.

Third, that B.S. Brown be reelected teacher in the High School.

Fourth, that Miss Blanche Wilson be reelected teacher at the Arsenal Block School.

Fifth, that Miss Mattie Brumley be not elected on account of defective eyesight.

Sixth, that Miss S.R. Cooke be not employed as teacher in the East Austin Schools.

Seventh, that Miss Anna P. Ellis be reelected teacher in East Austin Schools.

[Miss Kate Eanes elected] Eighth, that Miss Kate Eanes be elected as teacher in the East Austin Schools.

Nineth, that Miss Mary L. Sloss be transferred to some other school.

Tenth, that M.E. Neale and Anna E. Grinage be reelected as teachers in Robertson Hill School.

Eleventh, that R.E.L. Holland be reelected as teacher in the Third Ward Colored School.

{R.M. Swearingen} {James W. Smith} {Walter Tips} Committee

[292] On motion of J.W. Graham, the report was received and considered *seriatim*.

On motion of John McDonald, Section 1 was approved.

On motion of J.W. Graham, Section 2 was approved.

On motion of John McDonald, Section 3 was approved, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were read, and, there being no objection, stood approved.

On motion of John McDonald, the report was then adopted as a whole.

John McDonald then rose and addressed the Board on the rule excluding from the schools all pupils under eight years of age. He said he had been opposed to the proposition before it became a rule and was still opposed to it and hoped to see it changed. He was followed by W.J. Mathews, who was also strongly opposed to the rule and spoke in favor of admitting pupils at the age of seven years. When he had closed, Mr. McDonald moved to postpone the time for enforcing

the rule excluding children under eight years of age for 12 months. The motion was lost.

The Board then adjourned.

{R.M. Swearingen, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

July 28, 1891

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Superintendent was read, and, on motion of J.W. Graham, that portion of it referring to a change in textbooks now in use in the High School was referred to the Committee on Textbooks.

On motion of John McDonald, the report was received and considered *seriatim*.

On motion of J.M. Litten, the following recommendations of the Superintendent, in regard to issuing certificates to those applicants for positions who did the competitive examination, was approved. It is recommended that first-grade certificates be issued to the nine teachers who passed the examination, and that second- and third-grade certificates be issued to those who did not pass, to be given according to merit of percent of scholarship, that the second- and third-grade be good for one year and given to those who elect to serve as substitute teachers.

On motion of J.M. Litten, \$650, or as much thereof as should be found [294] necessary, was appropriated to purchase furniture, blackboards and such supplies as are necessary for the organization of the schools.

[Oak Hill] J.M. Litten, Chairman of the Building Committee, then reported that the Committee had, by virtue of the authority given them at the previous meeting, rented the Oak Hill School house, for which they had agreed to pay the sum of \$7 per month during the school session.

The Secretary then read a communication from Miss Mignnette Carrington, during the session of 1890 to 1891 a teacher in the High School, defending herself against charges which are believed had been brought against her by I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School. In support of her statements, she filed testimonials from Mrs. Daisy

Crawford and Carrie Dunn, members of the senior class in the High School during the past session.

Judge J.T. Fulmore, being present, asked permission to address the Board for a few minutes in behalf of Miss Carrington. He stated that he did not come before the Board to ask for her reinstatement, but, believing an injustice had been done her, he asked that the Board either make a thorough investigation of the case or that the statements in regard to Miss Carrington be expunged from the records.

After some discussion, Walter Tips offered the following resolution, which was approved: Resolved that, [295] in the action taken by this, the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools, on the third day of July, 1891, the refusal to re-engage the services of Miss Mignnette Carrington, a teacher in the High School, was not based on the statement made in regard to her in the report of I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, and is in no way intended as a reflection upon her character as a lady or her ability as a teacher.

The election of teachers coming up, Dr. J.M. Litten placed the name of Miss Mary Lowry in nomination for the position of teacher at Oak Hill School house, but, after some further discussion, withdrew her name and, on motion of Walter Tips, the election of teachers was postponed until Thursday, July 30, at five o'clock, when the report of the Superintendent should be received.

The Board then adjourned.

*{R.M. Swearingen, President}*

*{J.W. Graham, Secretary}*

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Austin, Texas

July 30, 1891

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

A report was read from Superintendent J.B. Winn in regard to the number of teachers needed for the coming session. The report was received, and, on motion of J.M. Litten, the Board proceeded to the election of teachers.

A list of eligible applicants was read in the order of their scholarship and, on motion, Miss Mary Lowry was elected to a position as teacher.

On motion of J.W. Smith, Miss Anna Jary was elected a teacher.

On motion of J.W. Graham, Miss Mary E. Johnson was elected a teacher.

J.W. Graham then placed in nomination the name of Miss Octavia Clifton to fill the vacancy in the High School. John McDonald moved, as a substitute to Mr. Graham's motion, to postpone the election to fill the vacancy in the High School, which motion was lost, and the vote being taken on Mr. Graham's motion resulted in the election of Miss Clifton.

The Secretary then read a report of the Finance Committee fixing the salaries of teachers for the coming year, and, on motion, it [297] was received and adopted.

The following report of the Textbook Committee was read and, on motion of J.W. Smith, adopted:

- That Myer's *General History* and Montgomery's *History of England* be substituted for Anderson's *General History*.
- That Appleton's *School Physics* be substituted for Avery's *First Principles in Natural Philosophy*
- That Woods' *Lessons in Botany* be substituted for Gray's *Field & School Book*
- That LeCompt's *Compendium of Geology* and Holder's *Zoology* be adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{R.M. Swearingen, President}

{J.W. Graham, Secretary}

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Austin, Texas

September 4, 1891

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, John McDonald, J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, Walter Tips.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report from Superintendent J.B. Winn was read, received and taken up *seriatim*.

On motion of J.M. Litten, Miss Lizzie Rumsey was elected to fill a vacancy in the West Austin School.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the resignation of Miss Nannie Kelley was accepted, and, at the suggestion of the President, the Superintendent was requested to express the regrets of the Board for the loss of so faithful a teacher.

On motion of John McDonald, the following children were granted a transfer from the City to the County Schools: Ralph, Mabel, Janie, Myrtle, Lucy and Rebecca Cloud.

On motion of J.W. Smith, an application for the transfer of Alice and Minnie Moreland from Austin to Merrilltown District #9 was granted.

A petition from the parents of the following children living within the new City limits to have them transferred from the City to the Go Valle School was granted, on motion of John McDonald. [299]

On motion of Walter Tips, that portion of the Superintendent's report relating to an additional building at the Arsenal Block was referred to the Building Committee for investigation, with instructions to report the result of their investigation to the Board. Mr. Tips amended his motion to read, "referred to the Building Committee, with authority to act, providing the expense does not exceed \$50," which was passed.

[*Oak Hill: Scott's Store*] On motion of J.W. Smith, it was ordered that the use of the South Austin, Oak Hill and Scott's Store School houses be allowed for purposes of divine worship and Sunday school, provided that the persons so using them defray their *pro rata* of the expense in the consumption of fuel, lights and janitors' services.

Treasurer Tips submitted his financial report for the year beginning July 1, 1890 and closing August 31, 1891, and, on motion of J.M. Litten, his report was received, adopted, and the thanks of the Board tendered him for the same.

Mr. Tips then stated to the Board that the trustees of the Allan Fund held vendor's lien notes secured by real estate and other negotiable paper to the amount of about \$7,000, which he believed, if it could be realized on, could be profitably invested in a \$10,000 building at the Arsenal Block, provided the balance of the expense, about \$3,000, could be provided for by giving [300] mechanic's lien notes on the building or by similar means.

[*East Austin*] J.W. Smith then stated that, if such a plan proved available for the Arsenal Block, he could see no reason why an additional \$10,000 should not be borrowed for the purpose of erecting a building at East Austin, similarly secured and refunded from the current year's sinking fund for building purposes.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the question of the legality of the Board making notes for money borrowed for building purposes was

referred to the Finance Committee, for investigation, with instructions to report the result to the Board.

[*West Austin, Sixth Ward & Oak Hill*] J.M. Litten, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that his committee had rented for school purposes the school building at Oak Hill at \$7 per month, and what is known as Scott's Store at \$7 per month, and that repairs had been made at the West Austin and Sixth Ward Schools, bills for which had not yet been rendered.

[*Principals: Oak Hill, Scott's Store, South Austin*] Dr. Litten then presented the request of Miss Mary Lowry, Principal of the Oak Hill School, to have her salary fixed at \$60 per month, instead of \$50, as is usually paid for first year's service. He further stated that she had requested that the increase be made to apply to Miss Mary Johnson, Principal of the Scott's Store School [and] Miss Mollie Dawson, Principal of the South Austin School. [301]

The Board then adjourned.

{*R.M. Swearingen, President*}

{*J.W. Graham, Secretary*}

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Austin, Texas

October 2, 1891

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there was present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, John McDonald, J.W. Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report from Superintendent J.B. Winn was read and received and, on motion of J.M. Litten, considered *seriatim*.

On motion of J.W. Smith, the resignation of Miss Annie Shapard was received, with expressions of regret by the Board.

[*Temporary Capitol*] On motion of Walter Tips, the application of Miss Addie McCrillis, for the use of a room in the Temporary Capitol, for the purpose of teaching a school therein for pupils under eight years of age, was rejected.

[*Robertson Hill*] On motion of Walter Tips, the application of H.T. Kealing and others, for the use of a school room at the Robertson Hill School for the purposes of teaching a night school therein, was rejected.

A copy of the minutes of the Principals meeting held on October 1 was submitted and, endorsing a revision of paragraphs six and eight,

pages 30 and 31 of the Rules and Regulations, the matter was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Rules.

On motion of Walter Tips, the Secretary was instructed to inform Professor L.R. Walden of the Texas Business College that complaint, serious and repeated, [303] had been lodged against him because of water flowing through the floor of his apartments into the rooms of the Public Schools on the second floor of the Temporary Capitol, damaging the furniture and plaster, so that the latter falls, endangering the lives of the children attending the Public Schools, and that, if the nuisance is not stopped, the Board will take steps to cancel his contract.

[*Clarksville*] J.M. Litten, Chairman of the Building Committee reported that the Building Committee had rented the building known as the Sweet Home Church at Clarksville for school purposes, for the sum of \$5 per month for the scholastic session.

Walter Tips, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee had investigated the question referred to them at the previous meeting, as to the legality of the Board making notes for money borrowed for building purposes, that the City Attorney, George F. Pendexter had stated that, while he had not investigated the question thoroughly, he was of the opinion that the Board had the legal right to do so. Mr. Tips stated that he had talked to several parties with a view to realizing on the vendor's lien notes and other negotiable paper held by the trustees of the Allan Fund, but had not yet found a purchaser.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the committee were granted further time in which to pursue their investigations, and, on motion of John McDonald, the committee were instructed to obtain the opinion of the City Attorney in writing. [304]

A communication was read from the teachers of the High School, asking permission to dismiss at an hour earlier than 3:00 p.m., but not before 2:00 p.m. and, giving their reasons therefore. On motion of John McDonald, the communication was referred to the Committee on Rules.

J.W. Graham moved that those pupils who would be eight years of age within five months from the beginning of the current session be allowed to enter at once. John McDonald then moved to refer Mr. Graham's proposition to the Committee on Rules. His motion was lost.



J.W. Smith reported that Mr. P.C. Seiders, resident near the Oak Hill School, had a child under eight years of age whom he desired to enroll in the schools and, for whose tuition he would gladly pay. Mr. McDonald then moved to admit all children under eight years of age whose parents desired to pay their tuition. His motion found no second.

William von Rosenberg stated that complaint had been made to him that children were being excluded from the schools for the current session because of unpaid tuition accounts for the session of 1890-1891. He asked that the matter be investigated.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
November 6, 1891

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, John McDonald.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report was read from Superintendent J.B. Winn and, no objection being offered, was considered *seriatim*.

The Superintendent reported that he had been requested to make arrangements to establish a school at the Dam for the accommodation of about 14 children living in that neighborhood. He was assured that Mr. William Walsh would furnish a school house free of rent. No formal petition having been filed for the establishment of such a school, no action was taken by the Board.

