

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

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## Foreword

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In the foreword to our first transcription of meeting minutes from the Austin City Public Schools (1880-1892), we noted how the school board meeting minutes of 14 decades ago shed light on the great disparities of the various public schools of Texas' capital. This second volume (1892-1901) shares similar trends with respect to disparities. In the second decade of Austin's Free Public Schools, the West Austin (White) School—the future Pease Elementary—continued to enjoy considerable resources, and a new high school was built for White students, while the schools of Black students continued to be largely neglected, matters concerning the “Colored” community were largely deferred from meeting to meeting, and Black teachers received lower salaries for performing the same work. A new school for White students was built for \$4,000, while a similar school for Black students was built for \$2,562, and the First Ward “Mexican” school was closed on July 5, 1901, leaving no educational institution for the Hispanic students who found themselves outside the “White” and “Colored” communities of Austin. With such under-resourcing of the schools that did not serve children of pallor, it is little wonder that this volume of school board minutes contains such a dark picture of the squalid condition of various schools at that time.

Unlike the first volume of these minutes, which was published with various appendices and an index, this work contains no such research tools. With the proximate sharing of these minutes through digital means, the reader will be able to easily search the digital archive of these minutes, thus making such appendices less important in this work.

As in the first volume, 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 14 decades ago: Latin phrases are retained, people speak “in behalf of” others, and “*inst.*” expressed that something occurred that same month.

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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 from 2012 to 2020, 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.

[1]

Superintendent's Office  
October 2, 1892

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, held this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, George P. Garrison, S.G. Sneed.

The minutes of July 29 were read by the Secretary, with the exception of that part which had reference to an amendment to a report of the Finance Committee made by Mr. Garrison.

The minutes were approved with the understanding that, upon Mr. Hancock's return, the matter was to be again brought up.

The minutes of September 9 were then read and, after a correction of Judge Smith's views in regards to children entering the City Schools under the age of eight, the minutes were approved.

The report of the Superintendent was read and taken up *seriatim* by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Garrison that the recommendation of the Superintendent that the blackboards had been ordered and received. The matter was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act. Carried.

It was moved and adopted that Mr. Holdstock's bids for putting in the blackboards at the Arsenal Block School be accepted.

On motion of Dr. Garrison, which was seconded by Mr. Graham, the case of Mrs. Brown's wanting to enter the schools as a pay pupil was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with power to act. Carried.

Moved and carried that the recommendation of the Superintendent in regard to celebration of Columbus Day be accepted. It was ordered by the Board that the Superintendent and Principals be authorized to carry into effect the proclamation of Governor Hogg. [2]

[*Professor Blackshear*] The Secretary then read the report of the Committee on Teachers, which was adopted. It was moved and carried that E.L. Blackshear be authorized to go to San Marcos to investigate the case of Miss Susie Weeks, and that board stand his traveling expenses.

The report of the Committee on Rules was read and, on motion, it was adopted, to refer to the next regular meeting.

Mr. Graham read a bill from Mr. Braas and also one from Morley Brothers against Mr. Holdstock. It was adopted that the matter be referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*Arsenal Block*] The matter in regard to heating the Arsenal School building house came up, and it was moved and carried that the contract of the Austin Sanitary Plumbing Company be accepted. The matter was referred to the Building Committee, to close the contract.

The report of the Building Committee in reference to the blinds and seats of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward school was adopted.

Moved and carried that the purchase of the slate be ratified.

[*Hyde Park*] The lease of the MK&T Land Company was read, and it was moved and adopted that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was also adopted that the said Committee approve this lease and that the President and Secretary be authorized to sign it.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

November 4, 1892

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham S.K. Morley, George P. Garrison S.S.G. Sneed, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of October 7, were read and approved.

The Secretary then read the minutes of September 9, which, after a correction of Judge Smith's views in reference to children under the age of eight being allowed to enter the schools, the minutes were approved.

The report of the Superintendent was called for, but, there being very little to report, the Superintendent communicated verbally to the Board the complaint of the Principal of the High School against Mr. Walden in reference to several leakages from his floor into the High School rooms.

[*Temporary Capitol*] After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Hancock and seconded by Mr. Graham, that the plumbing of the Temporary Capitol be overhauled.

[*Fulmore*] It was moved and carried that the parties in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward be allowed the use of the Fulmore School House for election purposes from Monday, November 7, three o'clock, to Wednesday morning November 9, at nine o'clock.

It was moved by Mr. Graham that the report of Mr. Hancock the Treasurer be received, and that, in accordance with his request, a special committee be appointed to examine and approve the

Treasurer's vouchers. Mr. Garrison was appointed by the President, in addition to the other members of the Finance [4] Committee.

[*Arsenal Block*] Some discussion then arose in regard to the Arsenal Block School. Moved by Mr. Hancock and seconded by Mr. Graham, that the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward School house be accepted and Building Committee be authorized to withhold all money until contractors had settled with the employees.

It was moved and carried that the Building Committee be authorized to have cistern put in repair for the use of heating, the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward School. Also to put in conducting pipes.

A communication was then read from Mr. Walden, explaining the cause of the leakage in the High School rooms.

Moved and carried that the Building Committee use their good judgment and sell the building at the Arsenal Block for the best price that can be obtained for it.

It was moved and adopted that the examination committee be authorized to call a meeting in the near future for the examination of temporary substitutes, both White and Colored.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

November 14, 1892

At a called meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock, George P. Garrison, S.K. Morley.

The President having called the meeting to order, the report of the Superintendent was read and, on motion, taken up *seriatim*.

The first recommendation that a substitute teacher be appointed to assist Miss Eanes in the work of the first grade was disposed of by Mr. Graham's moving that the matter be referred to the Committee on Teachers to investigate and give immediate relief. Carried.

[*Arsenal Block*] The recommendation that the pupils of the Arsenal Block be given permission to give an entertainment for a piano fund was entertained.

The next recommendation of the Superintendent was that monthly or quarterly report cards be sent to parents, giving the attendance, deportment and scholarship of their children. Mr. Graham moved its adoption. Carried.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Rules be adopted.

A motion was then made that the matter be referred to the next regular meeting, but, on receiving no second, the regular business was taken up.

Mr. Garrison withdrew from the meeting.

A great deal of interesting discussion then followed in reference to the change or adoption of Rule 4. Mr. Sneed moved that the original rule be adopted, but his motion, on being put to ballot, was lost.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

November 22, 1892

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, S.K. Morley, George P. Garrison, S.G. Sneed.

The report of the Teachers Committee was read and, on motion, taken up *seriatim*.

The first recommendation was taken up and, on motion, it was decided that a teacher be selected for halftime at the Arsenal Block Schools, and the matter of selecting a permanent teacher later to be left to the Committee if they thought necessary. Adopted.

[*Hyde Park*] The recommendation that a teacher be selected to give half her time at the Hyde Park Schools was adopted.

The third recommendation advising the consolidation and transfer of children at the first of the scholastic year was adopted.

[*Gregorytown/Clarksville*] It was moved and adopted that an additional teacher be put on at the Gregorytown Schools, also one at the West Austin Colored Schools.

[*Arsenal Block*] It was agreed to let the janitor of the Arsenal Block Schools the rent of an adjoining house and \$30 for services, in other words, the Board to pay him \$40 and he pay the Board \$10 house rent.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The matter of the leaking of the water from Professor Walden's floor through the several floors of the Temporary Capitol came up and, after some further discussion, it was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

The request of Mrs. McKinley for a leave of absence was granted, [7] the leaving to take effect December 1 and continue the rest of the session.

[*Brackenridge: South Austin Colored*] A petition from the Colored population of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward was then read. It was asked that they be transferred from the County to the City and that they establish a school in said ward. The matter was disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Teachers.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

[8] Superintendent's Office, Austin, Texas  
January 6, 1893

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, G.P. Garrison, Lewis Hancock J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, S.G. Sneed.

The minutes of the meeting of November 4 were read and approved, as were also those of the meeting of November 14.

The report of the Superintendent of December 2 was read and, on motion, approved. The Superintendent's report of January 6 was read by the Secretary and, on motion of the Board, it was taken up *seriatim*.

The first recommendation, that the resignation of Miss Eleanor Erkel be received, was adopted.

Moved and adopted that Miss Georgia Allan be assigned to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Erkel.

It was moved and carried that Miss N.V. Hamilton be assigned to fill the vacancy at the Gregorytown Schools.

The next recommendation was that, on account of the increase in the enrollment of pupils at the Arsenal Block Schools, Miss Nettie Crenshaw be put on as a whole-day teacher. It was moved and carried that the matter be referred to the Committee on Teachers, with power to act.

A communication from Mr. Tory, suggesting to the Board the advisability of the City Schools connecting with the city sewerage, was read. It was moved and adopted that the matter be referred to the Building Committee.

The reports of Standing Committees were then taken up.

The Finance Committee rendered their report, which was approved.

[9] The report of Fred Sterzing, the City Tax Collector, was taken up. It was moved and carried that it be filed and received.

The report of the Judiciary Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Building Committee was read. Moved and carried that the Committee be continued, the said Committee has reference to the planning in the Temporary Capitol.

The Treasurer's annual report in reference to the Allan Fund was read and, on motion, it was referred to the Special Committee on the Allan Fund.

An application from T.W. Murray, to teach writing in the schools, was read and, on motion, it was adopted that it be received and filed.

[*Academy Block*] Mr. Sneed then read a resolution to consider the advisability of selling a block in West Austin, known as Academy Block, and donate proceeds of sale to erecting school houses in the City of Austin. Mr. Sneed's proposition was seconded by Mr. Morley and adopted by the Board.

The President appointed a special committee of three to consider as to the advisability of procuring the passage of a special law by the Legislature authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools to sell the land in question. Those appointed were Misters Graham, Hancock and Sneed.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

[10] Superintendent's Office, Austin, Texas  
January 23, 1893

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, there were present the following members: George P. Garrison, W.J. Mathews, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock, S.G. Sneed, J.W. Graham.

The Board met to consider the case of Misses Mishan and Hewlett, pupils of the High School, who were charged with improperly receiving assistance on examinations.

The President being absent, Mr. Hancock was elected to preside at the meeting.

The Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations reported as follows: Misses Mishan and Hewlett had been suspended by the Principal of the High School on the charge mentioned, and there had made formal complaint relative thereto. Upon the failure of the Superintendent to adjust the matter, it had been referred to this

Committee by the President of the Board. The Committee had investigated the matter fully and reported the testimony as to whether the charges were sustained. They unanimously agreed that the charges were sustained by the evidence. The report of the committee was unanimously adopted, and the suspension was ratified by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Graham, it was decided that the suspension should extend to January 30, and that Miss Hewlett and Miss Mishan begin work with low seniors at that time.

On motion of Mr. Graham, it was resolved that the Board, if necessary, exhaust the means in its power to stop cheating on examinations.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

[11] Superintendent's Office, Austin, Texas  
January 25, 1893

At a called meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, S.K. Morley, George P. Garrison, Lewis Hancock.

The President stated that the meeting had been called to consider the protest of Mr. Hewlett against the action of the Board in requiring his daughter to be given work with the low seniors when her suspension should have expired at the opening of the second term of the year 1893. After consultation with the Principal of the High School, it was decided to refer the question of grading Miss Hewlett and Miss Mishan for the ensuing term to the Superintendent, with power to act.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

[12] Superintendent's Office  
February 10, 1893

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.G. Sneed, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of January 6 were read and, after a slight correction, approved.

The minutes of the meetings of January 23 and 25 were approved.

The report of the Superintendent was then read by the Secretary, after which the report of the Supervisor of the Colored Schools was taken up. Both were approved. It was moved and adopted that the appointment of Mr. Blackshear be approved.

The Assessor's report was read, and, on motion, it was adopted that it be received and filed.

[*Academy Block*] A communication from the City Clerk was read. It referred to the resolutions adopted by the Board at the meeting of January 6, 1893, concerning Academy Block. The communication informed the Board that the Board of Alderman concurred in the said resolutions and recommendations, and that, on motion of Alderman North, they were adopted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] It was moved and adopted that the Board dispense with the services of C.H. Powell, collector of rents for the Temporary Capitol, and that the matter be referred to Finance Committee, with power to act.

The Board, on motion, then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

February 24, 1893

At a called meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, Lewis Hancock.

[*Arsenal Block*] The object of the meeting was to consider the acceptance of the heater of the Arsenal Block School. It was moved by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Morley that, as the heater had been thoroughly and satisfactorily tested, it be accepted.

It was moved and adopted that the Austin Sanitary Plumbing Company put in additional coils in the northwest and southwest rooms, as those already there were insufficient to comfortably heat the rooms. Carried.

After the company had furnished the Board with a written guarantee that they would put in the additional coils and further guarantee the satisfactory working of the heating system for one year from date, it was moved and carried that a warrant be drawn in favor of the company by the President for the contract price.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
March 3, 1893

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, Lewis Hancock,

The minutes of the meeting of February 10 and 24 were read and approved.

At a previous meeting, it was moved and adopted that the case of C.H. Powell, collector of rents for the Temporary Capitol, be referred to the Finance Committee, with power to act.

It was further agreed to give the Committee more time.

[*Academy Block*] The Secretary announced that the Academy Block bill had been introduced by Senator Tips and had been referred to the Committee on State Affairs, and, as soon as the Chairman of said Committee returned, he would notify the members of the Board.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
March 17, 1893

At a called meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, Lewis Hancock.

First, the matter of determining the length of the scholastic session came up.

Mr. Hancock, Treasurer, then read the report of the disbursements and receipts since September last, with a view to deciding the above question.

It was moved and adopted that any payments made on the Allan Fund be charged to General Revenue Fund.

[*Schools Close*] Moved by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Sneed that the schools close the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Carried.

The following resolutions were introduced and adopted:

Resolved that the Building Committee and two other members of the Board be appointed on a Special Committee charged with the following duties:

1. [*East Austin*] To report on the propriety of erecting a public school building for East Austin Schools
2. [*East Austin*] Capacity of said building and general plan of same and estimated cost of same

3. [*Finance*] Feasibility of borrowing sufficient funds for the erection of said building, so as to have the same ready by the beginning of the next scholastic year, with rate of interest on the same to be borrowed.

Resolved, second, that the Special Committee shall present a report on the foregoing subject and other matter pertinent to same subject matter, or will serve to give full understanding of the matter to the Board, with such details as they may be able to collect. On motion, Mr. Smith and Mr. Sneed were appointed to act on Committee, in conjunction with Building Committee.

Adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 7, 1893

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, George P. Garrison.

The minutes of the meeting of March 3 and March 14 were read and approved.

The Superintendent's report was then read and, on motion of Mr. Morley, received.

A communication was read from Mr. Tory, superintendent and general manager of the sewerage company. It was moved and adopted it be referred to the Building Committee.

[*Fulmore*] A communication was then read from Mr. George P. Warner, asking the use of the Fulmore School for the purpose of holding his court. Mr. Morley moved that his request be not granted. Adopted.

[*Arsenal Block*] A petition was next read from Miss F.R. Brooke, Principal of the Arsenal Block School, asking permission of the Board to allow the seventh grade to convert the two rooms of the second floor into an assembly hall by knocking out the partition and putting folding doors in its place, they to raise the money sufficient to pay for it by giving the opera "Pinafore." It was moved and carried that the matter be referred to the Building Committee, to report to the Board. Mr. Sneed moved that the matter be reported at a called meeting within the next two weeks.

The report of Fred Sterzing, City Tax Collector, was read and filed.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The report of C.H. Powell, agent and collector of rents for the Temporary Capitol, was then read. Mr. Graham moved that the \$29.08 due Mr. Powell from H.B. Wilson for rent be stricken from the report. Mr. Morley moved that it be given into the hands of Mr. Bent for collection. Seconded by Mr. Sneed. [17]

It was moved and carried that Mr. Powell be discharged.

It was moved and adopted that Mr. Griffith be given the job of renting the rooms and collecting the rents of the Temporary Capitol, and the rate of commission be left to the Finance Committee, with power to act.

Next, the question came up of having the scholastic census taken. Some discussion ensued as to whether a sum in addition to that paid by the city should be offered by the Board as a stimulant, so as to get as correct a report as possible. It was moved and carried that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, with power to act.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 20, 1893

At a called meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.M. Mathews, George P. Garrison, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, Lewis Hancock.

The object of the meeting was to decide about the manner of conducting the closing exercises of the High School.

The report of the Superintendent was read and, on motion, the recommendations were taken up *seriatim*.

The first recommendation, that the final examinations of the pupils of the City Schools begin on May 12, was adopted.

[*Commencement*] The second recommendation, that the exercises be held at Millett's Opera House, was adopted.

The third recommendation, that the manner of the closing exercises be changed so far as the music is concerned, from the orchestra to that of vocal and instrumental [music] furnished by the pupils of the High School was, on motion, adopted, provided the services of Professor Besserer could be obtained for not more than \$25.

It was moved and adopted that \$32 be appropriated for the rent of the opera house and the employment of two ushers.

The fourth recommendation was to the effect that tickets of admission be issued, the proceeds of which be applied to

supplementing the expense of the exercises. After much discussion, it was adopted to lay the matter on the table. It was moved and adopted that no fees be charged and that the doors be open to all.

[*Arsenal Block*] The petition of Miss F.R. Brooke and pupils of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward schools, which was brought up at a previous meeting and which was referred to the Building Committee, was [19] again introduced by the Chairman of said Committee. Mr. Watson, architect of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward building, addressed the Board in reference to converting the two second-story rooms into an assembly hall. Mr. Hancock moved that the Board respectfully refuse to grant the above petition of Miss Brooke. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham. Carried.

Mr. Graham, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the Committee had decided to offer Mr. Milby, or whoever Mr. Sterzing employed to make the scholastic census, 20 cents for every child over the scholastic census of last year, as an incentive to obtain as correct a report as possible.

It was moved and carried that the report of the committee receive the approval of the Board.

[*Temporary Capitol*] At a previous meeting of the Board, it was decided to refer the matter of determining the rate of commission of S.S. Griffith to the Finance Committee, with power to act. The chairman announced that it had been agreed to allow him 5% commission.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 12, 1893

At a called meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.G. Sneed, George P. Garrison, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock.

The object of the meeting was to consider the graduation of the pupils and the closing exercises of the High School.

The report of the Superintendent was read and, on motion, it was taken up *seriatim*.

[*High School Graduates*] Mr. Bryant, Principal of the High School, then read his report, reporting the following pupils for graduation: Miss Estelle Montelin, Miss Ella Isle, Miss Ella Bachmann, Miss Florence Maddox, Miss Agnes Brady, Miss Maud Jones, Miss Lota

Harris, Miss Maud Campbell, Miss Laura Edwards, Mr. Rory Smith, Mr. Raymond Hill, Mr. Charles Doyle, Mr. Willie Brown.

The following were recommended to receive certificates in the studies they had completed: Miss Rosa Collett, Miss Agnes Dachlich, Miss Hattie Hewlett, Miss Nettie Swancoat, Miss Willie Compton, Miss Eula Hill, Miss Mary Mitchell, Miss Katie Weed, Miss Lizzie Waterston, Mr. Pope Caldwell, Mr. Walter Smith, Mr. Ed Collett, Mr. Reynolds Lowry.

It was moved and carried that the report of Mr. Bryant be adopted, except that part which had reference to the case of Miss Swancoat, it to be left open for investigation.

It was, on motion, referred to the Teachers Committee. The Committee retired to make a report to the Board on the above. They reported that, in their opinion, the rules governing graduation from the High School are those promulgated [21] in the circular issued 1892-1893. They recommended that these rules be applied to Miss Swancoat's case.

Mr. Winn addressed the Board in reference to Miss Swancoat. He asked if the Board could not make some provision by which the young lady could receive a diploma notwithstanding the fact of her having failed in algebra. Mr. Hancock moved that the matter be adopted, so as to get it before the Board. With this understanding, Mr. Garrison seconded it. The motion was not adopted.

The next recommendation of the Superintendent was the resignation of Miss Sloss. It was moved and carried that it be adopted.

Next of the recommendations were the several applications to teach private schools in the school buildings. Moved by Mr. Morley that the recommendations be adopted, so as to get it under discussion. Mr. Winn spoke in reference to allowing the teachers the use of the rooms. He said while his sympathy was with the teachers, he could not recommend that the Board lend the rooms, as not only was it in violation to the Rules, but, from experience, he knew the privilege had generally been abused to the detriment of the grounds and buildings.

Mr. Morley offered an amendment to his motion, which was to allow the teachers of the City Public Schools the use of the rooms in the Temporary Capitol for private school purposes. Adopted.

Mr. Sneed presented an application of Mr. H. Schuh to erect a fruit stand on the north side of the building. The matter was disposed of by referring it to Building Committee.

The report of S.S. Griffith was read. He reported having collected \$85 in cash and \$200 in notes. Moved by Mr. Hancock that the notes be repudiated and rejected. Adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

July 20, 1893

At a called meeting of the City School Board there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, S.K. Morley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the name of Judge Smith was added to the Building Committee.

The report of Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations was submitted and, on motion, the items were considered *seriatim*.

On motion of Mr. Morley, that portion of report in reference to revision of course of study, as recommended by Superintendent, was not adopted, as also the report with regard to supervision of Colored Schools.

Mr. Morley moved to reject the report of Committee, concurring in Superintendent's recommendations that the office of Supervisor of the White Schools be established. After considerable discussion, the motion was carried.

On motion, the following teachers and principals were reelected to permanent positions: Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Mary Decherd Miss Annie Puckett, Mrs. G.E. Pyle, Mrs. Z.L. Hunt, Miss Gertrude Whitis, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Pearl Cashell (Principal), Miss Fairie Blanton, Miss Ada Beall, Miss Hattie Posey, Miss Lizzie Waggoner Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Laura Glasscock, Miss Nellie Crenshaw, T.A. Brown (Principal).

The report of Committee, refusing to concur in the recommendations of Superintendent to place Miss Lizzie Rumsey on the list of temporary teachers was, on motion, adopted, as also with regard to Miss Evans of the Colored Schools.

The Committee reported unfavorably on the reelection of J.N. Dodson and, on motion, it was carried.

Recommendation that Miss Susie Weeks be retained temporary teacher for another year was adopted.

[23] On motion of Mr. Morley, Miss Lucy Read, Miss M.E. Johnson and Miss M.F. Brown were elected permanent teachers.

On motion of Dr. Mathews, Miss Sloss was again elected a permanent teacher.

Miss Trueblood was recommended by the Committee as a temporary teacher.

Mr. Morley moved to substitute Miss Roosevelt's name, but, after discussion, the motion was withdrawn and Miss Trueblood elected. The Committee recommended the election of the following Colored teachers to temporary positions: W.R. Taylor, W.R. Patterson and T.A. Love. Motion made and carried to adopt the recommendation.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted by the Board: Resolved that the Board of School Trustees of Austin City decline to receive or consider the report of Miss Pearl Cashell and that the same be returned to her with direction that she reform the same in such parts as are merely personal and uncalled for, and which portions of said report as are objectionable the Board is assured will be apparent to Miss Cashell on reflection.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

August 4, 1893

A regular meeting of the City Board was held this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, with the following members present: J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, S.G. Sneed, S.K. Morley.

[*East Austin*] On motion of Mr. Graham, the regular business was postponed for the consideration of the plans and specifications of architects for building a school in East Austin, according to previous notice, which plans and specifications were ready to be submitted for the action of the Board by the following gentlemen: E.L. Macken, Burt McDonald and A. Watson.

On motion of Mr. Graham, it was agreed that the names of the architects be balloted for, as regard whose plan should be considered first in order. The name of Mr. Macken was first, Mr. McDonald the second, and Mr. Watson third, Mr. Wyard fourth, and Mr. Eyers fifth. The plans were so examined.

Mr. Sneed moved, and it was carried, that all the plans be referred to the Building Committee, to make such modifications and

suggestions as the Committee may deem best and to report to the Board at its next meeting.

With Mr. Sneed in the Chair, Judge Smith moved that, if the Board adopt any one of the plans submitted, and the way be clear, that immediate steps be taken to commence the erection of the building in East Austin on Block No. 117. The motion was put and carried.

[*South Austin*] In behalf of the Building Committee, Mr. Graham reported that, as touching the report of the Superintendent recommending an additional school room at South Austin, which report was referred to said Committee, they had examined as to the necessity of the case, and that they do recommend the addition of another room there. And it was recommended that \$500 be appropriated for the purpose.

On motion of Mr. Sneed, the recommendation [25] was adopted, and it was ordered that the amount be paid out of the Building Fund.

Mr. Sneed being called to the Chair, Judge Smith moved that no part of the Building Fund be appropriated to any other account. After considerable discussion of said points involved in the term "appropriated," the motion was carried.

Judge Smith also moved that one-fourth of the Building Fund be set aside for the object designated and be kept apart from the General Fund. There was a lengthy discussion, in which Mr. Hancock participated and insisted upon a clear and definite understanding of what the Board wished, and that he would carry out its instructions to the letter.

Judge Smith offered the following resolution, which was adopted, Sneed and Hancock voting no:

[*Resolution*] Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Public Free Schools of the City of Austin have on hand in cash only about \$4,000 belonging to the Building Fund; and

Whereas the said Board has determined to build a school building in East Austin if a contractor can be secured to build the same for \$4,000 in cash to be paid contractor and the balance of the contract price to be paid in deferred payments falling due in 8 and 22 months after work is completed and due contractor, the contractor to accept warrants on Treasurer (promissory notes) drawing 8% interest *per annum* from date until paid for such deferred payments and that no architects plans and specifications are to be selected by the said Building Committee unless

such architect shall agree, no charge shall be made for such plans and specifications, unless a contract shall be made with a contractor to construct such building under the above terms and stipulations

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board that said Building Committee is only authorized to select the plans and specifications of any architect unless an understanding or agreement be had [26] between said Committee and said Board with such architect, that such architect is to receive no compensation for his plans and specifications unless a contract shall be made by the Board with some contractor to construct such building in accordance with the plans and specifications of such architect for the above cash payment and for the above deferred payments as aforesaid, and provided further that payments, as aforesaid, and provided further that no architects' plans and specifications selected by the said Committee shall be regarded as accepted until such selection by said Committee shall be ratified by said Board.

On motion of Mr. Morley, the recommendation of Superintendent asking for an appropriation of \$500 or \$600 for the purpose of buying furniture and supplies was approved, and it was adopted that \$500 be appropriated.

[*Allan Estate*] Mr. Eggleston, in behalf of the Allan Estate, appeared in person before the Board and presented the propriety of having the Allan property on West College Avenue, City of Austin, repaired and put in rentable condition, representing the necessity of said action. On motion of Mr. Morley, it was ordered that \$100 and no more be appropriated to cover the expenses of repairs.

On motion of Mr. Hancock, it was ordered that the Allan property on West College Avenue be sold and the agents, Misters Eggleston and Goldbeck, be instructed to receive bids for the same property and refer such offers as they may receive to the Board for action.

Mr. Eggleston recommended the sale of other property of the Allan Estate, the lands in East Texas and, on motion of Mr. Hancock, it was ordered that the agents, Misters Eggleston and Goldbeck, be authorized to sell the lands belonging to the Allan Estate in Jefferson, Trinity and Sabine Counties in East Texas, and that the said agents be authorized to sell by special warranty deed the interest of J.T. Allan

Estate in A.S. Elgin Survey in Lavaca County, Texas at \$1.50 cents per acre.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

August 14, 1893

At a meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, W.J. Mathews.

[*East Austin*] The object of the called meeting was to hear the report of the Building Committee to whom was referred the matter of the resolution of plans and specifications for building in East Austin. On motion of Mr. Sneed, the report of the Building Committee was adopted.

[*Bickler Resolution*] On motion of Mr. Morley, the following resolution offered by Judge Smith was adopted: Resolved that the Building Committee of this Board by its Chairman, are hereby authorized to give notice of bids to construct a public school building on Block No. 117 in the City of Austin in Travis County, Texas, in accordance with plans and specifications submitted by Mr. Burt McDonald, under such terms and considerations as shall be determined by Subcommittee and, when said bids shall be received in accordance with their notice, then such bids shall be submitted to this Board for its action. As stated above, the motion was adopted, but with Misters Sneed and Hancock voting no.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

September 1, 1893

At a regular meeting of the City School Board held this the first of September, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.G. Sneed, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of the meetings of August 4 and August 14 were read, and, after some slight corrections, they were approved.

There being no written report, the Superintendent communicated verbally to the Board several recommendations.

The names of Misses Cochran, Tarver and Roosevelt were placed before the Board for the purpose of making two selections for the

South Austin School. Those elected were Misses Roosevelt and Tarver.

[*Schools Open*] The recommendation of the Superintendent, that the schools open on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, was adopted.