The Superintendent also reported that, at the earnest request of several of the Colored citizens living in the neighborhood of the Barton Creek School, arrangements had been made to open a school there, but, upon applying to Judge von Rosenberg for the use of the building, it was discovered that it had already been rented to the County. The number of children who would have attended the school being small, it was decided not to open the school there. On the motion of J.W. Graham, the action of the Superintendent was approved. [306]

The question of the propriety of taking up a collection in the schools for the benefit of the World's Fair Fund was passed without action, the rules of the Board prohibiting such collections.

The case of Willie Newburg, a pupil of the East Austin School, was next considered, the charge of impertinence and disorderly conduct being sustained. His suspension of two weeks, already assessed by the Principal, was sustained, and the suspension extended to four weeks.

[*Arsenal Block*] Treasure Tips, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee had made some progress in the investigation in regard to building at the Arsenal Block and East Austin, and asked for further time in which to pursue their investigation, which was granted them.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and, on motion of Walter Tips, approved.

The Committee on Rules, to whom was referred the propriety of changing the school hours for the High School, respectfully report adversely to a change.

The recommendation of the Principals in regard to changing section 6, page 30, and section 8, page 31 were also disapproved.

A communication was read from L.R. Walden of the Texas Business College, claiming that the damage done to the furniture of the Austin Public Schools by leakage of water through the floor of his apartments was not chargeable to him, by reason of the fact that the leakage was caused [307] by defective plumbing connected with the building and by one of much-needed repair to the building. On motion of Walter Tips, his report was ordered filed.

A communication was read from George A. Prouse, asking that he be allowed to attend the High School, although over 20 years of age, on condition that he pay his tuition. No action was taken, there being already a rule on this point.

A communication was read from H.T. Kealing, asking permission to expend one-half of the \$50 appropriated for the benefit of the libraries of the Colored Schools in the purchase of apparatus for the use of the Colored High School. His request was granted.

E.L. Blackshear, being present, asked permission to address the Board in behalf of an increase in his salary. His request was granted, and, after some discussion, the matter was, on motion of J.W. Graham, referred to the Finance Committee.

The President then stated that Mrs. Ella Brown had appealed from the decision of the Superintendent in regard to her sister, who had been dropped from the rolls of the school because of disrespect to her teacher and violation of the rules. He held that an apology was

necessary before she could re-enter the schools and stated that her communication in regard to the matter was on file. After some discussion, the Board, on motion of Walter Tips, sustained the action of the President and Superintendent.

The Board then adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
November 17, 1891

At a special called meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten, Walter Tips, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, J.W. Smith,

The Secretary stated that the purpose of the meeting was to bring before the Board the petition of about 100 citizens that R.M. Swearingen, J.M. Litten and Walter Tips, whose terms as members of the Board of Trustees expired on December 5, would allow their names to be submitted to the people again. All having refused to do so, the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing the best means of choosing their successors. After some discussion, on motion of Walter Tips, Mayor John McDonald was requested to call a public meeting for the purpose of nominating the successors to the three retiring trustees.

The Board then adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
December 4, 1891.

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.M. Litten, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, J.W. Smith, John McDonald.

The minutes of the meetings held on November 6 and 17 were read and approved.

A report was read from Superintendent J.B. Winn and, on motion of John McDonald, it was received and considered *seriatim*.

On motion of J.W. Graham, \$300, or as much thereof as should be found necessary, was appropriated for the purpose of purchasing furniture, which the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Committee on Supplies, were authorized to purchase.

The recommendation of the Superintendent, in regard to transferring the state funds of those Colored children living in the neighborhood of the Barton Creek School, from the City to the County

and allowing them to attend the nearest County School, was approved, on motion of James W. Smith, and the funds ordered transferred.

On motion of John McDonald, the Christmas holidays were ordered to extend from 12:00 p.m., December 24, 1891, to Monday, January 4, 1892.

A communication was read from the *American School Board Journal* of Milwaukee, offering to furnish their journal, the regular subscription price of which was \$2 *per annum*, to the members of the Austin City School Board [310] at \$1 *per annum*, on condition that several copies were taken. On motion of John McDonald, the communication was laid on the table.

Walter Tips, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee did not wish to recommend an increase in the salary of E.L. Blackshear, Principal of the Robertson Hill School. On motion of J.W. Graham, the report was received and adopted.

The Board then adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
December 17, 1891

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: R.M. Swearingen, J.W. Graham, Walter Tips, John McDonald, J.W. Smith.

There were also present Misters S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock and George P. Garrison, members elected on December 5 to fill the vacancies made by the expiration of the terms of office of R.M. Swearingen. J.M. Litten and Walter Tips.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

J.W. Smith read a report of the Finance Committee, stating that they had examined the books and accounts of Walter Tips, Treasurer, and found the same to be correct. On motion of J.W. Graham, the report was received and approved.

Treasurer Tips then stated that he had no funds on hand to transfer to his successor, that the Schools owed no money, except \$10,000, reported on August 31, and \$1,900 recently borrowed.

President R.M. Swearingen then rose and, in a few words, expressed his regret at severing his connection with the Board of Trustees, of which he had been a member for years and in whose work he took such interest. He had, however, such confidence in the men

who would succeed him that he felt the interests of the Schools would be well cared for. [312]

He was followed by James W. Smith, who expressed for himself and, in behalf of the Board, their appreciation of his uniform courtesy and forbearance, and his faithful service in behalf of the public schools.

Mr. Tips also expressed the regrets of himself and Dr. J.M. Litten, the retiring Vice President, who was too ill to be present.

He was followed by J.W. Graham as the only member of the Board remaining who had served more than one term, and, by Mr. Hancock, in behalf of the new members, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Garrison also spoke regretfully of losing the services of such old and faithful members.

Dr. Swearingen then withdrew, and the Board proceeded to the election of Officers.

On motion of John McDonald, George P. Garrison was made President *Pro Tem*.

Nominations being in order, J.W. Graham nominated James W. Smith for President. Elected.

On motion of S.K. Morley, G.P. Garrison was elected Vice President.

On motion of J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock was elected Treasurer.

On motion of S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham was elected Secretary.

President J.W. Smith then appointed Lewis Hancock, S.K. Morley and J.W. Graham as members of the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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Austin, Texas

January 25, 1892

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison, Lewis Hancock, John McDonald, S.K. Morley, W.J. Mathews.

President Smith stated that Mr. Charles S. Morse was present and desired to address the Board. If no objection was offered, he would do so. No objection being offered, Mr. Morse rose and stated that he wished to address the Board in behalf of the World's Fair. He desired permission to place in the rooms of the Schools cards which the pupils might take, if they wished, and collect thereon on a subscription of \$1, which, when returned to him, would entitle the child to one share in

the World's Fair Building. After some discussion, on motion of John McDonald, the following resolution offered by Mr. Morse was laid over till the next regular meeting, to be made the special order of business: Resolved that Charles S. Morse, representing the World's Fair Committee be permitted to distribute to the teachers and children of the various schools propositions to make collections for stock to said World's Fair, said propositions to consist of a card similar to those used in other schools in various cities in this state.

John McDonald, chairman of the Building Committee, then read the following report,

Austin, Texas  
January 23, 1892 [314]

To the Board of School Trustees, City of Austin:

Gentlemen, your Committee on School Buildings would most respectfully recommend the following improvements for the South Austin School:

First, the building of a five-board fence entirely around the lot as per plan and specifications.

Second, the building of four outbuildings with close-board fence around the same, the same as we now have at the Sixth Ward School.

We herewith submit 15 bids received for said work and would recommend the acceptance of the bid of W.J. Malone, who proposes to do the work for the sum of \$149.70.

Very respectfully,  
{John McDonald} {W.J. Mathews}  
Committee on School Buildings

Superintendent Winn then submitted a communication from W.J. Malone, stating that he had discovered an error in his bid. Having based his calculations on only one-half the closets required, he would build the full number required for \$55, in addition to his bid already on file. His bid was rejected.

After some discussion as to what action should be taken, the Board, having rejected the bid recommended by the Committee, Mr. McDonald, with the permission of the Board, withdrew the report and, as Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that the work was necessary and advised that the bid of J.W. Patton, proposing to do the work at [315] \$157.71 be accepted, provided that, upon

investigation, he be found to be a competent workman. Mr. McDonald also stated that a closet was needed at the Scott's Store School, which the Superintendent thought could be furnished at a cost of about \$12. On motion of John McDonald, the Superintendent was authorized to contract for a closet at said school and, on motion of Lewis Hancock, the Building Committee were authorized to enter into a contract for the work at the South Austin School, provided that they could find a satisfactory bidder.

John McDonald then gave notice that, at the next meeting, he would call up for reconsideration the rule excluding children under eight years of age and would offer a resolution to admit them for the balance of this session at seven years of age.

On motion of Lewis Hancock, it was ordered that the Board meet at 9:30 o'clock on Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, for the purpose of visiting such of the public schools as it should then be determined upon.

The Board then adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
February 5, 1892

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, John McDonald, W.J. Mathews, S.K. Morley.

There were also present Mrs. J.J. Tobin, President of the Texas Board of Lady Managers for the World's Fair, and Mr. Charles S. Morse, her representative at the previous meeting of the School Board. Mr. L.N. Goldbeck was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Lewis Hancock, the regular order of business was suspended to allow Mr. Charles S. Morse, on behalf of Mrs. Tobin, to address the Board in regard to the resolution which he had submitted and requested the Board to pass at the last meeting. John McDonald moved to pass the resolution. Lewis Hancock then moved to lay it on the table, which motion was lost. Some discussion followed, and George P. Garrison moved to postpone action and further discussion of the subject until it should come up in the regular order of business. His motion was lost. After some further discussion, the question was on motion of John McDonald referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Secretary then read a report of Superintendent J.B. Winn, which, on motion of [317] Lewis Hancock, was received.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the action of the Superintendent in regard to the employment of Miss Addie McCrillis, as an assistant teacher of English in the High School, on one-half time at a salary of \$20 per month, was approved.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the action of the Superintendent, in employing Mrs. R. Blackshear and Mrs. L.B. McCree to take charge of the first grade at Gregorytown and the third grade at Robertson Hill, respectively, was approved.

J.W. Graham, on behalf of the Building Committee, reported that the Superintendent had awarded the contract for the improvements to be made at the South Austin School to H.H. Whitten & Company for \$211.

J.W. Graham, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, then submitted a communication from E.L. Blackshear, asking for an additional allowance per month in remuneration for his services in teaching three High School classes. His communication was ordered filed.

John McDonald then moved that the rule excluding children under eight years of age be amended so as to admit them for the balance of the current session at the age of seven years, and that his motion be referred to the Committee on Rules with instructions to report at the next meeting. His motion was passed.

Mr. L.N. Goldbeck, agent for the Allan Estate, being present, requested permission to address the Board, which, being granted, he stated that during the [318] lifetime of Judge John T. Allan, he had sold to one L.L. Boyd 120 acres out of the A. de los Reyes survey situated in Kauffman County, Texas, taking payment therefore, part in cash and the balance in vendor's lien notes due at various times. The land was sold at the price of \$4 per acre. He made an agreement with L.L. Boyd by letter that, should the adjoining three blocks of land be sold within a year at \$4 per acre, and should he, L.L. Boyd, be instrumental in finding a purchaser for the same, the first-named party, Judge J.T. Allan, would then credit Mr. Boyd with 50 cents per acre to be deducted from the last payment on his notes. L.L. Boyd had found a purchaser for said property in Misters Godart and Rushing within the year and, in accordance with the terms, he now claimed the deduction of 50 cents per acre from the amount of the last note,



which fell due on December 1, 1892, and was held jointly by Miss Geraldine C. Osborn of New Orleans and the City

of Houston, each holding one-half interest. Miss Osborn had authorized the agents, Misters Eggleston and Goldbeck, to allow her one-half share of the \$60 claimed, and he now asked that the Board authorized him to allow their share, amounting to \$30. On motion of John McDonald, he was authorized to do so.

I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, then stated that Mrs. Weller, teacher of elocution, had made arrangements to give a concert, two-thirds of the proceeds of which were to be given for the [319] benefit of the World's Fair, the other third to belong to Mrs. Weller. The concert was to be given in the High School assembly hall and be participated in by the High School pupils. Tickets had been printed, and he had about 400 on hand at 25 cents each, which he desired permission to distribute among the pupils. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Rules.

He then stated that, as he did not desire to have the Board change the rules for such a case, he asked whether they would allow her to hold the concert in the assembly hall, sell no tickets, collect the price of admission at the door, [and] the proceeds to go to the benefit of the school library. J.W. Graham moved to grant his request. Mr. McDonald amended the motion of Mr. Graham, to read "provided that the teachers and scholars be prohibited from selling or distributing tickets to said entertainment." The motion, as amended, was passed.

On motion of John McDonald, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of three to act as trustees of the John T. Allan Fund, and that the President be requested to act as one of said committee. His motion was passed. The President then appointed Treasurer Hancock and Secretary Graham as the other two members.

The Board then adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
March 8, 1892

At a postponed meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, George P. Garrison, S.K. Morley.

The minutes of the meetings held on December 17, 1891 and February 5, 1892 were read and approved.

A report from Superintendent J.B. Winn was read and, on motion of J.W. Graham, received, and the recommendations and actions of the Superintendent in regard to the Sixth Ward School approved.

On motion of John McDonald, the resignations of Miss Lillian Rimassa, teacher of the sixth grade at the West Austin School, and Mrs. M.E. Neale, teacher of the third grade at the Robertson Hill School, were accepted, and the leave of absence granted Mrs. J.E. Lampkins, teacher of the first grade at the West Austin Colored School, by the Superintendent, on account of her health, was approved.

The Secretary then read the following majority report of the Committee on Rules:

To the School Board of Austin City, Texas:

Your Committee on Rules respectfully recommend that rule number four be changed to read, "Resident pupils shall be admitted free of tuition between the ages seven and nineteen years of age."

Signed,

{S.K. Morley} {W.J. Mathews} [321]

John McDonald moved its adoption. A long discussion followed and, upon the vote being taken, his motion was lost.

Treasurer Hancock then presented his estimate of the expenses and revenue of the schools for the balance of the current session. He also made a statement of the cash resources of the Allan Fund and, on motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the Board meet at four o'clock on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, for the purpose of deciding what disposition should be made of the same.

George P. Garrison then presented a request to have the Committees on Textbooks and Examinations consolidated for the more expeditious and satisfactory transaction of business coming before them.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
March 11, 1892

At an adjourned meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, S.K. Morley.

Treasurer Hancock submitted a statement of the condition of the John T. Allan Fund and, after some discussion on his motion, the trustees of said fund were authorized to invest the cash resources of the same securing to the investments by real estate.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the Building Committee were authorized to solicit plans and specifications for a building to be erected on the Arsenal Block, to cost not more than \$10,000.

George P. Garrison then asked that the Rules and Regulations be so changed as to assign to one committee the duties now devolving upon the two committees known as the Committee on Examinations and the Committee on Textbooks. On motion of J.W. Graham, the question was referred to the Committee on Rules.

On motion, the Board then adjourned, to meet at four o'clock on Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, for the purpose of receiving the Treasurer's recommendations in regard to the closing of the schools and setting a date for the same.

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Austin, Texas  
March 16, 1892

At an adjourned meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, John McDonald, S.K. Morley.

The Treasurer has submitted his estimate of what it would cost to run these Schools to April 30 and what the resources were for the current fiscal year. With the estimated expenses for the balance of the current fiscal year, he stated that, if the schools were closed on April 30, they would have a cash balance of about \$557.61. John McDonald moved that enough money be borrowed to run all the schools till May 15, and that the High School be continued till June 1, and that the Schools be closed on these dates. As stated, his motion was lost.

S.K. Morley moved that the Schools be closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, with the exceptions of such grades as are taught by Principals

on annual salaries, which grades shall be continued till the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May. His motion was passed.

The Secretary then read the following report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, which, on motion of John McDonald, was received and adopted.

The following changes in the bylaws of the Board are recommended: [324]

- That the paragraph enumerating committees be amended, so as to strike out the words "and Examinations" at the end of the paragraph, and the word "Textbooks," and insert, in lieu of the latter, the words "Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations."
- Number two, that the paragraph relating to Duties of Committees be amended by striking out rule number four, and the words "once a year," and rule number seven, and inserting in the first line of rule number seven, the words, "Teachers, Textbooks, and" so as to read, "the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations," etc.
- Number three, that rule number four under Duties of Superintendent be amended by inserting at the beginning of the clause the words with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations, so as to read as follows: "with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations."

Signed,

{S.K. Morley} {W.J. Mathews} {James W. Smith}

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
April 1, 1892

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, S.K. Morley.

The minutes of the meetings held on March 8 and 16 were read and approved.

A report was read from Superintendent J.B. Winn and, on motion of John McDonald, it was received and considered *seriatim*.

The recommendation that all grades in the schools be closed at the same time, April 30, with the exceptions of the senior classes in the Colored and White High Schools was, on motion of J.W. Graham, approved.

On motion of J.W. Graham, the use of school rooms was granted to those teachers desiring to teach private schools therein after the close of the public schools, on condition that they be properly cared for by them and subject to supervision by the Superintendent.

On motion of John McDonald, the state school funds of the children of Solomon Bryant and Eda Davis were transferred from the City to School #2, District #3, Barton Spring.

On motion of John McDonald, H.T. Kealing, Supervisor of the Colored Schools, was excused from attendance on his grade from April 27, for two weeks, in order that he might attend a Colored convention. [326]

On motion of S.K. Morley, the application of Rev. Del Valle for the use of the First Ward School room on Sunday, April 3, for the purposes of organizing a mission in that part of the city, was granted.

A report was read from the Building Committee and, on motion of George P. Garrison, the Committee was authorized to advertise for plans and specifications to be furnished for a two-story brick school building to be erected for the Arsenal Block, to cost not more than \$10,000.

A motion to adjourn was about to be presented when the Secretary asked a stay of proceedings for the purpose of reading a note which had just been handed him and read as follows:

Honorable Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools:

Gentlemen, I hereby tender my resignation as Clerk in the Office of the Superintendent of City Schools, to take effect not later than April 30.

In severing my connection with the Schools, I desire to express to the Board of Trustees, as a body, my appreciation of their unvarying courtesy, and to the individual members and the Superintendent my sincere thanks for the kindness shown me during the years I have been in their service.

Very respectfully,  
{Mary L. Boak}

The proposition came with much surprise to the gentleman of [327] the Board, who individually expressed complimentary regrets for the necessity which impels the young lady to sever her connection with the office and, on motion of Mr. Graham, it was resolved that the resignation be accepted and the thanks of the Board be tendered her for her long, faithful and efficient services.

The Board then adjourned.

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Austin, Texas, April 12, 1892

At a special meeting of the City School Board, held this day in the Superintendent's office, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, S.K. Morley, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock.

A communication was read from I.H. Bryant, Principal of the High School, asking that the number of pupils allowed by the rules to take part in the closing exercises of the High School be increased, from four to eight. On motion of John McDonald, the request was granted.

President J.W. Smith then announced that the assignment of the duties of the two committees known as the Committee on Examinations and the Committee on Textbooks, to a new committee to be known as the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations had necessitated the appointment of new members. He then appointed Mr. George P. Garrison, J.W. Graham, and W.J. Mathews as members of the Committee.

A request was then submitted from Superintendent Winn that the Board order that all pupils in attendance in the Schools be examined at the close of the current session, and that no honorary promotions be allowed this term. On motion, his request was granted.

A communication was read from Rev. R. Bruck, asking that he be allowed the use of a school [329] room in the various buildings in the different wards of the city for the purpose of giving lectures therein with magic lantern views of biblical scenes. On motion of John McDonald, his request was refused.

Plans and specifications which had been submitted for a school building to be erected on the Arsenal Block were then examined, and, on motion of J.W. Graham, it was ordered that the Board meet at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, to consider the plans and specifications of Lamour & Watson and Burt McDonald. An amendment offered by S.K. Morley to meet at 4:00, instead of 4:30, was carried.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
April 13, 1892

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day, the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, G.P. Garrison, Lewis Hancock, W.J. Mathews, Mayor McDonald.

President Smith having called the meeting to decide upon the adoption of plans for the Tenth Ward School building, Mr. Burt McDonald, Mr. Andranatha, Misters Lamour and Watson, and Mr. M\_\_ of Taylor submitted plans.

The four plans were carefully examined.

It was moved and carried that the plans of Mr. Andranatha and Mr. \_\_\_ be not further considered, as not applicable to the purpose of the Board. The plans of the other gentlemen were then elaborately explained. As there were some features in the plans under consideration which did not just suit the ideas of the undivided members as to their wants and purposes, it was further agreed that the plans be modified according to their suggestions, and the details be elaborated, so as to be more intelligent to them, and that the meeting do adjourn, subject to the call of the President.

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Superintendent's Office  
April 15, 1892

On the second call of the Board, there were present: J.W. Smith, G.P. Garrison, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock.

The President announced the subject of the meeting was to resume the consideration of the plan submitted for the Arsenal Block School house.

Mr. Bert McDonald sent in his plans, and more elaborate specifications of the two gentlemen [viz., of Lamour & Watson, were submitted]. The Board, on motion of Mr. Graham, adopted the plans of Misters Lamour and Watson, and adjourned to meet on the following day in the office of the architects, to examine more particularly the modifications of the two plans.

The committee were instructed to advertise for bids to the separate plans, limiting the opening of the bids to May 11.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Austin, Texas  
May 6, 1892.

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held May 6, there were present the following members: Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison.

The minutes of the meetings held on April 1 and 12 were read and approved.

Mr. Shipe was then introduced and stated that he was instructed to offer a piece of ground in Hyde Park to the School Board as a site for a school building, similar to the one to be built in the Tenth Ward. His proposition was that his side would give the ground and furnish the money to put up the building if the Board would pay 8% interest on the money and pay the principal within a stated time, say, three years hence.

Mr. Shipe then introduced Judge Fulmore, who spoke in favor of the scheme and showed he still had the interest of the little fellows at heart.

Mr. Hancock then discussed the matter, proposing the building should be erected by Mr. Shipe, with the privilege of its being bought by the Board later, if they saw fit—no building, however, to be built by them in that vicinity for school purposes, but to buy the one in Hyde Park, when one should be required for that purpose. Mr. Graham thought it would be needed within a year. On motion of Mr. Graham, the matter was referred to a special committee, with Dr. Hancock for President. Motion carried, and Misterns Hancock, Graham and Garrison chosen for that purpose. These gentlemen were immediately impressed with the idea that Mr. Shipe made a very good friend to any project he supported, for, after the committee had been convinced a little against their will, that they were not so busy as they thought they consented to be piloted by Mr. Shipe on the Tuesday following to be shown the plot selected and discuss the proposition of building upon it. Mr. Shipp then left, and the meeting took up regular business. [333]

The Superintendent handed in his report, which was read and then taken up in detail. The matter about renewing the lease on the Temporary Capitol building was referred to the Building Committee.

Miss Boak's resignation was read, and Miss Connie North elected as her successor. Miss North's official duties as Superintendent's Office Clerk to begin June 1.



On motion of Mr. Graham, Mr. Morley was elected as President of the Building Committee, in place of Mayor McDonald, resigned, with Judge Smith as *ex officio* member.

Mrs. Taff's resignation was read and accepted. This closed the Superintendent's report.

In the report on of Standing Committee, it was moved that the Building Committee meet May 11 to open bids for Arsenal Block building and that there be a called meeting of the Board the following day at 4:00 p.m. to act upon the bids, the Committee to have no power to reject or accept any bid without the concurrence of the Board. Carried.

A motion was made by Professor Garrison that, at the next regular meeting of the Board, they proceed to the election of a Principal for Sixth Ward School, in place of Mr. Gillespie, deceased. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

May 12, 1892

Omitted by error

At a called meeting for the purpose of considering the bids for erecting the Sixth Ward building, it was decided, after much discussion, to reject all bids and call for new ones. The Committee agreed that it would be better to gain classrooms by doing away with superfluities on the shape of ornamentation, the rooms to be 24 by 36, instead of smaller ones. As per present plan, it was moved and carried unanimously that the above-stated plan be accepted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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Austin, Texas

May 20, 1892

At a meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, W.J. Mathews.

The object of the called meeting was mainly to consider the report of the Principal of the High School in regard to the close of this same. The report was read by the Secretary, which was explained at length by Professor Bryant, Principal.

There were 29 students recommended for honors: 19 young ladies and 10 young men.