[*South Austin*] Mr. Graham, Chairman of the Building Committee, communicated to the Board the report of his Committee. He stated it would take \$500 to make the addition to the South Austin School and also to put the old school in necessary repair. The report was adopted.

Mr. Winn put before the Board his report, recommending several amendments to the Rules. It was disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

[*South Austin*] Mr. Graham addressed the Board in reference to a petition from some residents of South Austin, asking that children under the age of eight years be allowed to attend the school in South Austin. No steps were taken as any such would be in violation to the Rules.

[*East Austin*] Mr. Smith spoke quite extensively on his views and reasons for advising the erection of a school building in East Austin.

The Board, having no further business to transact, adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

September 5, 1893

At a called meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, John McDonald, S.G. Sneed, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham.

The Secretary read a letter from Miss Tarver, informing the Board that she could not accept the position offered her, as she had already accepted one in Rusk. This still left the vacancy in South Austin to be filled and, on motion, Miss Birdie Cochran was elected to a temporary position in the school.

On motion of Mr. Graham, it was adopted that Miss Georgia Allen be elected to fill the first next vacancy that would occur in the schools.

[*East Austin*] The purpose of this called meeting was to consider the bids for the erection of the school in East Austin. Moved and carried that the bids be opened. The Secretary proceeded to read them, they were all rejected.

Next came up the matter of paying Mr. Sterzing \$500 for taking the scholastic census. Mr. Sterzing was called before the Board and, after

some further discussion, it was adopted that the Board continue to allow him \$500 *per annum*.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

September 20, 1893

At a meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.G. Sneed, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock.

Mr. Winn addressed the Board in behalf of Miss Duffy, who, having attended the West Austin School and having failed to pass the examination in the eighth grade, wishes to attend the High School. As the Principal, Mr. T.A. Brown, had recommended that she be given two-weeks trial in the High School, Professor Winn advised that the Board act on Mr. Brown's recommendation. Mr. Sneed offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the Board:

[*Rule*] Resolved that, whenever The Superintendent of Austin Public Schools shall deem it to the interest of a pupil of any grade to promote such pupil to a higher grade or to demote to a lower grade, he shall be authorized to make such promotion or demotion although such people may not have passed the usual examination fixed to authorize promotion or may have been placed in higher grade by promotion.

[*Rule*] Resolved that, in the exercise of this discretion by the City Superintendent, he shall consider the attainments of the pupil known to him independent of the examination of such a pupil and also the age of such pupil and all other matters and criteria that would justify such promotion or demotion, and he must be well-satisfied that such promotion or demotion will be for the interest of the pupil.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Winn then reported upon the crowded condition of the schools, particularly in the Temporary Capitol.

[*Resolution*] In regard to the above the following resolution was adopted: [31] Resolved that the Building Committee be and are hereby given full power to negotiate with Professor Walden for the lease of such rooms on the third floor of the Temporary Capitol Building, as they may find suitable for occupancy for school rooms,

and they are authorized to contract with said Walden that his indebtedness to the Board of Trustees for rental shall be applied in settlement for rental charged by him for rooms, to be used by the City Schools to such extent and on such terms as said Walden and the Building Committee may agree.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

September 27, 1893

At a meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, S.G. Sneed, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, George P. Garrison.

First was presented to the Board the report of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations, as was required last session. The Committee was called upon to make some satisfactory provision to relieve the crowded conditions of some of the grades. The Chairman presented some statistical information in regard to the matter, but, as the Board was not satisfied with that part of the report, Mr. Garrison affirmed that he would get up the necessary data and present same in the form of recommendations at the next meeting of the Board. A motion was made to that effect, which was adopted.

[*Resolution*] Next of the recommendations of the above Committee was the following, which was adopted.

Honorable James W. Smith, President Board of Trustees:

Your Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc., have had under consideration the matter of extending the period of validity of teachers' certificates issued by authority of the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools and recommend that the Board of Trustees authorize the Superintendent of Austin City Public Schools to extend the period of validity of all valid certificates now outstanding held by teachers employed in the Austin Public Schools and which were issued by authority of this Board, so as to have validity for four years from date same were issued.

They further recommended that the Superintendent of City Schools endorse, on the original valid certificate held by teachers now employed in the City Schools, the extension of the same.

They further recommended that a record [33] be made by the City Superintendent of the certificates extended in accordance with this recommendation, said record showing names of teachers whose certificates may be extended, with date of original issue, grade and date of validity.

Signed, {George P. Garrison} {S.G. Sneed}

Miss Allison, who, having a certificate which had expired, was recommended to be given a special examination by the Superintendent.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Graham, Chairman of the Building Committee, read his report. It referred to the matter of securing two rooms from Professor Walden for school purposes, which, at the last meeting, was turned over to his Committee. He stated Professor Walden had agreed to give up one room at \$20 per month, the money to be applied to his back rent. The report was adopted. In connection with the above, the following was also adopted:

[*Resolution*] Resolved that the Judiciary Committee examine as to whether in contracting to pay rent to Professor Walden for one room on third floor of Temporary Capitol that thereby any rights of the Board of Trustees are waived to possession of the third floor on account of Professor Walden's having defaulted in payment of his rent in violation of his contract of lease.

[*South Austin*] It was moved and carried that the South Austin School be not used for public meetings of any kind, except for Sunday school purposes at the usual morning hour.

Mr. Hancock asked the attention of the Board for a few minutes. He stated that, at the last meeting of the Board, a resolution was passed to the effect that the Building Fund be not used for any purpose but for building. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hancock, which was adopted by the Board:

[*Resolution*] Resolved that the resolution passed [34] on August 4, 1893, requiring the Treasurer of this Board not to pay out any money belonging to the Building Fund, except for building purposes be and the same is hereby revoked and repealed, and the Treasurer is hereby instructed to apply any monies in his hands, except belonging to the Allan Estate, to the payments of any warrant properly drawn upon him, and that any money so paid out by him belonging to the Building Fund shall be paid back to such Building Fund out of any money

belonging to this General Fund that may remain in his hands at the end of the current year.

The Treasurer then presented his annual reports. They are as follows:

Receipts

Austin Public Schools from Sept. 1, 1892 to Aug. 31, 1893

Cash Balance on hand last report	1,154.32
Cash from State Apportionment	24,470.00
Cash from City	33,044.32
Cash transfers from Travis County	466.00
Cash transfers from Fayette County	7.00
Travis County Rent of School Land	687.44
Travis County Interest on Bonds	207.00
Rents	1,754.20
<u>Temporary Loans</u>	<u>11,200.00</u>
Balance Cash on Hand	\$72,990.28

Disbursements

Teacher Salaries	37,604.34
Superintendent's Salary	1,800.00
Building	3,492.55
Rents	2,704.23
Repairs	251.92
Furniture	851.93
Libraries	25.00
Supplies & Apparatus	733.17
Print & Sta.	275.95
Clerk's Salary	590.00
Janitor Salaries	2,153.62
Water	268.00
Miscellaneous	864.59
Insurance	277.00
Sanitation	69.50
Notes	11,200.00
Interest	1,803.91
Fuel	692.46
Commissions	519.70
<u>Balance cash on hand</u>	<u>6,812.41</u>
	\$72,990.28

## Receipts from Sept. 1, 1892 Allan Fund to Aug. 31, 1893

Bal. Cash on hand	1,821.84
Notes Collected	2,560.00
Interest	2,338.58
Sales of Lands	403.25
Rent	550.01
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	\$7,673.68
Investments made	4,500.00
<u>Balance cash on hand</u>	<u>3,173.68</u>
	\$7,673.68

## Balance notes on hand

Loan to Austin Public Schools	8,435.80
Int. from May 3/92 to Aug. 31/93	221.19
Loan to Austin Public Schools	2,000.00
Int. from Jun. 1/21 to Aug. 31/93	360.00
Loan to Austin Public Schools	1,900.00
Int. from Nov. 24/91 to Aug. 31/93	268.96
3 Notes - H. Wehmeyer	3,200.00
Int. from Jan 1/93 to Aug 31/93	170.67
1 Note Austin & Jordan	780.00
Int. from Aug. 18/92 to Aug. 31/93	2.25
1 Note Misters Snyder & Brinkmann	1,600.00
Int. from Apr. 14/93 to Aug. 31/93	60.88
1 Note Misters Snyder & Brinkmann	1,000.00
Int. from Jan. 21/93 to Aug. 31/93	61.11
3 Notes W.S. Wright	150.00
Int. from Dec. 1/92 to Aug. 31/93	9.00
3 Notes E. Libby	1,383.75
Int. from Apr. 4/93 to Aug. 31/93	43.18
Note Miss Mary Lindemann	2,000.00
Int. from Jan. 1/93 to Aug. 31/93	40.00
Note Washington Fire Co.	1,500.00
Int. from Jun 5/93 to Aug. 31/93	28.66
<u>Balance cash on hand</u>	<u>3,173.68</u>
	28,399.13

## Cash Account – Allan Fund

Sept. 1	Bal. cash on hand	1,821.84
Nov. 7	Eggleston & Goldbeck	226.00
Nov. 21	Int. to Jan. 1/83 on 3 notes H. Wehmeyer	368.00
Dec. 19	Notes Austin & Jordan 780 on 2340	967.20
Dec. 19	Eggleston & Goldbeck rents	71.06
Dec. 21	John Orr Int. to Oct. 28/92	80.00
Apr. 12	Eggleston & Goldbeck payment ou Mac Kay Survey	365.75
Apr. 15	Int. to Apr. 14/93 Snyder note	160.00
Apr. 29	Eggleston & Goldbeck, cash pymt W.S. Wright 43 A. Kaufmann Co.	37.50
Apr. 29	Eggleston & Goldbeck, rents	252.95
May 6	Austin Pub. Sch. Int. to May 3/93 on 48,435.80	1,3349.72
Jun. 1	John Orr note \$1000, Int. 46.66	1,046.66
Jun. 6	Int. on Washington Fire Co. (Forward)	\$8,600.68
	Note from March 1/93 to Jun 1/93	30.00
Aug. 18	<u>Austin &amp; Jordan note 780, int. 17</u>	<u>897.00</u>
		\$7,673.68

There being no further business to transact, the Board adjourned.  
{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
October 6, 1893

At a meeting of the School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, John McDonald.

The Secretary read the minutes of September 1, 5, 20 and 27, all of which were approved.

Mr. Irving Eggleston of the firm of Eggleston & Goldbeck addressed the Board in reference to some school land of the John T. Allan Estate. The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Whereas the interest in the Sophia Dean Survey in Jefferson County, Texas, deeded to the City of Austin by John T. Allan, dedicated for educational purposes, is an undivided one-half interest

in 2988 acres of land, and, whereas the owner of the other one-half interest in said 2988 acres of land out of said Sophia Dean Survey, Miss G.C. Osborn, is willing to make a partition of said land by metes and bounds, by agreement with the City of Austin, thereby avoiding the expense of a partition by legal proceedings, said partition to be made by three commissioners, one to be selected by each owner of the land, and these two commissioners to select a third commissioner; therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Public Free Schools of the City of Austin that Irving Eggleston of Austin, Texas is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to effect a partition of said land in the manner above set forth and to enter into such agreement with said Mrs. G.C. Osborn, as he may think best to partition said tract of land equally and equitably between said Board of Trustees and said G.C. Osborn, and further giving Irving Eggleston full power to appoint commissioners to divide same land, as above set forth.

Provided when this land is partitioned [38] by the commissioners, their report is to be approved by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools, if satisfactory, and a proper and valid conveyance will be executed by the Board of Trustees to the said Miss G.C. Osborn.

Next in order was read the report of the Superintendent.

The first recommendation, that Miss Laura Allison receive such certificate as she is entitled to have under the present state law, was disposed of by giving her a certificate of the second grade good for two years. It was further agreed that she be allowed \$60 for service she performed in the Public Schools of Austin from the date of her certificate to the close of the first school month of the scholastic session.

The recommendation of Superintendent Winn, that the assignment of Miss Helen Beall and Mrs. A.O. Hubbard be approved, was adopted.

An application from a Miss Baker to teach an art school in the Public Schools was read and, on motion, it was rejected.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
October 10, 1893

At a special meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: George P. Garrison, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, S.G. Sneed, S.K. Morley.

The meeting was called with the object of considering the report of the Teachers Committee in regard to the excesses of pupils in several of the grades.

In the absence of J.W. Smith, the Vice President, Mr. George P. Garrison, took the chair.

The Secretary then read the report of the above-named Committee, which was presented at a previous meeting, but which was voted to be left open till this meeting. Moved and carried that the report be adopted. The report being placed before the Board, it was thus brought under discussion. Following is the report, which was subsequently adopted:

To the Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools:

Gentlemen, your Committee on Teachers, Etc., which was charged with the duty of investigating the condition of the schools in order to determine the possibility of consolidating, for economies sake, the grades by means of transfers, would make the following report.

The committee have questioned the principals of the five larger schools belonging to the city relative to the present arrangement of the grades in their various schools and to the probable maximum number in each division in each grade during the current school year, and the results are to be found in the report which is on file.

This table shows that transfers would give a better arrangement to the grades, and it shows also where the transfers might be made. For instance, the eighth grade might be equalized by transfers from West and North Austin to East [40] and Central Austin. It is evident that the consolidation which would result from the proper transfers would have many advantages: The grades would be more uniform, and teachers would be enabled to do much better work, [and] the employment of additional teachers might be avoided. The figures show that, with an average of about 50 to the teacher in the primary grades, and 40 in the grammar grades, 44 teachers would be

sufficient to teach the maximum number, according to the estimates, would be present in these five schools during the year. This would include an additional teacher for the eighth grade, making the average in that grade under 30 per teacher.

It is likely that transfers would be objected to in particular cases, and that a considerable degree of opposition to them might be encountered. But the committee think that the large majority of the public would, in view of the increased efficiency in teaching and the economy that must follow, heartily sustain the policy and that assistance would soon disappear before a firm and impartial attitude on the part of the Board and of the Superintendent.

The Committee are therefore of the opinion that the Superintendent should seek to promote the consolidation of the grades be exercising more vigorously, especially in the grammar grades and in the grades that are overflowing, the discretion of making transfers with which he is invested.