The following were recommended for diplomas: Grace Johnson, Kittie Carroll, Ellen Maddox, Wally Besserer, Carrie Dunn, Nellie

Mishan, Molly Jumlow, Maud Stowe, M. Estelle, Sadie Moore, Corelia Whitten, Effie Graves, Louise Crow, Lanie Harris, Lucy Compton, George Shelley, W. Hart, E. Carrington, R. Shapard, J. Spence, F. Richmon, H. Deckerd, and L. Brueggerhoff. For certificates: Clio Ainsworth, Louise McHenry, Maud Smith, Stephen Radkey and Walter Lindine.

On motion of Mr. Graham, it was ordered that Millett Opera House be rented for the closing exercises of the High School, and that the rental expenses incidents to the closing exercises be allowed. Adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was entertained, asking that \$40 indebtedness of the Capital Calvary Company for rent of rooms at the Temporary Capitol to pass to loss and gain, as the account could not be collected. On motion Mr. C.H. Powell, agent, was instructed to drop the amount from the deficiency roll.

This subject of renting the Temporary Capitol came up and, after discussing the same, it was referred to the Building Committee, with instructions to act.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office

May 26, 1892

At a special meeting of the City School Board held this day, the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, William von Rosenberg, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock, George P. Garrison.

The subject of the meeting was to hear the report of Mr. H.T. Kealing, Principal of the Colored High School. The report recommended the graduation of three of the students of the same: V.N. Hamilton, Florence Hamilton and William Ewing. After considering the report of the Principal, on motion of Mr. Graham, and seconded by Professor Garrison, it was ordered the above-named students do receive diplomas. On motion, it was ordered that the closing exercises of the Colored High School take place at the A.M.E. Church on Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, at 8:30 o'clock p.m.

The Committee on Buildings brought up the subject of accepting the proposition of the MK&T Company, to donate a block of ground at Hyde Park to the School Board and to erect a school building there on certain conditions. The subject was discussed at considerable

length by nearly all the members present, and, pending discussion, the Board adjourned the regular meeting.

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Superintendent's Office

June 3, 1892

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, held this third day of June, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Judge von Rosenberg, J.W. Graham, Mayor McDonald, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock, G.P. Harrison, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the meetings of May 6 and 20 were read and, after corrections, approved.

Moved by Mr. Hancock, and seconded by Mayor McDonald, that the Board adopt the Minority Report of the special Building Committee, which was reported at a previous meeting. Carried.

The Committee on Teachers made their report upon a Principal for the Sixth Ward School and an assistant teacher for the High School.

The report on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations was then taken up, which is as follows:

The Committee on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations would recommend in case the Board decided to elect a female Principal of the Sixth Ward School, we recommend Miss Pearl Cashell be elected to fill that position. But, in the event a male Principal is decided upon, we recommend Professor L.L. Todd of Taylor as first choice, and Professor E.A. Brennan of Caldwell as a second choice.

For assistant teachers: Miss Ellis, first choice. Miss Outey, second.

Signed,

{George P. Garrison} {W.J. Mathews} {J.W. Graham}

Moved and seconded that Miss Pearl Cashell be elected Principal of Sixth Ward School by acclamation. Carried.

The recommendations of the applicants for the High School were then read. Miss Ellis was put in nomination by Mayor McDonald, and Miss Outey by Mr. Hancock. They then proceeded to vote by ballot. Miss Outey, receiving the majority of votes, was elected assistant teacher in the High School. [337]

Mr. von Rosenberg begged to be excused.

It was then moved and seconded that the lease of the Temporary Capitol be taken up. On motion, it was agreed that the lease be accepted.

Moved and carried that Professor Lowry be allowed the use of the High School rooms for the month of July as a summer normal.

Moved and adopted that the deduction of \$6 from Mr. Odom's account be referred to Mr. C.H. Powell, agent, with power to act.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office, Austin  
July 8, 1892

At a regular postponed meeting of the City School Board held this day, the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, George P. Garrison, Mayor McDonald.

The minutes of the meetings of May 28 and June 3 were read and approved.

The report of the Superintendent was read and taken up *seriatim*.

First, the first, second and third recommendations of the Superintendent were referred to the proper committees.

Second, the recommendation that the room now occupied by Hutchings Printing Office be not rented, but reserved for the use of the Central School, was discussed and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Building.

Third, the recommendation in regard to changing the location of the Oak Hill School was also referred to the same Committee.

Fourth, the recommendation in regard to the propriety of establishing a school at the Dyson School House or Walsh's Store was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Fifth, the recommendation asking that \$600, or so much as there may be needed, for the purchase of furniture and supplies was disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Finance.

Sixth, the report of the Superintendent to the Committee on Teachers in regard to the recent results of the annual competitive examination of applicants for positions in the schools, and the recommendations therein, was submitted by Professor Garrison, Chairman of the Committee, and, on motion, it was read.

Professor Garrison, on behalf of the Committee, submitted the names of the following first-year teachers for reelection: Miss Annie Jary, Mary Lowry and Lizzie Rumsey. Miss Elfreida Jesson was

recommended for another year's trial, and Miss Lucy Read was recommended for [339] employment on the same conditions and terms as existed last year.

Professor Garrison also submitted the schedules of the results of the examinations of the White and Colored teachers and brought in a majority report recommending the election of the following teachers to positions in the schools: Miss Gertrude Whitis, Miss Lizzie Waggener, Miss Hattie O. Posey, Mrs. Z.L. Hunt, Mrs. G.E. Pyle, Miss Laura Allison.

Dr. J. Mathews, in behalf of the minority, moved that the name of Miss Laura Glasscock be substituted for that of Miss Hattie O. Posey. The question of motion of Mr. Hancock was submitted to a ballot, which resulted in a tie vote. It was decided by the Chairman, Judge J.W. Smith, by casting his vote with the majority Committee.

Professor Garrison then read the schedule report of the results of the examination of the Colored teachers, and, there appearing but two of the applicants who made the required percent of scholarship, Mrs. Susie Weeks and Mr. Julius Dodson, recommended that they be employed by the Board, which, on motion, was adopted. The Committee recommended that the Colored teachers who did not pass be put on the substitute role and be employed when their services are required.

It was also recommended and adopted by the Board that teachers who made an average of 80% of scholarship receive a teacher's certificate of the first grade, good for three years. Those who attained a percent of scholarship of 75 to 80% received certificates of the first grade good for two years.

Professor Garrison, Chairman of the Committee reported favorably on the adoption of the following textbooks:

1. *Tarbell's Lessons in English Grammar*
2. *Whitney and Lockwood's English Grammar*
3. *Pennybacker's History of Texas*
4. *Chambers' History of the United States* [340]

On motion of Mayor McDonald, the recommendations of the Committee were adopted on condition of satisfactory rates of introduction and exchange.

The resignation of H.T. Kealing, Supervisor of the Colored Schools, was submitted and, on motion, it was accepted and ordered that suitable testimonials be given him.

In vein of the lack of a vacancy in the position of Supervisor of the Colored Schools, that part of the Superintendent's report recommending Mr. E.L. Blackshear for the vacancy with Mrs. Phillippe as assistant in charge of the Primary work, was referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Mr. Graham, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the insurance policy on the Temporary Capitol had expired. On motion, the matter was referred to the Committee, with power to act.

Mr. McDonald moved that the halls of the Temporary Capitol be partitioned off and the lower rooms be leased to the City Council for offices, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Buildings.

Some discussion arose in reference to making alterations in the plans of the Arsenal School building, in regard to substituting of slate roof for tin, and putting paper under the floors. It was moved and seconded that the building be completed in accordance with the specifications, no changes to be made, unless authorized by the Board.

There being no more business to transact, the Board, on motion, adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office  
July 29, 1892

At a meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock, George P. Garrison, Mayor McDonald.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President, J.W. Smith, proceeded with the regular business by calling for the report of the Superintendent, which was read by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Hancock, the recommendations were taken up *seriatim*.

First, the resignation of Professor J.B. Rogers, Principal of the West Austin School, and Mr. H.B. Fry, Principal of the Colored Grammar Schools, were reported on file and, after being read, were, on motion of Mr. Morley, accepted.

Second, the recommendation that the services of Mr. H.B. Hubbard be no longer retained by the Board, was, on motion of Professor Garrison, referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Third, the recommendation in regard to the outline of the course of studies for the High School and some special rules and regulations

reported by the Principal, and the printing of copies of the same, was, on motion of Mr. Graham, adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance being called for, it was submitted by Mr. Graham, Chairman of the Committee. On motion of Mayor McDonald, the report was adopted as a whole. That part of the report which had reference to the salary of Miss Cashell, Principal of the Sixth Ward School being settled, Professor Garrison asked the privilege of having his views spread upon the minutes, which was granted. They are as follows:

“My vote for the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee as a whole is not to be taken as implying concurrence in that part which fixes the salary of Miss Pearl Cashell at \$750. I know that giving her more might involve serious [342] injustice to other female teachers, whose services the Board values at no less than hers, but I believe the alternative adopted involves more serious injustice still. It is my conviction that wise choice will select men as a rule for Principals. But I can see no justice in allowing the salary attached to a particular position to vary with the sex of those who may be able to secure election to it.”

Signed, {George P. Garrison}

The next order of business was the report of the Building Committee. On motion of Mayor McDonald, the recommendations of the Committee were taken up *seriatim*.

First, the Committee recommended that the room now occupied by Hutchings Printing Office be rented at \$40 per month. On motion of Mr. Hancock, the recommendation was adopted, Mayor McDonald voting no.

Second, the recommendation in regard to running a dividing fence through the lot west of the Temporary Capitol for the use of the boys and girls of the Central Grammar School was, on motion of Professor Garrison, adopted.

Third, the recommendation that \$250, or so much as may be needed, for special repairs and improvements, as are advised by the Superintendent, was, on motion, adopted

Fourth, the Committee, after carefully investigating a proper location for the Oak Hill School, recommend that the proposition of the MK&T Land Company to lease to the Board a certain specified location and building for school purposes for two years at an annual

rent of \$250, payable quarterly, which, on motion of Mr. Graham, was accepted with the proviso that the interior of rooms be sealed with tongue and groove ceiling and painted, or hard oil finish instead of being papered, as proposed by the company.

The Committee on Teachers asked to be allowed to report on the matter which had just been referred to them, viz., the resignation of Professor J.B. Rogers. On motion of Mr. Hancock, the request was granted.

The committee then submitted their report recommending Mr. T.A. Brown as Principal of the West Austin School. On motion of Mr. Morley, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted. [343]

The Chairman, Judge Smith, submitted a question of inquiry in regard to the grading of the schools: If it were possible to have a less number of teachers and more pupils assigned to the teachers than that that existed in some grades last year. After an interesting discussion of the complex question, the matter of inquiry was referred to the Committee on Teachers, to investigate and report at a convenient time.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office, Austin  
September 2, 1892

At a meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, S.G. Sneed, S.K. Morley.

After the President had called the meeting to order, the Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of July 29.

On motion of Mr. Graham, which was seconded by Mr. Morley, it was adopted that action on the minutes be postponed until the next regular meeting.

The report of the Superintendent was then read, but, before the Board had acted upon it, Mr. Graham arose and, in a few appropriate remarks, welcomed Mr. Sneed into the Board as an *ex officio* member.

Mr. Eggleston of the firm of Goldbeck and Eggleston then addressed the Board in regard to the right-of-way of the land lying between Victoria and Jackson counties, the said lands belonging to the City and one-half to the John T. Allan Fund. Mr. Eggleston wanted the concurrence of the Board, so the land could be sold. It was moved by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Morley that the matter be referred to agents, to take the land in hand and sell it. Carried. On



motion, it was adopted that the agents be instructed to dispose of the land at \$2.50 per acre.

The regular business was then referred to, and the report of the Superintendent taken up *seriatim*.

First, it was decided that the City Schools should open on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

Second, moved and seconded that the applications for the transfer of 25 children from the City of Austin to the Go Valle District and to the St. Elmo District be granted: 25 to the first-named district and one to the St. Elmo District.

Third, the release of the Women's Hall was referred to the Building Committee, authorizing them to make suitable terms with the parties.

Fourth, the matter of the Dison School property came up and, on motion of Mr. Graham, the [345] Building Committee was granted more time to investigate said school, claims, etc., etc.

Fifth, on motion, it was adopted that the mode of heating the Arsenal Block School house be referred to Building Committee.

Sixth, the recommendations that the water closets of the schools be made to connect with the city sewerage was referred to the Building Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Garrison and seconded by Mr. Sneed that Miss Caswell, a former teacher of the public schools should be restored to the list of teachers carried.

Mr. Watson, architect of the Arsenal School, made some remarks to the Board in regard to the completion of said building. He stated the building would be completed within the time stated in the contract,

The subject came up [of] whether children under eight years of age should be allowed to attend the schools. Dr. Sneed moved that the matter be referred to a special meeting, which should be held next Friday at four o'clock in the Superintendent's office.

There being no further business. the Board adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office, Austin  
September 9, 1892

At a special meeting of the City School Board, held this, the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, G.P. Harrison, W.J. Mathews, S.G. Sneed.

The object of the meeting was to decide whether or not children under the age of eight should be allowed to enter the schools by paying tuition. A motion was made to the above effect, but was lost.

A proposition was then offered by one of the Board, that all children who would be eight years of age on January 1, 1893, should be allowed to enter the schools at the opening of the session. This motion was ruled out of order by the President, as it was in violation of the rules of the Board.

Mr. Graham move that all children over the scholastic age should be allowed to attend the Public Schools by paying tuition. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the resignation of Miss Jessie A. Sayers be accepted.

The report of the Committee on Teachers was read and adopted.

Mr. Graham then read a communication from Mr. Pendexter in regard to the Deisen property. The proposition of Mr. John Dowell, attorney, was taken up. Mr. Sneed moved that the Secretary of the Board is hereby instructed to communicate to John Dowell, Esquire, as attorney for Deisen and wife, as follows: The Board of Trustees for the Austin Public Schools, having considered the application of John Dowell, Esquire, as Attorney for Deisen and wife, asking that City Board of Trustees convey to said Deisen and wife one acre of land which was conveyed by said Deisin and wife to S.G. Sneed as County Superintendent of Public Schools in the year 1875 for the use of the neighborhood for public school purposes and on which a public school house [347] was built in said year 1870, said property now being in the incorporated limits of the City of Austin, declines to make the conveyance, as requested, on the grounds that they have no legal authority to make said conveyance. And further that said Board of Trustees of the Austin City Schools claim said property referred to as Public School property, to be used for school purposes. Adopted.

The case of Miss Susie Weeks was disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Teachers.

A great deal of discussion arose in regard to the change in Rule 4. It was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to report at the next regular meeting.

Judge Smith substituted the name of Mr. S.G. Sneed for that of Mr. G.P. Garrison, at the latter's request, on the Judiciary Committee. Also, the name of Mr. S.G. Sneed for Mr. J.W. Graham on the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations

On motion, the Board adjourned.

## Appendix A

### Meetings of the Austin City Public Schools Board of Trustees

**Monday, November 8, 1880**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
A.P. Wooldridge elected Chair & appointed to gather statistics

**Friday, December 31, 1880**  
W. von Rosenberg elected Secretary, & B.C. Ludlow elected Treasurer; committee selected to organize public schools

**Friday, February 18, 1881**  
Ask City Council to order election to levy tax for public schools

**Monday, May 23, 1881**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Establish committees on textbooks & school sites; set teacher application deadline & appoint teacher exam committee

**Monday, June 6, 1881**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Ask City Council to order election to levy tax for public schools

**Tuesday, June 14, 1881**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Request election for tax levy to be held on July 26

**Wednesday, July 13, 1881**  
Appoint John B. Winn first Superintendent of the Free Public Schools

**Thursday, July 14, 1881**  
Set August 9 address to citizens & September 14 school start date

**Wednesday, August 10, 1881**  
Determine number of trustees & select first seven White teachers

**Saturday, August 13, 1881**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Select first five teachers for Colored Schools

**Friday, August 19, 1881**  
Set teacher exam cut scores & select eight more teachers

**Wednesday, August 24, 1881**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Determine sites & boundaries of schools; recommend a replacement for W. von Rosenberg

**Friday, September 9, 1881**

Move start date to September 12; approve tuition rates; request German teacher; discuss purchase of furniture & supplies

**Saturday, September 17, 1881, Office of A.P. Wooldridge**

Order textbooks; establish committee on rules; procure stoves & wood; rent additional building for Seventh Ward

**Friday, September 23, 1881**

Discuss stoves; elect Mr. Wertheim as German teacher

**Wednesday, October 5, 1881, Office of A.P. Wooldridge**

Urge City Council to levy tax; order repairs & supplies; Announce Austin City Public Free Schools

**Tuesday, October 18, 1881**

Elect first high school teacher; refer bills to Finance Committee; share Wheatville school with Colored church; inquire into Mexican school

**Wednesday, November 2, 1881**

Excuse teacher for one day; decide against assistant German teacher

**Tuesday, November 8, 1881**

Superintendent's report on attendance (991 students); Approve teacher pay & list of textbooks

**Monday, November 14, 1881, Office of A.P. Wooldridge**

Appoint first teacher of Mexican school; discuss Wheatville complaint; allow occupation of Paschal School outbuilding

**Wednesday, December 28, 1881, Office of A.P. Wooldridge**

Elect Colored Schools teacher; ask City Council for First Ward park; increase monthly salary of Graded School janitor

**Saturday, December 31, 1881, Office of A.P. Wooldridge**

Require smallpox vaccinations; hire a physician to vaccinate students

**Friday, January 20, 1882, Office of A.P. Wooldridge**

Finances; vaccinations; form committee to procure 7<sup>th</sup> Ward School

**Friday, March 17, 1882, Office of J.B. Rector**

Advocate to U.S. Congress for public ed funding; don't require family visits by teachers; repair Graded School roof

**Wednesday, Friday, March 31, 1882**

Suspensions; support from Peabody Fund; payment of City Assessor; Holy Week holiday; discuss borrowing of money to build schools

**Wednesday, April 26, 1882, Office of J.B. Rector**

Discuss school end date & commencement; paint Graded School roof; discuss amendment to city charter; ask legislature for Old Courthouse

**Friday, May 26, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Graded School roof repairs & insurance; order 200 double desks; discuss borrowing of money to build schools

**Friday, June 9, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Discuss sale of school lots & borrowing of money to build schools; insure Graded School; request finance report for academic year; discuss tax levy; reelect teachers & encourage them to attend summer school; set & announce dates for teacher exams

**Wednesday, June 28, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Legal opinion that school lots can be sold; move tax & trustee elections to November; appoint Building Committee

**Tuesday, July 11, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Election & reelection of teachers

**Thursday, July 20, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Election & reelection of teachers; allow long-distance teacher exams; appoint school tax committee

**Friday, August 11, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Appoint committees on fuel, school houses & Graded School repairs; order 200 double desks; pay City Assessor; invite Mayor to Board

**Tuesday, August 29, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Elect teachers; increase superintendent's salary; apprise City Council of tax question

**Wednesday, September 6, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Contract fuel; elect Colored Schools teachers; determine tax increase

**Monday, September 18, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Clean wells/cisterns; Graded School repairs; advertise teacher exams

**Wednesday, September 27, 1882, Office of B.C. Ludlow**

Graded School repairs; request tax report; prepare for tax election

**Wednesday, October 18, 1882**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Graded School repairs; German teacher salary; election of teachers

**Friday, November 3, 1882**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Approve school tax election ticket; and discuss precinct partisans

**Wednesday, November 22**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Appoint committee to investigate validity of tax levy election;  
Discuss Old German Academy; W. Tips elected Treasurer

**Saturday, December 9, 1882**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Teacher resignation & replacement; set school end date

**Wednesday, December 20, 1882**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
No action on election validity; German Academy transfer; resignation  
of German teacher; schedule holiday recess; number Graded School

**Wednesday, February 14, 1883**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Buy land for future Allan JHS; transfer policy to county schools;  
textbook approval; First Ward school sought for "Mexican" children

**Saturday, February 24, 1883**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Election of teachers to fill vacancies

**Wednesday, March 28, 1883**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Set school year end date; First Ward school established for 20  
"Mexican" students; renew Paschal School lease

**Wednesday, April 11, 1883**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Seek land for East Austin School; pure water for Paschal School

**Wednesday, June 20, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
German School title; retention & election of teachers; set date for  
teacher exams; retention of superintendent

**Monday, July 16, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
German School title; authorize purchase of site for future Bickler;  
retention of teachers

**Saturday, August 4, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Selection of teachers; remove 10<sup>th</sup> Ward outhouses

**Monday, August 13, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Elect teacher; postpone East Austin school site selection

**Wednesday, August 22, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Select German teacher; hire Blackshear; select East Austin school

**Wednesday, September 19, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
East Austin School site purchased; purchase 200 double desks; investigate need for 1<sup>st</sup> Ward School, after-school elocution class; Blackshear; provisional teachers

**Friday, October 5, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Authorize East Austin School construction; open Lot 117 School on October 10; petition for foot bridges; purchase stoves/fuel

**Friday, October 26, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Discuss school tax law

**Saturday, November 10, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Fuel purchased; committees appointed to pass school tax levy

**Monday, November 26, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Trustees divide ward responsibilities for tax levy election

**Thursday, December 27, 1883**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Appoint teachers to make recommendations on course of study

**Saturday, March 1, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Rent 1<sup>st</sup> Ward School; student census; school year end date

**Wednesday, March 26, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Commencement not at Millett Opera; student suspension; vandalism

**Wednesday, May 21, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Graded School & 8<sup>th</sup> Ward repairs; promulgate tax levy; East Austin janitor's house; schools for Colored students; Aurelia Brown sickness

**Wednesday, May 28, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Graded School steps; East Austin janitor's house; teacher salaries; date for teacher exams; establish committee to centrally locate high school

**Wednesday, June 4, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
East Austin janitor to sleep in school room; teacher salaries; reemployment of teachers/principals; superintendent contract; Graded School improvement expenses; Aurelia Brown's health

**Thursday, June 26, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Welcome Mayor-elect Robertson to Board; death of Aurelia Brown; election of teachers; principal salaries

**Wednesday, July 16, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Election of teachers; all future teacher exams to be in Austin

**Friday, August 1, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Postpone Colored Schools; Winn donation of books/papers

**Saturday, August 23, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Elect Colored teachers; limit German to HS; postpone hire of German teacher; discuss course of studies & centrally-located high school; increase superintendent's salary

**Friday, September 5, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Authorize purchase of Robertson Hill lots for Colored Schools

**Wednesday, September 10, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Consider design of Robertson Hill School

**Wednesday, September 24, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Order completion of first-floor room at West Austin School.

**Wednesday, November 12, 1884**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Enrollment to close 60 days after session start; HS German requested to continue; superintendent authorized to fill vacancies; teacher pay

**Wednesday, December 17, 1884**, Office of B.C. Ludlow  
Consider purported charges against Professor Edgar Anderson

**Thursday, December 18, 1884**  
Conclude Edgar Anderson hearing

**Wednesday, February 4, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Whipping/insult incident; HS principal is supreme in administration

**Wednesday, April 8, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Set end date of school year; order HS exhibition

**Wednesday, May 13, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Commencement at Millett Opera House; 13 students to receive diplomas; Wheatville Sabbath request denied; 1<sup>st</sup> typewriter purchase authorized; teacher exam date set; summer use of schools disallowed

**Wednesday, June 17, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Treasurer Ludlow resigned; Walter Tips elected Treasurer



**Saturday, July 4, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge

Retention/election of teachers; assistant teacher salary & qualifications; superintendent to hold office until removed/resigns

**Saturday, July 18, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge

J.M. Litten elected VP; HS second assistant teacher; purchase of desks

**Tuesday, August 18, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge

Teacher exam results; election of teachers for Colored Schools

**Wednesday, September 30, 1885**

Name O. Clifton principal of West Austin; form committee for 6<sup>th</sup> Ward School site; HS furniture

**Thursday, October 15, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge

Committees to examine Treasurer's report & revise Rules & Regs; discuss payment of City Collector; borrow \$700 to meet obligations

**Tuesday, October 20, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge

Amendments to Rules & Regulations

**Wednesday, November 11, 1885**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge

Purchase lots for 6<sup>th</sup> Ward School

**Thursday, January 7, 1886**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge

J.W. Graham & J.M. Brackenridge elected to Board; Officer elections: President Wooldridge, Secretary Brackenridge, Treasurer Tips; consider adjacent land to 6<sup>th</sup> Ward School; 10<sup>th</sup> Ward School facilities; pass on Colored School conditions; demotion policy; library purchase

**Wednesday, February 17, 1886**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge

Unpaid tuition; approve use of school rooms; hire German teacher; annual library appropriation; speedy erection of 6<sup>th</sup> Ward School; Clifton salary

**Friday, April 16, 1886**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge

Committee to review school laws with City Council; Fire Company to occupy room at Robertson Hill School; sale of one Robertson Hill lot; school year end date & commencement; policy on non-resident pay students; student census; construction of 6<sup>th</sup> Ward School; committee on teacher salaries; state teacher association reception; disallow Confederate Home fundraiser

**Wednesday, April 28, 1886**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Reconsider & disallow Confederate Home fundraiser; hire Lamour for 6<sup>th</sup> Ward school design; reconsider school year end date

**Wednesday, May 12, 1886**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Discuss effect of scarlet fever on exams; set teacher exam date; HS positions; HS principal salary; policy on non-resident student tuition paid in full; W.T. Phillips suspended for severe corporal punishment

**Thursday, May 20, 1886**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Review bids for 6<sup>th</sup> Ward School & select I.J. Campbell

**Saturday, June 12, 1886**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
13 students to receive diplomas; issue of medal presentation

**Saturday, July 17, 1886**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
3,464 students reported in census; election of teachers/principals

**Monday, January 3, 1887**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Needed improvements/repairs, water company bill, study possibility of obtaining U.S. Barracks & Academy Block; German allowed in A Grammar grade; postpone payment of City Collector; Principal Gillespie resigns & Leonard elected.