Signed,

{George P. Garrison} {S.K. Morley} {W.J. Mathews}

A second report of the Committee on Teachers, Etc. was rendered, which, upon being read, stood approved. Following is the report:

To the Honorable J.W. Smith,

President Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools:

Your Committee of the Board of School Trustees on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

[Rule] First, there shall be issued by authority of [41] the Board of Trustees three classes of certificates to teachers:

- A. Primary and intermediate certificates, to be classed as second-grade certificates.
- B. High School certificates, to be classed as first-grade certificates
- C. Permanent certificates

[Rule] Second,

- A. Applicants for second-grade certificates shall be examined in the following branches: arithmetic,

civil government, composition, geography, physical geography, grammar, Texas history, U.S. history, physiology, school management, and methods of teaching, reading, spelling, writing.

- B. Applicants for first-grade certificates shall be examined in the following branches: algebra, arithmetic, civil government, composition, geography, physical geography, elements of geometry, grammar, Texas history, U.S. history, mental science, moral science, physics, physiology, school management, and methods of teaching, reading, writing, spelling
- C. Applicants for permanent certificates shall be examined in the following branches: algebra, arithmetic, bookkeeping, chemistry, civil government, composition, geography, physical geography, elements of geometry, solid geometry, grammar, history of education, history of Texas, U.S. history, American literature, English literature, mental science, moral science, physics, physiology, psychology, school management, and methods of teaching, spelling, plain trigonometry, writing, reading.

[Rule] Third, applicants for certificates of the first- or second-grade shall be required to make answers so as to receive not less than 50 average on each subject, 100 being the standard for a perfect paper, and also a general average on all subjects of not less than 75 for a certificate valid for two years, and a general average of 85 for a certificate valid for four years, and not less than 60 credits on each subject [42] and a general average of not less than 85 shall be required in order to entitle the applicant to a certificate of the class designated as permanent certificate.

[Rule] Fourth, applicants shall be entitled to such grade certificates as they may merit under the foregoing rules, notwithstanding they may have failed to attain the requisites required for the certificate of the class for which they may have applied.

[Rule] Fifth, annual competitive examinations shall be held and record kept of the standing of all applicants presenting themselves at such competitive examination.

[Rule] Sixth, special examinations may be held by order of the Board of School Trustees whenever there arises a necessity there from to fill the places of teachers in the Austin Public Schools.

[Rule] Seventh, teachers who hold first- and second-grade certificates issued by the County of Travis or who hold certificates or diplomas authorizing employment in the Public Schools of the State may be employed in the Public Schools of Austin as temporary or substitute teachers.

[Rule] Eighth, teachers who may have been employed as temporary or as substitutes during one year and who have given entire satisfaction may be elected as permanent teachers without further trial in the Austin Public Schools, provided they have passed satisfactory examination before the City Board of Examiners.

[Rule] Ninth, all teachers who may not have been tried in the Austin Public Schools shall be required to teach for one scholastic year before they are eligible to election as permanent teachers.

[Rule] Tenth, a list of temporary teachers and substitutes shall be prepared and arranged in order of rank at the discretion of the City Superintendent and Chairman of Committee on Teachers and Examinations, rank to be fixed according to experience, qualification and such other [43] criteria as may be naturally applied to secure the best teaching talent. Whenever it may become necessary to introduce a temporary teacher as a substitute in the Public Schools, the teacher highest in rank on the list shall be assigned to fill such vacancy, provided not already in service in the Austin City Public Schools.

[Rule] Eleventh, any teacher on list of temporary teachers or substitutes shall forfeit right of employment existing by virtue of rank on list in case of refusal to fill assignment, except in case of sickness or absence from the city.

[Rule] Twelfth, teachers who may have received certificates issued after passing satisfactory competitive examination for the second, first, or permanent grades shall first be considered in filling vacancies in the teaching corps of the Austin Public Schools, both as substitutes and as temporary and permanent teachers.

[Rule] Thirteenth, in the employment of teachers, all the criteria proper to be considered in order to secure the best talent in the City Schools, coupled with experience, shall be considered by the Board of Trustees and the City Superintendent and the Chairman of the Committee on Teachers, Etc.

[Rule] Fourteenth, in case it may become necessary to make an assignment of a teacher as temporary or substitute teacher, not to fill temporary absence of a regular teacher, but for continuous work during the term, said necessity growing out of change in the organization and number of the schools, said assignment shall be made by the City Superintendent, with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Teachers.

Signed,

{George P. Garrison} {S.G. Sneed} {W.J. Mathews}

Your Committee deem it proper to formulate the foregoing rules for observance, in order to establish uniformity in [44] governing the assignment and appointment of teachers. While some of the rules recommended have been acted on in practice, we deem it proper to place the system of rules applicable in a uniform form for better guidance of the office charged with the duty of assigning teachers.

[Rule] When temporary or substitute teachers are required, we deem it for the best interest of the school that the teacher on the list first in rank, who may be available be assigned, whenever the necessity exists for employment. Constant work as a temporary teacher or substitute teacher is necessary in efficiency and, as far as possible to meet emergencies, the same teacher should be assigned as substitutes. The practice will better encourage the temporary teacher or substitute, and the enlarged experience in the various schools and familiarity with the work and the schools will render such temporary or substitute teacher efficient in the discharge of duties.

The Secretary then read the report of the Finance Committee, which consisted of the assignment of teachers' salaries. The report was adopted.

Mr. Graham submitted a communication from some residents of South Austin. It was a petition that the South Austin School be used for devotional services by the Baptists. It was moved and carried that The motion carried at a previous meeting, to revoke all permits to the use of said school, be reconsidered. Mr. Graham moved that the request be adopted, so as to bring the matter under discussion. The motion being open, Mr. Sneed moved that the petition be granted and they be allowed the use of the building until their church is completed, permission to be extended with the time specified in the guarantee given by the residents of that portion of South Austin.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 19, 1893

At a called meeting of the City School Board held this day, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, S.G. Sneed, John McDonald.

The chairman, J.W. Smith, stated that the meeting was called to make arrangements with the City Water Company to supply the schools, pending the controversy of the company with the City Council on that subject.

Mr. J.W. Graham, Chairman of the Building Committee, to whom the matter had been previously referred, being called upon to report, stated that he was not prepared to make a written report but would state that he had a conference with Mr. Joseph Spence, the receiver of the water company. He could not obtain of him terms which he thought would be satisfactory to the School Board. Mr. Spence proposed at first an annual rental contract of \$1,500, and reduced the same to \$750. He still thought Mr. Spence's proposition too much and therefore declined to do anything further. The subject was fully discussed by the Board.

Mayor McDonald moved that the Building Committee be authorized to contract with the Water Company at the rate of \$5 per month for each school building. This motion was then modified by one offered by Mr. Sneed, referring the whole matter to the Committee, giving them plenary power to contract with the Water

Company. Mayor McDonald subsequently withdrew the above motion.

[*Resolution*] The resignation of W.R. Taylor (Colored), to take effect October 18, was read and, on motion of Mr. Sneed, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas Mr. W.R. Taylor (Colored) has [46] tendered his resignation as teacher in the Austin Public Schools;

Whereas the reasons given for the resignation do not, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, justify the action of the teacher who was under an implied contract with the Board for service for the term of the current scholastic year in the Public Schools of Austin, the abandonment of his position is not commendable; therefore,

Resolved that the name of W.R. Taylor be stricken from the roll of the teachers of the Austin Public Schools and that the Board of Trustees do not approve his action in abandoning his contract.

Mr. S.K. Morley moved that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mr. Blackshear, Supervisor of the Colored Schools, to be read to the teachers at their next monthly meeting. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Sneed, a copy of the same resolution was ordered to be sent the *Statesman*, for publication.

[*Rule*] Judge Smith, with George P. Garrison in the Chair, in behalf of the Committee on Rules offered the following amendments to the Rules, which were adopted by five affirmative votes:

That Section Two on page 40 be amended to read as follows: All the teachers of the City Public Schools are required to attend promptly and regularly the meetings thereof and to perform such duties as may be assigned them. There shall be held on the Saturday preceding the annual opening of the City Public Schools in September an organizing teachers' meeting, and the Superintendent shall act as Chairman of such meeting. At this meeting, teachers elected shall be permanently assigned to their positions by the Superintendent and President of the Board. Teachers absent shall not be assigned, but substitutes shall be put in charge until the cause of their absence be reported to the President of the Board, who shall act upon the matter.

[47] Section Two on page 40 shall be amended to read as follows:

Any teacher failing to attend any of the said meetings or refusing to perform the duties assigned, without giving a reasonable excuse, shall be deemed guilty of neglect of business and duty, and may be dismissed from the Public School service by the Board of Trustees. Absence from said meetings shall be considered the same as loss of time from regular school work and reported as such. The amount of loss of time shall be deducted from monthly salary.

Signed, {J.W. Smith} {S.K. Morley}

The Secretary, Mr. Graham, asked permission to read a communication of Miss N. Dawson, which is addressed and was probably overlooked by the Finance Committee in fixing the annual salaries of teachers for the year 1893-1894.

Professor Sneed asked that the communication be read. A question of propriety of its being entertained was made, but, objection being withdrawn, the communication was read, asking an increase of her salary. Professor Sneed moved in order to get the question before the Board that Miss N. Dawson's salary, which is now at \$85 per month be raised. The action of the Finance Committee in passing upon her salary for the current scholastic year was fully sustained.

Professor Garrison, in behalf of the Committee on Teachers, Etc., [missing word] the following list of regular Colored substitute teachers, whose service were engaged when needed: W.K. Ewing, A. Prichard, Miss Carrie Johnson, Mrs. A.O. Hubbard, Miss Marion Martin, Miss Maria Clemens and Miss Florence Collins. Adopted.

Mr. Garrison gave notice that he would introduce a rule to require publication of annual report.

Adjournment.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

November 6, 1893

At a regular postponed meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, S.K. Morley, S.G. Sneed, G.P. Garrison, Mayor McDonald.

The minutes of the meetings of October 6, 10 and 19 were read and approved.

Mr. Irving Eggleston, to whom was referred the execution of partitioning the Sophia-Dean Survey in Jefferson County, Texas, presented to the Board the report of the commissioners appointed to make said partition, and which is as follows:

The State of Texas  
County of Jefferson

Know all men by these presents that we G.B. Miller, agent for Miss G.C. Osborn, Hal G. Land, agent for the City of Austin, and L.F. Daniell, assistant commissioner chosen by both of the above-named parties, do hereby make and submit the following partition of the Sophia-Dean 3000-acre survey in Jefferson County, Texas, belonging to said Miss G.C. Osborn and said City of Austin, Texas, in moiety and which the said parties are anxious to partition amicably believe themselves, share and share alike, viz., Block No. 1 set aside to the City of Austin, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit: beginning at a point 1610 *varas* 59 degrees west from the northeast corner of the Sophia-Dean Survey, of which this is a part, being also the southeast corner of Dr. Woodward's Survey, out of said Sophia Dean Survey, and being a point on the west line of the J. Garish, Jr. Survey, an iron stake for beginning corner, thence south nine degrees west along the said Garish west line 2399 *varas* to the southeast corner of the said Sophia-Dean survey and to a point on the M.F. Lazarine north line, thence west 3253 *varas* to an iron stake for corner on the south line of said Sophia-Dean Survey, the same being the southwest corner of Block No. 1 in the southeast corner of Block No. 2 of this subdivision and being a point on the north line of the M.F. Lazarine Survey, thence north nine degrees east [49] 2908 *varas* to an iron stake for a corner on the south line of the said Woodward's survey and being the northwest corner of Block No. 1 of this subdivision and the most easterly northeast corner of Block No. 2 of this subdivision. Thence south 81 degrees east 3216 *varas* alongside Woodward's south line to the east line on the Sophia-Dean Survey, the same being the place of beginning, containing 1512 *varas* of land, save and except the right of way 200-feet width, heretofore sold to Texas

and New Orleans Railroad by said Osborn and City of Austin by deed dated September 7, 1892, recorded in Volume 6, page 12 in the deed records of Jefferson County, Texas, said right of way containing about 24 acres of land. Block No. 2 set aside to Miss G.C. Osborn, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Sophia-Dean Survey an iron stake for corner, thence east along the north line of said Sophia-Dean Survey 1020 *varas* to an iron stake being the northwest corner of the Woodward Survey out of the said Sophia-Dean Survey. Thence south nine degrees west 1610 *varas* to the southwest corner of said Woodward's Survey, an iron stake for corner, and then south 81 degrees east along the south line of said Woodward's Survey 1784 *varas* to an iron stake, being the northwest corner of Block No. 1 of the subdivision of the Sophia-Dean Survey, by us this day made, thence south nine degrees west along the south line of said Block No. 1, the same being the east line of Block No. 2 2908 *varas* to a point on the north line of the Lazarine Survey, the same being the southwest corner of Block No. 1 and the southeast corner of this Block No. 2, thence along said Lazarine line to the southwest corner of said Sophia-Dean Survey 2147 *varas*, an iron stake for corner, thence north 4709 *varas* along the west line of the Sophia-Dean Survey and the east line of the L. Horton, to the place of beginning, containing 1488 acres of land. And the undersigned commissioners do hereby submit the foregoing as a [50] just and equitable partition of the said land between the seven parties.

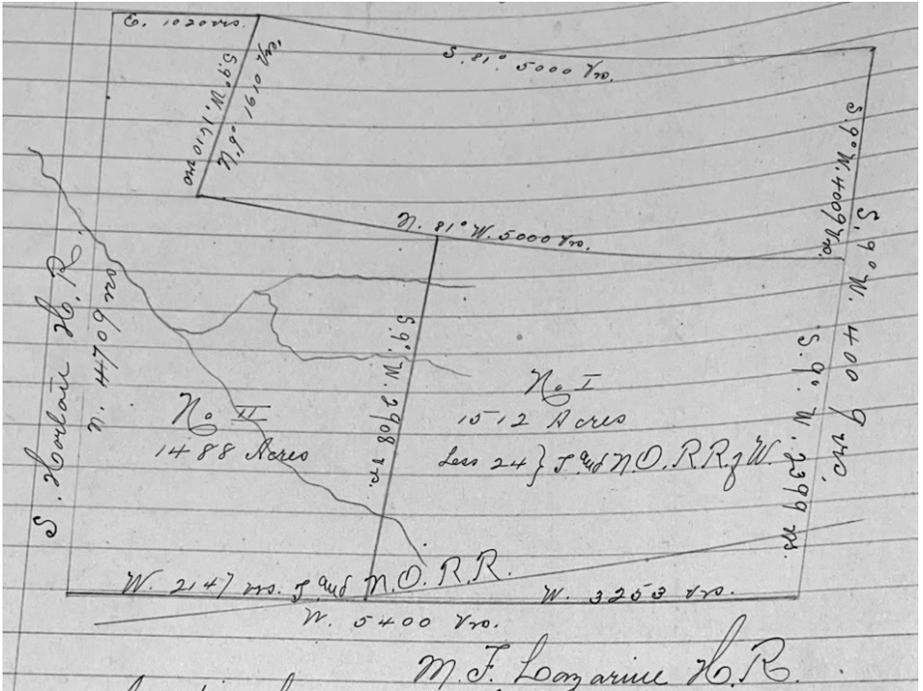
Witness our hands this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1893.

Signed,

{G.B. Miller} {Hal Land} {L.F. Daniell}

Commissioners in Partition

Map of Sophia Dean Survey



A motion being made, the above report was adopted. The following resolution, offered by Judge Smith, was adopted by the Board:

Resolved that upon G.C. Osborn executing acknowledgement and delivery a deed to Board of Trustees of the Public Free Schools of Austin to her right title and interest into the following tract of land containing 1488 acres of land, a part of the Sophia Dean 3000-acre survey situated in Jefferson County, Texas, bounded as follows: beginning at a point 1610 *varas* 59 degrees west from the northeast corner of the Sophia-Dean Survey, of which this is a part, being also the southeast corner of Dr. Woodward's Survey, out of said Sophia Dean Survey, [51] and being a point on the west line of the J. Garish, Jr. Survey, an iron stake for beginning corner, thence south nine degrees west along the said Garish west line 2399 *varas* to the southeast corner of the said Sophia-Dean survey and to a point on the M.F. Lazarine north line, thence west 3253 *varas* to an iron stake for corner on the south line of said Sophia-Dean Survey, the same being the southwest corner

of Block No. 1 in the southeast corner of Block No. 2 of this subdivision and being a point on the north line of the M.F. Lazarine Survey, thence north nine degrees east 2908 *varas* to an iron stake for a corner on the south line of the said Woodward's survey and being the northwest corner of Block No. 1 of this subdivision and the most easterly northeast corner of Block No. 2 of this subdivision. Thence south 81 degrees east 3216 *varas* alongside Woodward's south line to the east line on the Sophia-Dean Survey, the same being the place of beginning, containing 1512 *varas* of land, save and except the right of way 200-foot width, heretofore sold to Texas and New Orleans Railroad by said Osborn and City of Austin by deed dated September 7, 1892, recorded in Volume 6, page 12 in the deed records of Jefferson County, Texas, said right of way containing about 24 acres of land. Block No. 2 set aside to Miss G.C. Osborn, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Sophia-Dean Survey an iron stake for corner, thence east along the north line of said Sophia-Dean Survey 1020 *varas* to an iron stake being the northwest corner of the Woodward Survey out of the said Sophia-Dean Survey. Thence south nine degrees west 1610 *varas* to the southwest corner of said Woodward's Survey, an iron stake for corner, and then south 81 degrees east along the south line of said Woodward's Survey 1784 *varas* to an iron stake, being the northwest corner of Block No. 1 of the subdivision of the Sophia-Dean Survey, by us this day made, thence south nine degrees west along the south line of said Block No. 1, the same being the east line of Block No. 2 2908 *varas* to a point [52] on the north line of the Lazarine Survey, the same being the southwest corner of Block No. 1 and the southeast corner of this Block No. 2, thence along said Lazarine line to the southwest corner of said Sophia-Dean Survey 2147 *varas*, an iron stake for corner, thence north 4709 *varas* along the west line of the Sophia-Dean Survey and the east line of the L. Horton, to the place of beginning, containing 1488 acres of land.

Mr. Graham then read a contract from Mr. Spence, receiver for the Water Works Company. In the communication, Mr. Spence stated that the Company would furnish water to all the school buildings of the Public Schools, the water to be furnished through meters furnished by the Board at \$15 each and placed in position by the Water Company free of charge, water to be furnished at two cents per bbl of 40 gallons each and to be paid for monthly. The above was adopted by the Board. In connection with the above, Mr. Graham reported that the closets and sewer connection of the Temporary Capitol were in poor condition and that he would recommend that all sewer connection be cut off and the closets be done away with. It was moved that the matter be referred back to the Building Committee, for investigation.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Graham reported that the money in the treasury was very low, not sufficient to meet the demands of the current expenses for the coming four weeks. The committee was authorized to negotiate with the banks or bank for the purpose of obtaining sufficient funds to pay the teachers.

The Secretary then read a communication from C.E. and L.R. Walden, asking for a new lease of the third floor of the Temporary Capitol. Mayor McDonald moved that the Building Committee be authorized to enter into a new lease with the above-named [53] parties. Motion was carried.

Mr. Winn asked the approval of the Board to purchase a number of blackboards, models and window shades for the schools. A motion was put to the above effect, which was adopted.

[*Resolution*] The following, which was offered by Mr. Sneed, was adopted: Resolved that the Board of School Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools, being impressed with the qualification of Miss Octavia Clifton as a teacher, and, in recognition of her work in the private and public schools of Austin for a long period of years, and of her eminent service in the education of the youth of the City and County, hereby recommend her to the County Superintendent of Travis County as meriting a first-grade permanent teacher's certificate, and ask that same be given her.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
December 13, 1893

At a regular postponed meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, S.K. Morley, S.G. Sneed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Superintendent was then read, and it was also adopted.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the names of Mr. Charles Jones and Mr. E. Richardson as substitute teachers were approved.

[*First Ward: Masontown*] An application from the Colored population of Masontown was received and read. It referred to establishing a school in that portion of the city. On the Superintendent's recommendation, it was adopted that the Board encourage the people in question to hope that a school will be established in Masontown.

The report of Professor J.L. Taff, in regard to the suspension of Vernon Pratt, was sustained by the Board.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that \$1,600 had been borrowed from the City National Bank to pay the teachers for the past month. He also stated that there was about sufficient to pay off the above and current expenses now on hand. It was resolved that the Secretary be authorized to borrow enough money to pay the teachers for the month at 10%.

It was moved and adopted that the newly-elected members of the Board of Trustees visit all the schools and report at the next meeting.

Moved and carried that permanent certificates be issued to Misses Brooke, McCrillis, Clifton and W.R. Smith.

[*Resolution*] Moved by Mr. Garrison and adopted by the Board that The Superintendent prepare an annual report by next August.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
February 2, 1894

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, there were the following members present: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, S.G. Sneed, W.J. Mathews, Mayor McDonald.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Next was taken up the report of the Superintendent to the Board of Trustees.

The first recommendation, that the semi-annual graduates of the High School be recognized and authority be given approving the issuance of diplomas, was approved.

The next recommendation was that the Board approve the appointment of Miss Dora E. Johnson, a Colored teacher in the Central Grammar School. The Board approved the appointment.

Third was the recommendation to discontinue the services of Miss Maria Clement, a substitute teacher in the Robinson Hill School. On motion, the Board sustained the above recommendation of the Superintendent. The report was then adopted as a whole.

[*South Austin*] Mr. Graham read a communication from Mr. George Brush, thanking the Board in behalf of the residents of South Austin for the use of the school building. It was, on motion, received.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Next was taken up the payroll of the tenants of the Temporary Capitol. After much discussion, it was adopted that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, with full power to act.

Mr. Tension, who was present, wished to exhibit to the Board some maps with a view of selling them for the schools. It was moved and adopted that he confer with the Committee on Teachers.

The next few moments were engaged in the election of officers.

[56] The old officers were all unanimously reelected. They are as follows: Judge J.W. Smith, President; Professor George P. Garrison, Vice President; Mr. J.W. Graham, Secretary; Mr. Lewis Hancock, Treasurer.

After a few well-chosen remarks from the different gentlemen, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 6, 1894

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, John McDonald.

The minutes of February 2 were read and approved.

Next was read the report of the Superintendent, which was taken up *seriatim*.

The assignment of Miss Laura Evans to a position in the Primary Department of the Colored West Austin School was approved.

Next of the recommendations was the purchase of a microscope and geological specimens from Mr. B.S. Brown for the use of the pupils of the High School. It was moved and adopted that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

The resignation of Mr. B.S. Brown was read and received.

[*Temporary Capitol*] It was moved and adopted that Mr. Charles H. Powell be appointed collector of rents for the Temporary Capitol, his services to be retained as long as he gives satisfaction to the Board.

The January and February accounts of the Water Company, not having been rendered in accordance with the contract of said company, were referred by the Chairman of the Finance Committee to the Board. It was moved and carried that the Finance Committee refuse to approve the bills until made out and presented in proper form, with the terms of the written agreement.

The Secretary read the names of the members composing the different committees, as appointed by the President, and which are as follows:

[58] Finance Committee: J.W. Graham, Chair, Lewis Hancock, S.K. Morley.

Judiciary Committee: Lewis Hancock, Chair, S.G. Sneed, W.J. Mathews.

Building Committee: J.W. Graham, Chair, S.K. Morley, W.J. Mathews.

Rules & Regulations: S.K. Morley, Chair, John McDonald, J.W. Smith.

Committee on Supplies: John McDonald, Chair, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews.

Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations: George P. Garrison, Chair, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed.

[*East Austin*] Professor Tallichet and son were introduced to the Board. They proffered charges against two pupils of the East Austin School for throwing stones, one of which, having struck the young man in the mouth and breaking off a front tooth. After some discussion, the Board refused to have anything to do with the case, but to refer the matter to the Principal. The matter was disposed of by referring it to Mr. J.L. Taff, with instructions that they both be given a lesson of an hour every day after school for one week.

[*Professor Blackshear*] The Secretary then read a communication from Mr. E.L. Blackshear to Professor S.G. Sneed, asking for a local permanent certificate. It was moved and carried that Mr. Sneed be authorized to issue said certificate to Mr. E.L. Blackshear.

[*East Austin*] It was adopted by the Board that the Building Committee be authorized to advertise for bids for the erection of a school building in East Austin.

The following resolution was offered by [59] Mr. S.G. Sneed:

[*Rule*] That the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools recommend that permanent certificates be issued by the County Superintendent to all teachers of Austin who have taught five years in the Public Schools.

[*Rule*] Resolved that teachers holding permanent certificates issued under the first resolution will not be required to be examined hereafter and that they be exempt from examination of the Schools.

It was moved and adopted that the above resolution lie over to the next meeting.

Judge Smith moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to collect data with a view of ascertaining the length the schools will be able to continue. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 12, 1894

At a special meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, S.K. Morley, George P. Garrison, John McDonald.

[*Schools Close*] The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported upon the matter which was referred to his Committee at the previous meeting and which was to determine the length of time the schools could be continued. He stated [that] after carefully investigating into the matter, the Committee recommends that the schools close April 17. The above recommendation was adopted.

Professor Winn, in lieu of a written report, submitted the following recommendation: that the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and the High School continue one month longer after the close of the other schools. Mr. Morley offered this resolution: that the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and the High School be continued until June 1. It was adopted by the Board.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the Committee had not acted upon the matter of advising with Mr. B.S. Brown in reference to the purchase of his microscope and specimens, which was referred to this Committee at a previous meeting. It was moved and adopted that the Committee be empowered to purchase the apparatus, etc.

Mr. Tension then addressed the Board in reference to the maps he wished to sell the schools. At a previous meeting, the above was disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Teachers, Etc., but it was moved and carried to reconsider it and refer it to the Finance Committee, with full power to act.

It was adopted to extend Miss Jessie Sayers [a] certificate to June 5, 1895, as was done all the teachers last fall.

Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
March 21, 1894

At a special meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, George P. Garrison, Mayor John McDonald.

[*East Austin*] The object of the meeting was to make a selection of the bids submitted to the Board for the erection of the schoolhouse in East Austin.

Having failed to make any written recommendations, the Building Committee referred the matter to the Board to discuss the several bids and to make a selection.

After reading the list of bidders, Mr. Sneed moved that the lowest bidder, Mr. L.W. Culver, be given the contract, but, on receiving no second, the motion was lost.

He next moved that the bid of J.J. Brydson be accepted, but it was also lost.

The following resolution, on being introduced by Judge Smith, was adopted by the Board:

[*Resolution*] Resolved that the bid of George Lockwood for the construction of a school building upon Block No. 117 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas for the sum of \$16,700 be accepted, provided he shall enter into such contract and bond as shall be approved by a majority of the Building Committee on the Board.

[*Resolution*] The following was also presented by Judge Smith and adopted by the Board:

Resolved that James W. Smith, President of the Board, and J.W. Graham, Secretary, are hereby authorized to sign and execute a contract in the name of the Board and in its behalf with George Lockwood for the construction of a school [62] building upon Block Number 117, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, in accordance with the plans, details and specifications in the hands of Burt McDonald, architect, upon said George Lockwood giving bond with two or more securities payable to this Board in the sum of \$8,500, for the faithful performance of said contract, when said Bond shall be approved by a majority of the Building Committee of this Board.

[*Resolution*] Judges Smith introduced another resolution, which the Board adopted:

That the sum of \$2,390, now in the hands of Lewis Hancock, Treasurer of this Board, belonging to the Allan Fund, be and is hereby transferred to the Building Fund of this Board, same to bear 8% interest *per annum* from date of transfer until paid back out of money belonging to said Building Fund, at such time as the Board may direct, and said Treasurer is hereby ordered and requested to make said transfer upon his books.

The matter of awarding the contract of the construction of the East Austin School building being settled, Mr. Graham took up several communications for the Board to act upon.

The first was a petition from Miss P. Cashell, asking that the privilege be given her of taking four P.E. pupils in with her eighth grade from April 21 to June 1, the above was granted.

[*Sixth Ward*] Mr. Graham next read a communication from some of the teachers of the Sixth Ward School, asking that they be allowed the use of the grade rooms for private school purposes during the coming vacation. It was also granted.

At a previous meeting, Mr. Sneed offered a resolution to the Board, which was disposed of by having it lay over to the next meeting. After making a few changes and corrections in it, he again presented it and which is as follows:

[*Rule*] Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the [63] Austin City Public Schools recommend that permanent County certificates be issued by the County Superintendent of Travis County to all teachers of the Public Schools of Austin Independent District who have taught

five years in the Public Schools of Austin City as an independent district.

[*Rule*] Resolved that teachers holding permanent certificates issued under the first resolution will not be required to be examined hereafter by the Board of Examiners of Austin Public Schools, and that they be exempt from the examination of the School Board and can be employed in the Austin City Public Schools without being subject to examinations.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 6, 1894

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham S.K. Morley S.G. Sneed, George P. Garrison.

The minutes of the meetings of March 6, 12 and 21 were read and adopted.

Superintendent's report was then taken up *seriatim*.