**Thursday, January 27, 1887**, City Hall  
Student suspension; principal absence; corporal punishment; superintendent to visit New Orleans; laws on student attendance

**Tuesday, February 8, 1887**, City Hall  
Suspensions/corporal punishment; Board to rent room for meetings; postpone lightning rods;

**Wednesday, February 16, 1887**, Office of A.P. Wooldridge  
Suspension & charge of excessive punishment

**Monday, Tuesday, March 8, 1887**  
Student suspensions; visit City Council to discuss school tax rebate

**Monday, April 11, 1887**  
Chaucer Library Society debate; Jessen to attend Sangerfest; meeting with City Council re. school finances; student suspensions; school year end date; teacher petition for fair salaries

**Tuesday, May 10, 1887**  
Payment of City Collector

**Tuesday, June 7, 1887**

End-of-year reports; commencement & diplomas; West Austin & Wheatville repairs; 197 transfer students from County; teacher reelections, salaries, examination & admonishment

**Tuesday, June 21, 1887**

HS report; J.W. Graham elected Secretary; principal salaries; all HS teachers must take examination

**Monday, June 27, 1887**

Purchase of Colored church for West Austin school;

**Thursday, July 14, 1887**

Teachers required to share quarterly, not monthly, reports; Latin to be taught in A Grammar grade; teacher elections

**Wednesday, July 20, 1887**

Lewright salary; Miss Ramey communication; 6<sup>th</sup> Ward vandalism, Colored schools open month after White; Baptist church for HS

**Tuesday, July 26, 1887**

6<sup>th</sup> Ward damage; Bryant letter of recommendation; teacher elections; money for 10<sup>th</sup> Ward School; Numbers appointed principal

**Tuesday, August 16, 1887**

Conveyance of Scandinavian Church; Colored School repairs; Principal Numbers; furniture; school opening date

**Tuesday, September 13, 1887, Superintendent's Office**

Title from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Colored church; rigid enforcement of tuition for non-residents; legality of transfers; book donation; manikin purchase; Dawson elected HS 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant; bid for wood

**Wednesday, September 28, 1887**

Transfer students from East to West Austin; opening date for Colored schools; tuition of transfer students; purchase bookcase & supplies

**Monday, October 10, 1887**

Insurance for East Austin Colored School; Deffenbaugh room; Schutze proposal to teach music; rent Baptist church for Colored students; furniture telegraph; rent of additional rooms

**Tuesday, November 8, 1887**

Student truancy & suspension; North Austin School bell

**Tuesday, December 20, 1887**

Maas claim; Wheatville partition; W. Tips named Treasurer; Blackshear/Philips salary increases; rule suspended on no students received after first 60 days

**Tuesday, January 10, 1888**

Maas/Sterzing claims; create Office of Assistant to Superintendent & Principals; family tuition bill; County to pay half of transfer students

**Saturday, February 4, 1888**

Congressman Sayers telegram re. Arsenal Block

**Wednesday, February 15, 1888**

AME Church property; student suspension

**Tuesday, March 13, 1888**

Student readmitted; gratitude to Senator Coke for Arsenal Block; idiotic West Austin boy; purchase of anatomical charts; trouble between students of Blackshear's/Taff's schools;

**Saturday, March 24, 1888**

Tension between White/Colored students; past-due tuition bills; non-resident students; rescind monies for 10<sup>th</sup> Ward School

**Wednesday, April 4, 1888**

Suspension of 2 HS students

**Monday, April 9, 1888**

Damages/reparations demanded of 3 students

**Tuesday, May 8, 1888**

School year closing date; postpone purchase of wall maps; teacher petition for pay during drill; 3 teachers allowed to rent rooms for private summer schools; working to secure Arsenal Block

**Wednesday, May 30, 1888**

Committee appointed to speak with City Council about school tax

**Thursday, June 14, 1888**

Order census of Austin children; HS site; Delaney resignation; diploma for ill senior; diplomas to be awarded to 16 graduates

**Friday, June 22, 1888**

Sterzing to do student census; bid on Temporary Capitol for HS; Mayor Nalle ordered City Treasurer not to give over school tax

**Thursday, June 28, 1888**

Holland hired as agent to rent Temporary Capitol

**Saturday, June 30, 1888**

Bids for renting rooms in Temporary Capitol; 4,320 children enumerated in Sterzing's census

**Tuesday, July 10, 1888**

Bryant/Jessen salaries; election/reelection of teachers; many Temporary Capitol rooms rented

**Tuesday, July 31, 1888, Superintendent's Office**

Hire of Temporary Capitol janitor; School Board Treasurer named custodian of school funds; Committee on Temporary Capitol to look into partitions; committee to study teacher pay; election of Colored teachers; furniture

**Tuesday, August 21, 1888, Superintendent's Office**

New arithmetic books; no partitions yet in Temporary Capitol; blackboards; room use by Sunday school denied; school year opening date; clerical assistance for superintendent; thanks to Congressman Sayers for donation of books; postpone purchase of maps

**Tuesday, September 11, 1888, Superintendent's Office**

Board to pre-authorize all expenses by superintendent/principals; Sunday school allowed in Temporary Capitol; City Council refuses to pay over school taxes; purchase of maps/charts; junior class asst. teacher postponed; McCrillis salary; transfer requests; HS principal authorized to set HS schedule; Temporary Capitol repairs; no children under 7 allowed in public schools

**Wednesday, September 19, 1888, Superintendent's Office**

Overcrowding of 1<sup>st</sup>-grade students in East Austin; decision of last meeting revoked regarding children under 7 years old; suitable instruction for Colored students in HS junior class

**Wednesday, October 10, 1888, Superintendent's Office**

President's report; wood purchase; Blackshear in charge of Colored juniors; Treasurer's report; family requests; unable to pay teachers due to City Council withholding funds; additional White teacher for junior class

**Tuesday, November 13, 1888**, Superintendent's Office  
Family request; purported unbecoming conduct of teacher

**Thursday, November 15, 1888**, Superintendent's Office  
Charges of unbecoming conduct dismissed against teacher

**Tuesday, December 11, 1888**, Superintendent's Office  
Holiday break determined; deed received to Arsenal Block & janitor to prepare for occupancy; order desks; poor grading & student standards not high enough; possible hiring of specialists; Reilly salary; janitor's salary; charges against teacher; water company bill

**Tuesday, December 18, 1888**, Superintendent's Office  
City Council withholding Arsenal Block; Board discusses legal action

**Tuesday, January 8, 1889**, Superintendent's Office  
Legal fees for Arsenal Block controversy; teacher resignation; City Council still refuses to hand over school tax money; advocacy on legislation re. school funds

**Tuesday, February 12, 1889**, Superintendent's Office  
Water bill; water waste at Temporary Capitol; teacher requests use of classroom for elocution class; student suspension/demotion; Rev. McIntyre allowed use of 1<sup>st</sup> Ward School; legislation re. school funds

**Saturday, February 23, 1889**, Superintendent's Office  
Bad influence of South Austin student; student suspensions & demotion; renter ordered to vacate Temporary Capitol; Board to sue City Treasurer & Tax Collector

**Thursday, March 7, 1889**  
North Austin School basement seepage; disruptive South Austin student; priest's request to use 1<sup>st</sup> Ward School for Sunday school; purchase of dictionaries; student demotion/suspension

**Monday, April 1, 1889**, Superintendent's Office  
North Austin School basement; Board meeting abstracts for local newspapers; report requested from Supervisor of Primary Grades; readmission of student; County superintendent relieved of paying for transfers; refusal to allow Colored Grammar School to remain open till June 1; Board won suit against City Treasurer & Tax Collector; house/property received from J.T. Allan Estate; renew Temporary Capitol lease & evict renter; student suspension; superintendent authorized to purchase telephone

**Wednesday, April 17, 1889**, Superintendent's Office

Agents retained for J.T. Allan Estate; student holidays; student parade

**Saturday, April 20, 1889**, Superintendent's Office

Temporary Capitol plumbing; student misconduct; Allan funds to go toward debt

**Wednesday, May 15, 1889**, Superintendent's Office

HS principal granted leave of absence; commencement music; 6 students recommended for graduation, 6 more need to pass exams; student suspensions; agents authorized to sell Allan land

**Tuesday, May 28, 1889**, Superintendent's Office

Bid to lease Temporary Capitol; student medals; diplomas for 6 students; Treasurer to borrow money to pay salaries

**Monday, June 10, 1889**, Superintendent's Office

Raise bid to lease Temporary Capitol; private exam for student; dispense with teacher exams; summer rental of Temporary Capitol rooms; Numbers' salary; fencing

**Wednesday, July 24, 1889**, Superintendent's Office

Railroad fare for expert on manual training school; North Austin School needs; agent for renting Temporary Capitol spaces; attorney fee for eviction; teacher classification

**Wednesday, July 31, 1889**, Superintendent's Office

Agent for subletting Temporary Capitol; water for Wheatville; rental of Colored Masonic Lodge; stoves & desks; funds for manual training school; railroad fare for expert on manual training school; classification of teachers; HS principal's salary; Colored teachers to take exams & receive same salary as White teachers

**Thursday, August 15, 1889**, Superintendent's Office

Paper on manual training; President's annual message; teacher salary increases; principal assistants; create Supervisor of Colored Schools & superintendent's clerk; Clifton's salary; reemployment of Colored teachers; 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, West Austin & East Austin repairs

**Wednesday, August 28, 1889**, Superintendent's Office

Continued investigation of manual training; stone & upkeep for J.T. Allan's grave; needed supplies; decline Chatterton's services & ask whether Colored, Deaf & Dumb Institute can use his services

**Thursday, September 12, 1889,** Superintendent's Office  
6<sup>th</sup> Ward & West Austin Schools repaired; request copy of Chatterton letter; purchase desks/supplies; allow superintendent to transfer & classify students; funds owed by County; propose Building Fund

**Wednesday, October 9, 1889,** Superintendent's Office  
District now possesses Arsenal Block; clear Arsenal Block & remove stables; deny Chatterton invoice for 15-cent overrun; no action on East Austin principal's room; Cooke's salary; money owed by County

**Tuesday, November 12, 1889,** Superintendent's Office  
Arsenal Block repairs; library books; student suspension; Taylor salary increase deferred; Carlisle salary increase; Easton resignation; substitute teacher pay; resolution of Chatterton invoice

**Wednesday, November 27, 1889,** Superintendent's Office  
Hubbard/Easton/Taylor salary increases denied; Chatterton claim still open; Fr. Louth denied 1<sup>st</sup> Ward School room for religious instruction; no rooms to be used for sectarian instruction; overcrowded West Austin school; strictly enforce attendance zones; sewing in Colored Schools; rent Knights of Wise Men's Hall

**Tuesday, December 10, 1889,** Superintendent's Office  
Holiday vacation scheduled; Wise Men's Hall lease; decline offer to lease Temporary Capitol 3<sup>rd</sup> floor; Wooldridge & Fulmore roll off Board; new Trustees seated: W.J. Mathews & J.W. Smith; Swearingen & Litten elected President & VP, Graham & Tips reelected Secretary & Treasurer