The first recommendation, that the applications of the teachers for grade rooms for private school purposes, was adopted, with the provision that the buildings be kept in good repair.

The Board fixed the maximum rate of tuition at \$2 per month for primary and \$3 per month for grammar pupils.

The next recommendation, that the Principal in charge of the eighth grades exert his authority in the discipline in the grade rooms and on the grounds, was carried.

As the Superintendent submitted no favorable recommendation in reference to Rev. Mr. Bunge's occupying the second story of the Temporary Capitol for private school purposes, no action was taken by the Board.

[*Central Grammar School*] The sixth recommendation was that the services of W.R. Patterson, Principal of the Colored Central Grammar School in charge of the eighth grade, be retained until June 1, was adopted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Wychitzli, representing the Sons of Hermann, came before the Board with a petition asking the use of the grade rooms in the Temporary Capitol for holding a private school during vacation. As the rooms had already been promised [to] the

teachers of the Austin Public Schools, and there being no certainty, the matter was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*Gregorytown*] The Secretary read three bids for the [65] removal of the buildings at East Austin. It was recommended and adopted that the contract be given Mr. W. Calhoun.

Mr. Graham next read a communication from the Peck-Smead Warming & Ventilation Company. It was with a view of securing the contract of heating the school building in East Austin. On motion, it was disposed of by referring it to the Building Committee, with power to act. Several bids were then taken up for the plumbing of the same building. These were also referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The delinquent role of the tenants of the Temporary Capitol was read and, on motion, it was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation.

Mr. George P. Garrison addressed the Board in behalf of the Athletic Association of the University. The request was that the Board give the pupils of the Austin Public Schools holiday [on] Thursday, April 11, to allow [for a] field day.

With the exception of Mr. Morley, who voted no, the motion was carried.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 11, 1894

At a special meeting of the School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, Mayor John McDonald.

The Superintendent communicated to the Board a petition from the teachers to rescind the motion that was adopted at a previous meeting, and which was to fix the maximum rate of tuition at \$2 for primary and \$3 for grammar pupils per month.

A motion was made that the above be rescinded and it was carried that the teachers use their own discretion in fixing their rates of tuition.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Graham brought up the matter of the sanitary condition of the Temporary Capitol. After some discussion relative thereto, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
April 23, 1894

At a called meeting of the Board of Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, John McDonald, George P. Garrison.

The meeting was called for the purpose of coming to a decision about the foundation of the East Austin School building. Some discussion ensued as to the advisability of digging until rock was reached and, a motion being made to that effect, it was carried.

[*East Austin: Gregorytown*] Mr. Graham, Chairman of the Building Committee, addressed the Board in reference to the heating and manner of same of the new building now under construction. It was adopted that the Building Committee advertise for bids for both steam and hot water heating, reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

The plumbing of the new building was also referred to the Building Committee, with full power, bids to be advertised for.

It was stated that the East building was in the way of the contractor of the East Austin School. It was adopted that the matter of moving the above-mentioned building and another two-room building on Block 117 be referred to Building Committee, with full power to act, and to advertise for bids, said committee to confer with Superintendent Wynn as to the best location to move said buildings.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
May 4, 1894

At the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, S.G. Sneed.

The minutes of April 6, 11 and 20 were read and approved.

There being no report of Superintendent, the reports of the different Committees were taken up.

[*Gregorytown: East Austin*] Mr. Graham, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that he had received two bids for the removal of two buildings on Block 117. The contract was awarded Mr. Ezell.

[*Wisemen's Hall*] It was recommended and adopted that the rent on the Wisemen's Hall be discontinued, as there would be no further use of same.

[*First Ward*] Mr. Winn brought before the Board the matter of the First Ward School. He stated that he had agreed to pay the lessor, Jacob Fattore, \$8 during the vacation, \$4 of which was to be paid by the Spanish minister who would use the building for devotional services. His action was approved by the Board.

Mr. Garrison, in behalf of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations, advised at the election of the successor of B.S. Brown of the High School Science Department, take place at the first regular meeting in June. The above was adopted.

[*Commencement*] It was carried that the closing exercises of the High School be held Friday, June 1.

Mr. Graham moved that the opera house and music, as usual, be furnished by the Board, and that \$65 be appropriated for expenses. It was adopted.

The Secretary read the resignation of Miss Jennie Baker, which was received and accepted.

A communication was next read from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, asking that Blaidell's be introduced into the Public Schools at the opening of the next session. It was disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Teachers, Etc. [69]

[*Temporary Capitol*] A petition from Mr. Bryant, Principal of the High School, was read. He asked permission to use the High School rooms for the purpose of holding a teacher's summer normal to be conducted by himself.

The request was granted, after which the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 13, 1894

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, S.G. Sneed.

The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to consider a protest of a number of citizens of East Austin in regard to erecting a school building upon the lot known as Church Block.

The Secretary read the petition, which was signed by a large number of citizens.

After Mr. Graham made a statement in regard to what had been done, Mr. Sneed offered a motion that the petition be granted. On receiving a second, it was adopted.

[*East Austin*] It was moved and carried that the claim of Mr. Ezell, as recommended by the Chairman, Mr. Graham, in regard to expense incurred in moving part of the building in East Austin, be approved.

[*East Austin: Gregorytown*] Mr. Morley moved that both buildings in East Austin be moved to Gregorytown, which was approved by the Board.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 30, 1894

At a called meeting of the School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.G. Sneed, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the report of the Principal of the High School. Mr. Bryant submitted his report to the Secretary who read the names of the pupils recommended for graduation.

Those to whom he recommended diplomas be given are: Misses Valerie Magnenat Daisy Dean Brydson, Maude Dawson, Florence Parthenia Lewis, Winifred Samson, Zina Slaughter, Maud McLaughlin, Mabel Hatchless Willenberg, Edith Carrington, Lucille D. Byers, Vera Harris, Mabel Brooks, Eula L. Payton, Florence May Hufford, Misters Oliver Henry Radkey, George Chase Lewis, Wayman Wells Smith, Samuel Maverick Phelps, William Thompson Decherd.

Those to whom certificates were recommended to be given are:

Misses Susie Mary Adam - English & history

Margaret Lou Ledbetter - English history & science

Fannie Agnes Spence - English & history.

On motion, it was adopted that the report be accepted in accordance with the [72] recommendations contained therein.

The Secretary then read a communication from the Educational Department, stating that a City Trustees Association will meet in conclave during the Teachers Association at Galveston on June 27, and the Austin School Board is requested to send one or two delegates. The matter was ordered to lay over to the next meeting.

[*Commencement*] Mr. Graham moved that the entire Board sit in a body upon the stage during the commencement exercises of the High School [on] Friday, June 1. The motion was carried.

The meeting then stood adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 6, 1894

At a called meeting of the City School Board, there were the following members present: J.W. Smith, S.G. Sneed, S.K. Morley, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock.

[*Colored High School*] The purpose of the meeting was to consider the report of E.L. Blackshear. It consisted of the recommendation that several pupils of the Colored High School be given diplomas.

Mr. Sneed, in the absence of the Secretary, read the report, which was disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations.

It was recommended and adopted that the competitive examination for White teachers be held from June 27 to July 2 inclusive, and the Colored teachers on August 6.

Next came up under discussion the number of certificates to be issued to the teachers. It was referred to the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations, with power to act.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 27, 1894

At a special meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Lewis Hancock, W.J. Mathews, George P. Garrison, S.G. Sneed, John McDonald.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations.

The recommendation was that Steele's Hygiene and Physiology be introduced into the school's next session.

The report was adopted, after which the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
July 13, 1894

At a called meeting of the School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, S.G. Sneed.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the report of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations. The report of the Committee was read by S.G. Sneed and, by motion of Mr. Hancock, was taken up.

[*Colored Grammar School*] First, it was moved by Mr. Morley that the Central Austin Grammar and Primary grades be discontinued. Carried.

Second, it was moved by Mr. Morley that the City be districted, so as to throw the proper numbers to North Austin, West Austin, East Austin and Arsenal Block Schools. This was also carried.

Third, it was moved by Mr. Morley that the assignment of teachers be made and reported to the Board by the August meeting.

Fourth, Mr. Morley move that teachers who have passed the examination be notified that no election of teachers will be made before the opening of the schools in September for the coming session.

Fifth, on motion of Mr. Morley, it was carried that the teachers who have passed the examination be notified to file applications with the Superintendent for positions, and that temporary vacancies will be filled from these applications.

Sixth, Mr. Morley moved that no action be taken to secure a supply of the physiology recently adopted of the Pathfinder services, but that the agent be corresponded with, ascertaining if he will exchange for books of the Pathfinder services with Hutchinson's Physiology

[76] Seventh, Mr. Hancock moved that Miss Brooke file specific charges with incidences in reference to Miss Wilson.

Eighth, Mr. Morley moved that Miss Trueblood be elected for one year.

Ninth, it was moved and adopted that the report of the Committee as a whole be adopted.

Tenth, Mr. Graham moved that the bill of Charles Trimble for perfecting scholastic census be paid with the understanding that he aid the Committee on Teachers in districting the city for school purposes.

Eleventh, Judge Smith moved that in the future no officer shall be paid an additional sum for doing his duty.

[*Commencement*] Twelfth, it was moved by Mr. Hancock that the account of Mr. Ezell of \$10, for moving the foundation of one of the Gregorytown buildings, be referred to the Building Committee.

The above resolutions were all adopted by the Board, after which the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
July 16, 1894

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, W.J. Mathews, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, Lewis Hancock, John McDonald.

The object of the meeting, as stated by the Chairman, was to reconsider the report of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations adopted at last meeting, in regard to redistricting the boundaries of the several schools of the city, so as to dispense with the Central Grammar and Primary Schools located in the Temporary Capitol.

On motion of S.G. Sneed, the report of the Committee was reconsidered, and, on motion of Lewis Hancock, the report was unanimously readopted.

Mr. J.W. Graham, in behalf of the Committee on supplies, made a verbal report, stating that contract for \$100 desks, to be delivered September 1, had been made with the Burbrook Furniture Company of Dallas.

There being no further business to transact, the Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
July 6, 1894

At a regular meeting of the City School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, S.G. Sneed, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, S.K. Morley.

The minutes of June 6 and 27 were read and approved.

The report of the Superintendent was then read and, on motion, the recommendations were taken up *seriatim*.

The first recommendation was that certificates be given the teachers in accordance with the report submitted by the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations. Mr. Sneed offered a

resolution to the above effect, which was adopted by the Board. Five vacancies having presented themselves in the corps of teachers of the City Schools. The matter of filling said vacancies came up.

Mr. Graham moved that the recommendations and testimonials of those applicants who stood and passed creditably at the competitive examinations be referred to the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations, to report to the Board.

The above, on being put to motion, was adopted by the Board.

Mr. Smith made the following resolution: that the matter of filling the grades be referred to the Teachers Committee. He suggested that the Committee use their own judgment in the matter, but his advice was to do away with the services of as many teachers as it would be possible. The resolution was adopted.

[*West Austin*] Next of the recommendations was that certain repairs be made at the West Austin School. The matter was disposed of by referring it to the Building Committee. [79]

[*South Austin*] The subject of the crowded condition of the Eleventh Ward was then presented to the Board. It was moved and carried that it be referred to the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations.

Mr. Trimble, who made the scholastic census for 1894 to 1895, presented a bill of \$50 for his services. The account was referred to the Finance Committee.

[*Bickler: East Austin*] The Chairman of the Building Committee reported that the wiring of the East Austin building was completed and entirely satisfactory. The plumbing, which was also referred to the same Committee, is not quite through.

[*Gregorytown*] He also reported that he had received two bids for the heating of said building. Mr. Graham reported that the contractor had made an excellent job in moving the two buildings from East Austin to Gregorytown, and that they were now in good repair.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Building Committee be received and filed.

[*East Austin*] Mr. Graham stated that there had been much difficulty in getting funds to meet the expenses of the East Austin building.

The manner of heating the new building was next discussed. The President stated that the preference of the Board was for steam.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The Chairman brought up the matter of the delinquency of Mr. Griffith in connection with the rents received from

the Temporary Capitol. The President moved that said Griffith be prosecuted.

Mr. Powell, the present agent of the Temporary Capitol, presented his report, which was considered by the Board. [80]

[*Temporary Capitol*] It was moved and adopted, that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee whose duty would be to select a lawyer to press the claims or give those tenants who are in arrears their rent notice to vacate.

The above was modified by Mr. Hancock, that at present only Hutchings Printing Company and Walden Brothers be considered. Carried.

Mr. Graham announced that the Clerk, Miss Minnie North, had requested a leave of absence till September 1. The request, on being put to motion, was granted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

August 3, 1894

At the meeting of the School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, John McDonald, J.W. Graham, S.G. Sneed, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of July 6 were amended, so as to read that in the future, no extra sum of \$50 shall be paid by this Board for taking the scholastic census of the City of Austin.

Mr. Graham moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted, with the changes as suggested. Carried.

It was moved by Captain Sneed that irregular business, affecting some persons present, be taken up and disposed of before considering the Superintendent's report. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Hancock, Mistery Eggleston and Goldbeck were instructed to sell lands reported by them in Lee and Kaufman counties. The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Graham and adopted that Ms. Wilkins be allowed to withdraw the offer made by Mrs. Trimbull in reference to the physiology.

Mr. Hancock moved that Mr. Wilkins' offer be referred to the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations.

It was moved by Mr. Hancock and adopted that the resignation of Mr. Pearce be accepted.

[*East Austin*] On motion of Mr. Hancock, the Board adjourned to meet at East Austin School building, to act on Mr. Lockwood's request. Adopted.

Mr. Graham moved that the report of Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations districting the city [82] be adopted. The motion was carried.

On Mr. Hancock's motion, the Superintendent's report was taken up *seriatim*.

Mr. McDonald moved that the report of Superintendent be referred to Committee on Teachers, Etc. The motion was adopted.

[*J.B. Winn Resigns*] It was moved and seconded that the resignation of John B. Winn be accepted, and that a Committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions of regret at the severance of the connection of the Superintendent with the Schools. Judge Smith appointed Misters Sneed, Hancock and McDonald on this committee.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the resolution of Captain S.G. Sneed, with reference to retrenchment was adopted.

The meeting then stood adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

August 7, 1894

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, S.G. Sneed.

[*East Austin*] Moved by Mr. Graham that this Board authorize the Building Committee to accept the East Austin building when the architect files a satisfactory report of the work, and that \$2,000 be paid Mr. Lockwood ten days from today. Carried.