**Tuesday, January 14, 1890,** Superintendent's Office  
New Board committees; Temporary Capitol 3<sup>rd</sup> floor lease; Drake & Taff resignations; Haynie/Fry salaries; administrators to investigate student misconduct; additional teachers & assistant teacher; half-day grade at Central Austin School; books for indigent children;

**Friday, January 17, 1890,** Superintendent's Office  
Reprimand students; lease of Temporary Capitol 3<sup>rd</sup> floor; order complete revision of Rules & Regulations

**Tuesday, February 11, 1890,** Superintendent's Office  
Faucets/hose for West Austin School; improvements; National Music Course deferred; Arbor Day; student suspension; teacher transfer rescinded; condition of Wheatville



**Friday, February 21, 1890, Superintendent's Office**

Borrow money to pay salaries; additional Wheatville teacher; reexamination of student by present/past Board Presidents

**Monday, February 24, 1890, Superintendent's Office**

National Music Course referred to Finance Committee; 6<sup>th</sup> Ward School curbing; sustain student demotion

**Tuesday, March 11, 1890, Superintendent's Office**

North Austin curbing; Finance Committee studying National Music Course; student suspensions; Lewright salary; fire drills; Block 117 construction

**Tuesday, April 8, 1890, Superintendent's Office**

Dawson resignation & vacancy; student suspension; school year end date; teacher exams; North Austin curbing complete; National Music Course deferred; West Austin janitor salary during sickness

**Friday, May 16, 1890, Superintendent's Office**

Superintendent's report copied & shared; commencement details; candidates for graduation; Temporary Capitol lessees; Church Lutheran Church to rent Deffenbaugh

**Friday, May 23, 1890, Superintendent's Office**

Superintendent authorized to employ janitors; fixed janitor salaries; order to print Rules & Regulations; HS principal's assistant; Colored teachers excused from exams

**Friday, June 20, 1890, Superintendent's Office**

Teacher applicants, exam results & certificates; study need for new teachers & HS assistant; sale of land from Allan Estate; invite State Teachers Association conference to Austin; report on Colored Schools

**Tuesday, July 1, 1890, Superintendent's Office**

Superintendent's suggestions on textbooks; lease of Temporary Capitol room; Sunday school continued in Temporary Capitol; same number of teachers needed for coming year; teacher elections

**Friday, August 8, 1890, Superintendent's Office**

Leonard as Supervisor of West/North Grammar Schools & Taff assigned to East Austin, then matter deferred to next meeting; Brooke salary, postpone adoption of Mason System of Music; supplies; Treasurer's annual report; 1<sup>st</sup> Ward petition for Warren

**Tuesday, August 12, 1890**, Superintendent's Office

Adopt supervisory system for grammar grades; new history book not recommended; list of school supplies to be purchased

**Tuesday, September 9, 1890**, Superintendent's Office

Teacher applicants for Colored Schools; Leonard resignation & J.B. Rogers elected principal of West Austin; reject application for use of school rooms; petition for F.R. Brooke to teach at Arsenal Block School; set date for school opening; transfer request; teacher salaries

**Friday, September 12, 1890**, Superintendent's Office

Millard/Lewright resignations; superintendent to handle transfers; room use application rejected; order copies of Rules & Regulations; scholastic age raised to 8 years old; school hours extended; hire teacher for Mason System of Vocal Music

**Saturday, September 13, 1890**, Superintendent's Office

Postpone effect of raised scholastic age until SY91/92

**Friday, September 26, 1890**, Superintendent's Office

Attendance report; HS partition; teacher salaries; Dawson salary

**Wednesday, October 1, 1890**, Superintendent's Office

Revise Rules & Regulations

**Thursday, October 2, 1890**

Revise Rules & Regulations

**Friday, October 3, 1890**, Superintendent's Office

Publish Rules & Regulations; Brumley/Stevens/Carrington/Virtis salaries; state maps; winter fuel

**Friday, November 7, 1890**, Superintendent's Office

Student suspension

**Friday, December 5, 1890**, Superintendent's Office

Set holiday dates; decline state map proposition; Grinage/Downie salaries; student suspension/expulsion; Colored Schools savings bank; site for 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Colored School

**Friday, January 9, 1891**, Superintendent's Office

Authorize superintendent to reorganize HS & employ additional teacher; HS partition; cancel Sunday school lease in Temporary Capitol; Colored teachers & Robertson Hill needs; no action on smallpox vaccinations

**Monday, February 9, 1891, Superintendent's Office**

Books for indigent children; supplies; readmit suspended student; exclude unvaccinated students; student promotion complaint; Boak salary; HS vacancy through semi-annual promotions

**Friday, March 6, 1891, Superintendent's Office**

Superintendent's report on increasing enrollment; Old Courthouse recommended to relieve West Austin overcrowding; Arsenal Block & East Austin Schools nearly at capacity; new building suggested for Arsenal Block; State has taken charge of Temporary Capitol; discussion of how to handle families not paying tuition; parent complaint re. "demoted" daughter; state legislation on textbook uniformity; Building Fund

**Friday, April 3, 1891, Superintendent's Office**

Caswell/Griffin resignations; 12 HS students suspended for truancy; Building Fund; interest on monies borrowed from Allan Fund; set school year end dates

**Friday, May 8, 1891, Superintendent's Office**

Blackshear salary increase request; applications from prospective teacher, vendor & lessee; 140 Colored students vaccinated; Brooke/Littman/Huffman requests to teach summer school; West Austin teachers praise principal; gauze needed for Old Comptroller's Office; entertainment for State Teachers Association; quarter of school funds to be set aside for Building Fund; damage to lessee's goods in Temporary Capitol

**Friday, May 22, 1891, Superintendent's Office**

Teacher certificates; 11 students recommended for diplomas & 3 for certificates; commencement venue & music; end date for Colored HS; repairs; question of whether to retain janitors during summer; Blackshear salary increase denied; heating & ventilation proposal denied; Brooke allowed to teach summer school at Deffenbaugh & Garland at 1<sup>st</sup> Ward; Littman summer school request denied; printing company to lease Temporary Capitol Old Comptroller's office; settlement for damaged goods in Temporary Capitol; annual report on Colored Schools

**Friday, June 5, 1891**, Superintendent's Office

Teacher certificates; library appropriation; teacher exam dates; West Austin School fire insurance; annual HS report; penmanship/reading proposals

**Thursday, June 11, 1891**

Change of teacher exam dates; annual HS report

**Thursday, June 18, 1891**, Superintendent's Office

Brown resignation; reports from Taff, Clifton, McCrillis; annual superintendent's report; postpone teacher elections; Reelection of principals Bryant, Brooke, Taff, Rogers, McCrillis & Garland; Gillespie elected 6<sup>th</sup> Ward principal; White supervisor positions & music instructor abolished; Kealing reelected supervisor of Colored Schools & Colored HS principal; Rey & Blackshear reelected principals; 2 decisions on Colored principals postponed

**Friday, July 3, 1891**, Superintendent's Office

Scholastic census of Oak Hill; need to rent Oak Hill school house; Dawson named 11<sup>th</sup> Ward principal; how to accommodate 10<sup>th</sup> Ward students; printing house machinery nuisance in Temporary Capitol; annexing of county schools; Numbers' resignation; action on report from Committee on Teachers; failed motion to postpone raising of scholastic age to 8 years old

**Tuesday, July 28, 1891**, Superintendent's Office

Recommended HS textbook changes; teacher certificates; Oak Hill school house rented; Carrington complaint

**Thursday, July 30, 1891**, Superintendent's Office

Teacher elections & salaries; Textbook Committee recommendations

**Friday, September 4, 1891**, Superintendent's Office

Teacher election; Kelley resignation; student transfers; funds borrowed or from Allan Fund for additional Arsenal Block building; Sunday schools allowed in South Austin, Oak Hill & Scott's Store Schools; annual Treasurer's report; Oak Hill & Scott's Store rented; West Austin & 6<sup>th</sup> Ward repairs; Lowry salary request

**Friday, October 2, 1891, Superintendent's Office**

Shapard resignation; reject applications for use of Temporary Capitol room for students younger than 8 years old & night school at Robertson Hill; Clarksville church rented; water nuisance in Temporary Capitol; legality of making notes for borrowed money for building purposes; HS teachers request earlier release than 3 p.m.; discussion of admitting 7-year-olds who turn eight within 5 months of start date; motion dies to allow tuition-paying parents to enroll younger children; investigation of complaints of students denied education due to unpaid tuition

**Friday, November 6, 1891, Superintendent's report;** offer of free school house at dam; request for Colored school at Barton Creek; World's Fair Fund collection; student misconduct; building on Arsenal Block; HS hours; Temporary Capitol leakage; Colored School libraries; Blackshear salary; disrespect of teacher

**Tuesday, November 17, 1891, Superintendent's Office**

Petition to keep Swearingen, Litten & Tips on Board; discussion of choosing successors

**Friday, December 4, 1891, Superintendent's Office**

Furniture; pay for Colored children of Barton Creek to attend county schools; holidays; American School Board Journal; Blackshear salary

**Thursday, December 17, 1891, Superintendent's Office**

Reports by Finance Committee & Treasurer; Morley, Hancock & Garrison replace Swearingen, Litten & Tips; New officers: President J.W. Smith, VP G.P. Garrison, Secretary J.W. Graham; Treasurer L. Hancock

**Monday, January 25, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

World's Fair Fund collection; South Austin improvements; 6<sup>th</sup> Ward outbuildings; upcoming discussion on admitting 7 year olds; school visits by Board

**Friday, February 5, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

World's Fair Fund collection; assistant HS English teacher; Gregorytown & Robertson Hill; South Austin improvements; refusal to provide Blackshear remuneration for HS classes; admit 7-year-old students for remainder of session; Allan Estate land sales; concert

**Tuesday, March 8, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

6<sup>th</sup> Ward School actions; Rimassa/Neale resignations; Lampkins leave of absence; motion to allow 7-year-olds fails; request to consolidate Committees on Textbooks & Examinations

**Friday, March 11, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

Allan Fund; specs for Arsenal Block School; refer consolidation of Committees on Textbooks & Examinations to Committee on Rules

**Wednesday, March 16, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

Set school year end dates; bylaws changes re. Committees on Textbooks & Examinations

**Friday, April 1, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

Change school year end dates; teachers can use rooms for private summer schools; Kealing excused for 2 weeks; 1<sup>st</sup> Ward School mission; plans for Arsenal Block building; Boak resignation

**Tuesday, April 12, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

HS closing exercises; no honorary student promotions; refusal of petition for schools to be used for biblical lectures; plans submitted for Arsenal Block building

**Wednesday, April 13, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

Consider 10<sup>th</sup> Ward (Arsenal Block) school plans

**Friday, April 15, 1892**

Select architect for 10<sup>th</sup> Ward (Arsenal Block) school

**Friday, May 6, 1892**

Hyde Park land for 10<sup>th</sup> Ward School; Temporary Capitol lease; Boak/Taff resignations

**Thursday, May 12, 1892**

Reject all bids for 6<sup>th</sup> Ward School

**Friday, May 20, 1892**

29 students recommended for honors, 23 for diplomas; 6 for certificates; commencement venue; forgive unpaid rent of Capital Calvary Company in Temporary Capitol

**Thursday, May 26, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

Colored HS report; 3 Colored students to receive diplomas; discussion of MK&T donation of land in Hyde Park

**Friday, June 3, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

Cashell named principal of 6<sup>th</sup> Ward School; Outey elected assist HS teacher; Temporary Capitol lease; Professor Lowry allowed use of room for summer school

**Friday, July 8, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

Lease of Temporary Capitol by Hutchings Printing; possible change of Oak Hill School; possible school at Dyson School house or Walsh's Store; furniture/supplies; teacher exam results; election/re-election of teachers; Colored teacher exam results; teacher certificates; textbooks; Kealing resignation; Blackshear recommended for vacancy; Temporary Capitol insurance/partitions; Arsenal school specs

**Friday, July 29, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

Rogers/Fry resignations; Hubbard termination proposal; HS course of studies; equal pay for women principals; Temporary Capitol rental space & fence; Oak Hill School; T.A. Brown named West Austin School principal; discussion of more students per teacher