Moved and carried that the insurance of the building be left to Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Sneed, it was adopted that such notoriety be given to the vacancy as will secure applicants for the Science Department. Mr. Sneed moved that a salary of \$1,000 be offered for the Science Department.

It was also moved by Mr. Sneed that the hot water heating be referred to the Building Committee, with full power to act, and that the President and Secretary be empowered to enter into contract.

Mr. Sneed stated that it is not the wish of the Board, in the resolution of retrenchment, that the salaries of the principals and teachers be reduced.

[*East Austin*] It was moved and seconded that a janitor be employed to take care of the East Austin School building.

Adjournment.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

August 24, 1894

At a special meeting of the Board, there were the following members present: J.W. Smith, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, S.G. Sneed.

Moved and adopted that the charges proffered against Mrs. M.F. Phillips, by Mr. E.L. Blackshear be taken up.

It was moved by Mr. Hancock and second by Mr. Morley that the position of Supervisor of the Colored Schools be abolished. The motion was afterwards withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Graham, it was resolved that Mrs. M.F. Phillips be summoned before the Board at 4:00 p.m. to answer charges proffered by E.L. Blackshear.

Next taken up were the charges brought by the Principal of the Tenth Ward School against Miss Blanche Wilson. Mr. Hancock moved that she be requested to appear before the Board at 4:00 p.m. on September 12 to answer the charges. The motion was carried, the charges being of such nature that, if not disproven, will call for her resignation.

[*Blackshear*] Moved and carried that E.L. Blackshear's report in regard to Colored examination be adopted.

[*South Austin*] Captain Sneed moved that steps be made to establish a school for the population of South Austin.

[*East Austin*] It was moved and carried that the hot water heating of the East Austin School be referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

Mr. Hancock moved that the application of Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, for a permanent certificate, be referred to Committee on Teachers, Etc. Carried.

It was also adopted to refer the application of Mr. Ray for the Science Department of the High School to the Teachers Committee.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
August 13, 1894

At the called meeting of the School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, John McDonald, W.J. Mathews.

It was moved and seconded that Misters Morley, Smith and Mathews be made a Committee to visit the Colored Schools and make the teachers a tally on harmonious conduct among themselves.

[*Robinson Hill & Gregorytown*] It was carried that the Secretary notify Mrs. M.F. Phillips and Mr. E.L. Blackshear of the action of the Board, which is as follows. This Board, after hearing the incidents introduced under the charges against Mrs. Phillips, a teacher of the Public Free Schools of the City of Austin, and, after duly considering the same, it is ordered: First, that the charges be not sustained. Second, that the office of Supervisor of the Colored Free Schools of Austin City be and is hereby abolished. Third, that E.L. Blackshear be and is hereby appointed Principal of the School for Colored Children on Robinson Hill, and Mrs. M.F. Phillips is hereby appointed Principal of the School for Colored Children at Gregorytown.

The above was adopted, after which the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 8, 1894

At the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were the following members present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, John McDonald, Lewis Hancock, S.K. Morley, John E. Shelton.

The minutes of the last several meetings were read and approved.

Before proceeding with the regular business, the Board turned their attention to Mr. Brown, who was anxious to sell some maps to the schools. On motion, it was adopted that the School Board were in no condition financially to make any purchases.

[*Schools Open*] There being no written report of the Superintendent, the following recommendations were adopted: First, that the schools open Monday, September 17. Second, that Miss Maude Roosevelt, a teacher of one year experience, be elected to a permanent position. She was assigned to the South Austin School. Miss Kelly was next

elected with the provision that she'd be called upon if her services are found necessary.

Mr. James P. Crane presented a petition to the Board to the effect that the Austin Musical Union be allowed the use of the old Senate on the second floor of the Temporary Capitol. The matter was referred to the Building Committee, and the agent of the building, Charles H. Powell.

The name of Miss Blanche Wilson was brought up, but no action was taken in her case, for the time was too premature, the date for her to appear before the Board being September 12.

The resolution adopted several meetings ago, fixing the salary of the teachers of the High School Science Department at \$1,000 per annum, was repealed, and it was further adopted to [87] fix the salary at \$75 per month for actual service. It was unanimously adopted that Mr. Walter J. Crawford be elected to said position.

The report of E.L. Blackshear was next considered, and the recommendations were adopted.

[*South Austin Colored*] Mr. Graham called the attention of the Board to the contemplated improvements on the Colored South Austin School. Mr. McDonald moved that the matter be referred to John E. Shelton, the County Superintendent, for investigation, he to see if the Colored population could not be transferred to the county school in the adjoining district. The motion was carried.

[*Resolution: Superintendent*] The special Committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the resignation of the retiring Superintendent presented the following:

Hon. James W. Smith, President, School Board,

Your Committee, to whom was referred the duty of preparing suitable resolutions regarding Professor Winn's resignation, beg leave to report the following.

Whereas, on the third day of August, 1894, Professor John D. Winn tendered his resignation as Superintendent of the Austin Public Schools, to take effect on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June next, which was accepted by the Board, now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools:

That said Board takes this method of expressing its deep regret at the necessity which terminates the long connection of Professor Winn with the Schools, and

That the Board desires to testify to Professor Winn's unfailing attention to his duties throughout his 13 years' service in this community, his interest in the [88] progress in the schools, and his uniform, courteous and kindly demeanor, which won him the friendship of pupils, teachers and trustees, and

That the Board takes pleasure in assuring Professor Winn that he bears with him during the remainder of his connection with us, and in his retirement as well, the hearty good wishes of all connected with the schools, and their earnest desire for his continued happiness in a career of usefulness.

Signed, {Lewis Hancock} {John McDonald}

[*Resolution*] Mr. Graham moved that the same Committee appointed to draft resolutions on the above do so also in the case of Mr. S.G. Sneed, deceased. The motion was carried.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Hancock reported that his Committee, to whom was referred the investigation of the back rents of the lessors of the Temporary Capitol, had looked into the matter. He stated that he had consulted with an attorney in regard there, too, but had cautioned said attorney not to enter into any litigations till referred to the Board. The report of Charles H. Powell, Agent of Temporary Capitol, was then read and commented upon.

Mr. Hancock move that all warrants drawn to building be charged to Building Fund. On receiving a second, the motion was adopted.

The Board then stood adjourned, subject to the call of the President. {J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 14, 1894

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: Lewis Hancock, S.K. Morley, John McDonald, John E. Shelton, J.W. Graham.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the charges of Miss F.R. Brooke against Miss Blanche Wilson.

The Secretary then read a communication from Miss Wilson in regard to the charges proffered. Some discussion ensued, after which her resignation was read, and, on motion, received.

The resignation of Miss McLean was read and also accepted.

Next was taken up the election of teachers to fill the vacancies caused by the above-named resignations. Misses Helen Beale and Clovie Hill were elected.

The question of the advisability of teaching bookkeeping in the eighth grades or in the High School was then discussed. The matter was moved to lay over till Professor Winn's views could be obtained.

[*Bickler: East Austin*] Mr. Lockwood appeared before the Board and desired a final settlement. It was adopted that the Building Committee, in conjunction with the architect, examine the building, and, if satisfactory, to pay said George Lockwood.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary, J.W. Graham, in the absence of the Superintendent, confer and cooperate with the Principals in the organization of the schools,

[*South Austin Colored*] Mr. Shelton brought up the matter, [90] which was referred to him at the previous meeting, and which was to make investigation into the matter of the Colored children of South Austin. In lieu of any nearer school, he recommended that the children could attend the school in the adjoining district. Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 6, 1894

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, Lewis Hancock, John E. Shelton, J.W. Graham, John McDonald and George P. Garrison.

The minutes of September 8 and 14 were received and approved. The Finance Committee presented the report in regard to fixing the salaries of the employees of the City Schools. On motion, it was read and adopted.

Several applications for the superintendency were received and it was moved that they be placed on file.

The Secretary stated that the East Austin School building had been insured for \$10,000 with the following agents: Hopkins & Elder, Williams & Stacy, and Bergen, Daniel & Gracey.

It was unanimously adopted that Miss Grace Murray be elected a permanent teacher.

Mr. Graham communicated to the Board the complaint of the Colored population of South Austin in regard to the Board establishing a school there. Mr. McDonald moved that Mr. Shelton, to

whom was referred the matter at a previous meeting, be given more time for investigation. This motion was carried.

The Secretary stated that it would soon be necessary to lay in a [92] supply of fuel at the different schools. The matter was disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Supplies, to advertise for bids. The lease of the Hyde Park School having expired, it was adopted that the renewal of same be referred to the Judiciary Committee, with power to act.

A discussion ensued as to the advisability of paying the teachers and principals by the twelfth or ninth month term. It was decided that they receive one-twelfth of their salary per month.

The resignation of Miss Susie Weeks, a teacher in the Colored Schools, was accepted.

Diphtheria having broken out in the schools, the matter was brought to the attention of the Board. It was advised that the Secretary, who was acting in the absence of the Superintendent, and the Principals of the several schools use their judgment in suppressing the disease.

The Committee, consisting of Mr. Graham and Mr. Taft, reported to the Board, the case of Eddie Lee, an incorrigible pupil of East Austin. They sustained the action of the Committee, which was to exclude him from the above-named school, by transferring him to the West Austin School.

A petition from Miss Pearl Cashell was received. She asked [93] that one-ninth of her salary, or \$83.83 per month, be granted her till January 1. No action was taken in regard to the matter.

[S.G. Sneed Resolution] At a previous meeting, the Board appointed a Committee to draft resolutions on the decease of Mr. S.G. Sneed. Mr. Hancock presented the following, which was moved to be embodied in the minutes, and a copy sent to the relatives:

Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools take this method of expressing their sorrow at the death of the Honorable S.G. Sneed, Superintendent of the Travis County Public Schools, and *ex officio* member of this Board, as the loss of an esteemed friend and efficient and trusted official and industrious and useful member of this Board and a faithful friend of education.

Professor Sneed's long experience in educational work, his cultured, discriminating and conscientious mind, and his lively interest in the schools invited the trust and

confidence of trustees, teachers and pupils, and we deplore his death as an irreparable loss to this community.

Respectfully,

{Lewis Hancock} {John McDonald}, Committee

The meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 26, 1894

At a called meeting of the School Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, John C. McDonald, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews and George P. Garrison.

The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing Mr. Eggleston of the firm of Eggleston & Goldbeck, in regards to lands in Elgin and Calhoun Counties owned by the City Schools. Mr. Eggleston stated that other parties laid claims to titles of lands in question, and he awaited the voice of the Board before taking action in the matter. It was disposed of by referring it to Mr. Eggleston, to obtain legal advice and employ all counsel necessary to carry on suits and to gather all information necessary before next meeting.

[*Temporary Capitol*] A communication was read from the City Engineer. It had reference to the electric wiring of the Temporary Capitol. He stated that said wiring was in a defective condition and, if fire ensued therefrom, the Board would have difficulty with the insurance companies. It was adopted to refer the matter to the Building Committee, to inform Professor Walden that the [illegible] be condemned or repaired.

It was moved and carried that [95] holiday be not given for the circus.

A petition was read from Miss Helen Beal, in regard to an increase in salary. The petition was referred to the Finance Committee.

Next was read a petition from E.L. Blackshear. It was referred to the same committee. At a previous meeting, the Board referred the matter of contracting for fuel to the Committee on Supplies, to advertise for bids. The bids were opened and read and, on motion, it was adopted to award the contract of furnishing wood, etc. to the City Schools to the University Woodyard, and the coal contract to A.J. Zilker.

A petition of the teachers of the Public Schools was read. It had reference to changing the date of their regular monthly teachers

meetings to the Friday afternoon preceding the regular date. The petition was granted.

The claim of the USF Company was next considered. On motion, it was referred to the President and Secretary, who were authorized to enter into a note with said company, said note to be signed by the President and Secretary.

[Hyde Park] The lease of the Hyde Park School having expired, it was moved to refer the matter to the President and Secretary, [96] who are herewith authorized to enter into contract with the MK&T Land Company for a renewal of lease, for a term of two years.

Mr. Charles Winn appeared before the Board to present a petition from his father, in regard to the latter's having a leave of absence till January 1. After the discussion, the request was granted, and Professor Winn is allowed \$80 per month till July 1.

The Secretary then read a communication from Miss North, asking that her services and time be more liberally recognized. The Board indulged in a discussion, after which it was moved and carried that Miss North be elected Assistant Superintendent with a salary of \$80 per month till January 1, and also that she be allowed an assistant till January 1 at \$50 per month, said assistant to be employed by herself. In her official capacity as Assistant Superintendent, she is authorized to draw out and sign all orders and checks and approve bills as Mamie E. North, Assistant Superintendent, and in the absence of Mr. Winn, to act as *ex officio* Superintendent.

There being no further business pending, the Board adjourned till the next regular meeting

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
November 2, 1894

At a regular meeting of the Board of the School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison, Lewis Hancock, John McDonald, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham and John E. Shelton.

The minutes of October 6 were read and approved.

The minutes of the called meeting of October 26 were read and, after some discussion, it was decided to have the Clerk write out more fully the parts referring to the authorizing of Mr. Eggleston to employ all courses necessary to further the investigation of land titles, also the

specified time of the employing of a Clerk whose time would expire when Superintendent Winn returned on January 1.

It was also decided that Mr. Winn, during his absence, was to receive the sum of \$80 per month.

The report of the Assistant Superintendent was read and approved.

[*South Austin*] Mr. Graham stated that the school bell in South Austin was still being used by the resident church members, much to the discomfort of the Principal. It was not known how an entrance was forced into the building, as all the doors and windows were kept locked. It was moved and carried [98] that Mr. Morley be appointed a Committee of one to end the matter. It was also moved [that] the Assistant Superintendent see the church people and allow them to use the bell, provided they supply someone to take charge of it who would hold himself responsible for all damage done to school property during its usage. The motion was adopted.

The attention of the Board was called to the fact that the Bible was being read in some of the schools. Mr. Graham then read the circular issued by Superintendent Carlisle, which argued that school appropriations were not put to their proper use when used to support a sectarian school. It was argued by a member that unless the Bible was commented upon, it was not sectarian. Nevertheless, it was decided the matter had a tendency to drift that way. Mr. Smith arose and stated the Board had no right to try and stop the simple reading of the Bible. Mr. McDonald then offered the following resolution as the sense of the Board: Resolved that it is the opinion of this Board that there is no law prohibiting the reading of the Bible [99] without comment in the Public Free Schools of the City of Austin. Before this was voted upon, Mr. Hancock offered the following as a substitute: Resolved that while we are informed by the Superintendent of public instruction that it is not unlawful to read the Bible in the Public Schools without comment, it is not desirable that it should be done. The question was put, and the substitute adopted. The vote stood: Yeas Misters Hancock, Garrison, Morley and Shelton; Nays Misters Smith, Graham and McDonald. Mr. Graham asked that his opposing vote be recorded in the minutes.