**Friday, September 2, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

S.G. Sneed welcomed as *ex officio* Trustee; Allan Fund land; date of school openings; transfers to Go Valle & St. Elmo; Dison School; Arsenal Block heating; connect school water closets to city sewerage; Caswell restored; Arsenal School architect report; discussion of whether children younger than 8 should be admitted

**Friday, September 9, 1892, Superintendent's Office**

Motions to allow children younger than 8 fails; Sayers resignation; Deisen property; S. Weeks case

## Appendix B

### Austin City Public Schools 1880-1892

#### **Graded School (a.k.a., West Austin School, later Pease Elementary)**

- Location in the 1881 Austin Directory: West side of Rio Grande, between Mesquite (11<sup>th</sup>) & College Avenue (12<sup>th</sup>)
- Location in the 1887 Austin Directory: northwest corner of Rio Grande & 15<sup>th</sup>
- Location in the 1889 & 1891 Austin Directories: northwest corner of Rio Grande & 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Wheatville School (Colored)**

- Location in the 1881 Austin Directory: west of San Gabriel Street, between Orange & Maple (north of the city limits)
- Location in the 1887, 1889 & 1891 Austin Directories: northwest corner of W. 25<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Central Grammar School (Colored)**

- Location in the 1885 & 1889 Austin Directories: southeast corner of Trinity & E. Ash (9<sup>th</sup>)

#### **East Austin School**

#### **(a.k.a., Bickler School, later the Bickler Administration Building)**

- Location in the 1885 Austin Directory: south side of E. Mesquite (11<sup>th</sup>), between East Avenue (IH35) & Sabine
- Location in the 1887 Austin Directory: south side of E. 10<sup>th</sup>, between East Avenue (IH35) & Sabine (likely an error)
- Location in the 1889 & 1891 Austin Directories: south side of E. 11<sup>th</sup>, between East Avenue (IH35) & Sabine

#### **East Austin School (Colored)**

- Location in the 1885 & 1887 Austin Directories: south side of Mesquite (11<sup>th</sup>), between San Marcos & Waller

#### **First Ward School ("Mexican" School)**

- Location in the 1885 Austin Directory: 600 Live Oak (2<sup>nd</sup>), on corner of Nueces
- Location in the 1887, 1889 & 1891 Austin Directories: 600 W. 2<sup>nd</sup>, on corner of Nueces



**High School**

- Location in 1885: corner of Rio Grande & College Avenue (12<sup>th</sup>)
- Location in 1887: northeast corner of Colorado & W. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Location in 1889 & 1891: the Temporary Capitol, on the corner of Congress Avenue & W. 11<sup>th</sup>

**North Austin (6<sup>th</sup> Ward) School**

- Location in 1885: northeast corner of Nueces & Palmetto (21<sup>st</sup>)
- Location in 1887, 1889 & 1891: northwest corner of Nueces & 24<sup>th</sup>

**Seventh Ward School (Colored)**

- Location in 1885: Third Baptist Church, corner of Curve (2 blocks east of IH35) & 1<sup>st</sup> street north of Olive (14<sup>th</sup>)

**Tenth Ward School**

- Location in 1885: northeast corner of Brazos & Hickory (8<sup>th</sup>)

**Central Grammar School (Colored)**

- Location in the 1887 & 1891 Austin Directories: southeast corner of Trinity & E. 9<sup>th</sup>

**East Tenth Ward Public School**

- Location in 1887 & 1889: northeast corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & San Marcos

**Masontown (10<sup>th</sup> Ward) School (Colored)**

- Location in 1887, 1889 & 1891: south side of E. 4<sup>th</sup>, east of Comal

**Riverside School (Colored)**

- Location in 1887, 1889 & 1891: Alley between West 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Colorado & Lavaca

**School No. 5, District 18**

- Location in 1887: north side of E. 11<sup>th</sup>, six houses east of Comal

**South Austin School**

- Location in 1887: northeast corner of Brazos & E. 8<sup>th</sup> (likely an error)

**South Austin (Fulmore) School**

- Location in 1887 & 1891: northwest corner of Brackenridge & Mary

**West Austin (Church Block) School (Colored)**

- Location in 1887 & 1889: corner of San Antonio & W. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Central Austin School**

- Location in 1889 & 1891: Temporary Capitol, corner of Congress Avenue & W. 11<sup>th</sup>

**Clarksville School (Colored)**

- Location in 1891: west of city limits, between 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

**Colored High School**

- Location in 1891: southeast corner of E. 11<sup>th</sup> & San Marcos

**Oak Hill School**

- Location in 1891: west side of Georgetown Road, between city limits & state lunatic asylum

**Robertson Hill School**

- Location in 1889 & 1891: southeast corner of E. 11<sup>th</sup> & San Marcos

**School No. 3 (Colored)**

- Location in 1891: north side of 11<sup>th</sup>, east of Comal

**Scott's Store School**

- Location in 1891: northeast corner of E. 19<sup>th</sup>, first street east of Comal

**Tenth Ward (Arsenal Block) School (a.k.a., Palm School)**

- Location in 1891: southwest corner of East Avenue & 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Third Ward School (Colored)**

- Location in 1891: corner of Guadalupe & W. 9<sup>th</sup>

## Appendix C

### People in Austin City School Board Minutes 1880-1892

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**U.S. Senator** Richard Coke

**Congressman** Joseph D. Sayers

**Texas Governor** Oran Milo Roberts

**State Superintendent** Dr. Oscar Henry Cooper

#### **Austin Mayors**

William A. Saylor

Joseph Nalle

John W. Robertson

John McDonald

#### **Austin City Assessors & Collectors**

Max Maas

Fred Sterzing

#### **Austin City Treasurer**

J.W. Howard

#### **Austin City Schools Board Members**

Travis County Judge James

Mayor John **Nalle**, *ex officio*

Madison **Brackenridge**, *ex officio*

Judge John B. **Rector**, lawyer at

Colonel Robert F. **Campbell**,

Rector, Moore & Thomson

district clerk & real estate agent

Mayor John W. **Robertson**, *ex officio*

Travis County Judge Zachary

Mayor William A. **Saylor**, *ex officio*

Taylor **Fulmore**, *ex officio*

Judge James W. **Smith**, lawyer at

Professor George Pierce **Garrison**,

Smith & Trigg

UT professor of English lit

County Superintendent Seaborn

J. Walter **Graham**, druggist

G. **Sneed**, *ex officio*

Lewis **Hancock**, City National  
Bank

Henry C. **Still**, esq., manufacturer

Dr. James M. **Litten**, physician

Dr. Richard Montgomery

General Benjamin C. **Ludlow**,

**Swearingen**, physician

internal revenue collector

Walter **Tips**, hardware, tinware,  
agricultural & mill machinery

Dr. William J. **Mathews**, physician

County Superintendent Judge

County Superintendent J.W.

William **von Rosenberg**, Jr.,

**Maxwell**, *ex officio*

justice of the peace

Mayor John **McDonald**, *ex officio*

Alexander Penn **Wooldridge**, City

Stephen K. **Morley**, druggist

National Bank

**Austin City Schools Superintendent** John B. Winn

**Principals & Administrators**

Edgar T.Q. Anderson (East Austin)	R.E.L. Holland (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Colored)
Edward Lavoisier Blackshear (Central Austin Grammar & Robertson Hill)	A.C. Jessen (Asst. HS Principal)
Florence Ralston Brooke (Arsenal)	Hightower Theodore Kealing (Supervisor of Colored Schools, Principal of Colored HS)
Aurelia Brown (HS Female Department)	W.A. Leonard (West Austin)
B.S. Brown (Asst. HS Principal)	Estelle Lewright (Asst. HS Principal)
Mollie F. Brown (North Austin)	Anna M. McCrillis (10 <sup>th</sup> Ward, South Austin)
Timothy Alvin "T.A." Brown (West Austin)	H.A. McCrillis (Central Austin)
Isaac H. Bryant (High School)	Arta B. Numbers (Primary grades, North Austin & West Austin, Supervisor of Primary Grades)
Octavia Clifton (West Austin, North Austin)	W.T. Phillips (Colored Grammar)
Mary B. "Mollie" Dawson (South Austin)	Smith Ragsdale (Asst. HS Principal)
H.B. Fry (Central Grammar)	Neal Ramey (East 10 <sup>th</sup> Ward)
E.M.E. Garland (1 <sup>st</sup> Ward)	J.E. Smith (West Austin)
Isaac Gillespie (6 <sup>th</sup> Ward)	Willie R. Smith (Graded School)
	J.L. Taff (East Austin)

**Teachers**

Laura Allison	Maud Carrington
Edgar Anderson	Pearl Cashell (North Austin)
Cora Arthur (7 <sup>th</sup> Ward)	Zelma Caswell (East Austin)
Jennie W. Baker (North Austin)	Clifton, Octavia (Graded School)
Lula Bewley (North Austin, Central Austin)	Kate Colding
Edward Lavoisier Blackshear (8 <sup>th</sup> Ward Colored)	Susette R. Cooke (East Austin, North Austin)
R. Blackshear (Gregorytown)	Mary B. "Mollie" Dawson (HS, East Austin)
Anna "Annie" Webb Blanton (East Austin)	Nannie Dawson (East Austin, HS)
M.F. Brinkley (East Austin Colored)	Adela de Zavala
Florence Ralston Brooke	M. Emma Delaney (10 <sup>th</sup> Ward)
Aurelia Brown (HS)	Minnie Dill (East Austin)
B.S. Brown (HS)	Julius Dodson (Colored Schools)
Timothy Alvin "T.A." Brown (6 <sup>th</sup> Ward)	Mary Downie (East Austin)
Mattie P. Brumley	Bettie Dozier
Leontine Brunet (East 10 <sup>th</sup> Ward)	Lizzie B. Drake (East Austin)
I.H. Bryant (German teacher)	E.M.E. Garland (1 <sup>st</sup> Ward)
C.A. Burchard (HS)	Kate Eanes (East Austin)
	Anna P. Ellis (East Austin)

Eleanora Erkel (East Austin, West Austin)  
 Jennie F. Erwin (East Austin)  
 Laura Evans (Colored Schools)  
 Donnie Gatewood (East Austin)  
 Laura Glasscock  
 Fannie Goggin (North Austin)  
 H.C. Gray (Colored Schools)  
 Bessie Greenwood  
 Mary E. Griffin (3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Colored)  
 Ana E. Grinage (Robertson Hill)  
 Susie Hancock (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Colored)  
 Mary Harhon  
 J.E. Harris (Colored Schools)  
 Judie Haynes  
 Irma Herpin (East Austin)  
 Andrew Herbert (8<sup>th</sup> Ward Colored)  
 D.A. Hill (HS)  
 W.A. Hodgeleins (Colored Schools)  
 R.E.L. Holland (Colored Schools)  
 A.B. Holloway (East Austin Colored)  
 Lula N. Holmes (10<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
 Mary Horton (West Austin, East Austin)  
 Lucy B. Howard (Graded School)  
 P.H. Hubbard (3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Colored)  
 Z.L. Hunt  
 Jacob A. Jackson (5<sup>th</sup> Ward Wheatville)  
 M.V. Jackson (East Austin)  
 Eliza H. James (Colored Schools)  
 Lucile S. James (North Austin, Central Austin)  
 Anna Jary  
 A.C. Jessen (HS)  
 Elfrieda Jesson  
 Bertha Johnson  
 John N. Johnson (Colored Schools)  
 Mary E. Johnson  
 Mary V. Jones (Paschal School)  
 Adela Kendy (Colored Schools)  
 W.R. Leonard  
 Mary M. Leverett (HS)  
 Estelle Lewright  
 Lula M. Linn (Paschal School)  
 Professor Lowry  
 James Maloney (7<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
 Maggie Marshall  
 Janie (or Jenny) Maxwell (Central Austin)  
 Sally McAlister  
 Lillie McAllister  
 C.L. McClaurin (North Austin)  
 Julia McCormick (Paschal School)  
 L.B. McCree (Gregorytown)  
 Addie McCrillis (HS)  
 Anna McCrillis  
 Catherine McLean (6<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
 Lutie McLean  
 Felicia A. Miller (Paschal School)  
 Eliza J. Mitchell  
 M.E. Neale (Colored Schools)  
 Annie V. Newton (East Austin)  
 Arta B. Numbers (East Austin)  
 Emily L. Numbers (West Austin)  
 Miss Outey (HS)  
 Rosa A. Penick (East Austin)  
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