Quite a discussion arose as to whether more than 50 pupils could go into a grade room. Mr. McDonald moved that the number of pupils to a grade room be limited to 60, but it was decided that the sense of the Board was to assign not more than 50 to a grade room.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Finance Committee, for approval.

[*East Austin*] A petition was read from Mr. Downs, janitor of the East Austin School. He asked that his salary be raised to \$40 per month, on account of hard work. His petition was granted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

November 20, 1894

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, John E. Shelton and George P. Garrison.

The meeting was called for the purpose of investigating into the suspension of Willie Johnson, a pupil of the High School. After hearing the charges, as proffered by the Principal and teachers of said school, the Board did not think them to have sufficient importance to warrant their sustaining Mr. Bryant in making the suspension final. To the motion that the suspension of Willie Johnson continue throughout the term, the following amendment was made and carried: that he be deprived of the right and privilege of the High School for one month from suspension.

[*Hyde Park*] The matter next to be considered was a petition from the Baptists of Hyde Park, to hold services during the coming winter months in one room of the Hyde Park School. The petition was granted.

At the request of the people of Wheatville, the school house was tendered them [101] to hold services in for one Sunday.

The President appointed in the place of S.G. Sneed, deceased, Mr. John E. Shelton, on the Judiciary Committee, and Mr. Lewis Hancock on the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations.

A communication was next read from Miss North, asking that her duties as Assistant Superintendent be more clearly defined in the minutes of October 26. In defining her duties, the sentence "and in the absence of Mr. Winn, she is to act as *ex officio* Superintendent" was to be stricken out. It was also agreed that, with the exception of supervising and criticizing the White schools, she is expected to perform the duties of the Superintendent.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
December 10, 1894

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, John McDonald, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, S.K. Morley.

The minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the called meeting of November 20 were read and approved.

[*Temporary Capitol*] A communication from L.R. and C.E. Walden was read, asking for the free use of an unused room on the third floor, and that his rent be reduced to \$40 per month. It was moved to grant the petition for one year. The motion was adopted.

[*Hyde Park*] A petition was read from the members of Union Church, asking to be allowed the free use of Hyde Park School, to conduct Sunday school in during the winter months. The petition was granted.

A petition was read from Miss Silas, asking to have the First Ward School tendered her every afternoon, to teach Spanish in. It was moved that the petition be not granted. The motion was carried.

[*South Austin*] A petition was read from Mrs. C. Rolide, asking the free use of one room in the [103] South Austin School, to teach German in. It was moved the petition be not granted. The motion was adopted.

It was decided to get a new mimeograph for office use.

It was moved that the first term end on January 15, thereby making the terms more equal. The motion was adopted.

[*Xmas*] It was moved that school be turned out on Friday preceding Christmas Day and take up the following Monday week. Mr. Hancock made an amendment to the fact that the first of January be included in the holidays. The original motion was carried, and the amendment lost.

Quite a discussion arose as to changing the rule in regard to the manner in which substitutes were called in by the different principals. Nothing definite was done in regard to the matter. Mr. Garrison asked that the rule as it now existed be carried out. Mr. Garrison also drew a new rule which was to be presented to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
December 26, 1894

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, George P. Garrison, John McDonald, Lewis Hancock.

The object of the meeting was to settle the matter pertaining to the superintendency for the rest of the term.

[*Superintendent Resigns*] Mr. Winn's resignation was read and accepted. It was resolved to tend the regrets of the Board at his not being able to resume his duties.

Quite a discussion arose as to whether it would not be best to elect a man as temporary superintendent for the rest of this term. It was finally decided that the sense of the Board was to allow things to go on as at present, till the end of the term.

It was moved that Committee on Teachers consider applications for the superintendency and report on the second Monday in March. The motion was carried. It was also decided to elect the Superintendent on the second Monday in April.

Mr. Graham stated that the Finance Committee had examined [105] the Treasurer's reports and found them correct. Mr. Hancock asked that the report be made in writing and recorded in the minutes.

[*Holiday*] It was moved that the schools be given holiday on New Year's. The motion was adopted.

A petition was read from Charles E. Jones, asking the use of the basement of the school on Eighth Street. It was moved and seconded that the petition be rejected. The motion was adopted.

As Miss North's term as Assistant Superintendent expired on the first of January, it was moved that she be continued on in that capacity till the end of the term. The motion was adopted. The votes stood: Yeas Misters Graham, McDonald and Morley; Nays Misters Hancock and Garrison.

It was moved and seconded that a principals meeting be called for the 31<sup>st</sup> *inst.* to prepare an outline for the semi-annual examinations. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
January 4, 1895

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Graham, J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison, S.K. Morley, John E. Shelton.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the called meeting of December 26 were read and approved.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and approved.

[*Temporary Capitol*] It was moved that L.S. Smith be appointed collector of rents in place of Charles H. Powell. The motion was adopted. It was also decided to have him straighten book accounts between Mr. Powell and Office.

It was moved Mr. Sterling be paid \$500 for the taking of scholastic census for the year 1893. The motion was adopted, provided the Clerk see the charge correct.

[*High School Library*] It was moved the usual appropriation of \$25 be made the High School library. The motion was adopted.

Judge Smith offered the following resolution which was to place Mr. Hancock on the Committee to Borrow Money: Be it resolved that [109; note pp. 107-108 are blank] the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this Board are hereby constituted a Committee to borrow any sum or sums of money in their judgment necessary to meet and pay any indebtedness of this Board, and to execute a note or notes for the same in the name of this Board, and to repay said notes out of any money in the Treasurer's hands by warrants drawn by said Committee and any deed members of said Committee are authorized to act for said Committee, and to do any and all acts herein provided for.

[*Bickler: East Austin*] Mr. Graham stated it had been reported to him by the Principal of the East Austin School that the heater was not giving satisfaction. He also stated it required [illegible] of hard cold per day to comfortably heat the rooms. It was decided to have the Committee make a test of the heating apparatus some day in January.

Professor Bryant asked for a few changes in the present course of study in the High School. It was moved the change be granted for the rest of the term. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
January 16, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, W.J. Mathews, S.K. Morley.

The report was called for the purpose of hearing a report gotten up by Mr. Eggleston in reference to a sale of land issued by the Board in the Sophia-Dean survey in Jefferson County, Texas. Mr. Eggleston stated he had negotiated a sale of 1,448 acres of said land for \$4,000, \$1,000 to be paid in cash, and the other amount in two payments of \$1,500 each, said two last payments to draw interest at the rate of 8%. Mr. Hancock moved the sale, as effected by agents, be confirmed and the President and Secretary of the Board execute the deed. The resolution was adopted.

[*West Austin Discipline*] Mr. Graham read a communication from Mr. Brown, Principal of the West Austin School, stating he had permanently suspended Carlos Rankin for repeated misdemeanor and as being a continual drawback to the other children in his grade. His teacher asked that the Board please not readmit him. [111] Carlos stated he had been suspended three times this session, the last time for talking. Mr. Hancock moved the matter be laid on the table till next regular meeting, when Professor Brown could be present and state charges in detail. The resolution was adopted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

[112]

Change of Rule as Regards the Selection of Substitutes by Various Schools

We, the Committee, recommend the [following].

Signed, {S.K. Morley} {J.W. Smith}

City Superintendent and the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations:

Resolved that Rule 10, recorded on pages 42 and 43 of the minute book from October 1890, to be so amended, as to read as follows:

A list of temporary teachers and substitutes shall be prepared and arranged in order of rank at the discretion of the City Superintendent and the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations, rank to

be fixed according to experience, qualification, and other such criteria as may be naturally applied to secure the best teaching talent.

From this list shall be selected a shorter list for each school, consisting of those teachers having most conformed to said school, ranked in the same order.

Whenever it may become necessary to introduce a new teacher as a substitute [113] in the Public Schools, the teacher highest in rank on the list for the school in which the substitute is to be employed shall be assigned to fill such vacancy, provided not already in service in the Austin City Public Schools.

[114]

Report of Lewis Hancock, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools, for the year ending August 31, 1894.

#### Receipts and disbursements for each quarter

##### Receipts

Balance brought forward	
from year ending August 31, 1894:	\$6,812.41
Quarter ending November 30, 1893:	7,578.15
Quarter ending February 28, 1894:	20,385.93
Quarter ending May 31, 1894:	23,738.79
Quarter ending August 31, 1894:	<u>20,758.02</u>
	<u>72,460.39</u>
Total receipts	79,273.30

##### Disbursements

Quarter ending November 30, 1893:	14,307.31
Quarter ending February 28, 1894:	19,710.79
Quarter ending May 31, 1894:	24,597.01
Quarter ending August 31, 1894:	<u>20,305.89</u>
	<u>78,921.00</u>
Balance August 31, 1894	352.30

## [115] Building Fund

in account with Austin Public Schools and J.T. Allan Fund

	Dr.	Cr.
Bal. September 1, 1893	\$4,908.40	\$365.00
Sept. 13 - War. #3, Pickle & Carlson bldg. Room at South Austin		401.50
Sept. 20 - War. #11, J.J. Tobin painting S. Austin school house		70.00
Oct. 3 - War. #24, Christian & Crocker		42.05
Apr. 10, 1894 - War. #154, B.A. McDonald, Architect E. Austin bldg.		418.00
April 12 - Borrowed from J.T. Allan Fund for resolution of S. Board March 21, 1894	2,390.00	
April 23 - W. #161, W.H. Calhoun move bldg. from E. Austin		70.00
May 1 - War. #165, G. Lockwood Contr., E. Austin		3,486.00
May 5 - War. #171, J. Ezell mvg. bldg. from E. Austin		105.00
June 1 - War. #171, G. Lockwood, Contr. E. Austin		4,334.00
June 2 - War. #176, J. Ezell moved bldgs. from E.A. to Gregorytown		100.00
June 6 - War. #186, J. Ezell, mov. S.C. bldg.		95.00
June 30 - War. #195, G.L. Contr., E. Austin		4,692.00
July 3 - War. #196, J. Ezell, mov. school		60.00
July 7 - " "		200.00
July 10 - " "		109.00
July 20 - War. #211, B. McD. Supt, mov. bldgs.		37.20
Aug. 4 - War. #216, G.L. Contr., E. Austin		1,523.20
Aug. 17 - War. 222, " "		2,000.00
Aug. 28 - War. #227, Austin Elec. Sup. Co. wiring E. Austin bldg.		111.00
Aug. 31 - 25% of \$28,160.39 total and total amt. collected from Fr. Sterzing, Tax Collector, City of Austin, year ending Aug. 31, 1894	7,040.10	
Balance	<u>4,325.43</u>	
	\$17,853.93	\$17,853.93

Loan due Allan Fund	\$2,390.00
Int. accrued on same	<u>73.82</u>
	<u>2,463.82</u>
Total amt. due by bldg. fund	6,789.25

## [116] John T. Allan Fund

	Dr.	Cr.
Sept. 1, 1893 - Balance forward	\$3,175.68	
Sept. 6 - Eggleston & Goldbeck	115.40	
Sept. 23 - 9 notes F. Thomas	2,460.96	
Int. on same	170.94	
[Illegible] for investment		2,635.90
Oct. 19 - To F. Thomas		
Note due Nov. 21, 1892	273.00	
Int. on above	21.87	
Int. on 8 other notes	174.96	470.27
Dec. 28 - To M. Wehmeyer, Int. 3 notes	260.00	
Feb. 1, 1894 - To M. Wehmeyer, one note	1,000.00	
Int. on above	6.67	
Apr. 12 - To E. & G., 1 note, W.S. Wright	50.00	
E. & G. Int. on above	4.00	
E. & G. 6 mo. Int. Wahrenberger note	30.00	
E. & G. Cash on note A.G.		
E. & G. Elgin Survey to N.C. Gullett	315.65	
E. & G. rents	180.99	
Apr. 12 - By loan to Austin Pub. Schools by res. of the Board Mar. 24, 1894		2,390.00
June 5 - To E. & G.: E. Sibley note \$4.60	102.00	
To E. & G.: 6 mo. Int. Wahrenberger n.	80.00	
To E. & G.: rents	65.65	
Aug. 7 - Int. to June 1, 1894		
On Wahrenberger Fin. Co. note	120.00	
Aug. 31 - Balance		<u>1,457.66</u>
	<u>6,483.56</u>	<u>6,483.56</u>
	1,457.66	

## [117] John T. Allan Fund

Available assets Aug. 31, 1894

Bills receivable

Austin Pub. Schools \$8,535.80

Accrued Int. 906.67

Austin Pub. Schools 2,000.00

Accrued Int. 520.00

Austin Pub. Schools 1,900.00

Accrued Int. 420.96

Austin Pub. Schools 2,390.00

Accrued Int. 73.82

16,747.25

Wehmeyer 2 notes 2,250.00

Accrued Int. 180.00

Snyder &amp; Co. 1,000.00

Accrued Int. 61.10

Snyder &amp; Co. 1,600.00

Accrued Int. 220.00

Austin Jordan, W.S. Wright, 2 notes 780.00

Accrued Int. 64.10

Austin Jordan, W.S. Wright, 2 notes 100.00

Accrued Int. 14.00

Eugene Sibley 922.50

Accrued Int. 30.70

Mrs. Lindeman 2,000.00

Accrued Int. 40.00

Wash. Fire Co. 1,500.00

Accrued Int. 30.00

T. Thorne, 8 notes 2,187.52

Accrued Int. 145.84

N.C. Gullett, 2 notes 738.00

Accrued Int. 40.50

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 Total \$30,651.60

Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1894 1,457.66

Aggregate available assets 32,109.26

Aggregate available assets Aug. 31, 1893 28,399.13

Increase for year ending Aug. 31, 1894 \$3,710.13

## [118] Bills Payable Account

Bills payable Aug. 31, 1893		
Allan Fund	\$8,535.80	
Int. @ 8% May 1893		223.81
Allan Fund	2,000.00	
Int. @ 8% June 1891		360.00
Allan Fund	1,900.00	
Int. @ 8% Nov 1891		<u>268.96</u>
Totals	12,435.80	852.77
Total indebtedness Aug. 31, 1893	\$13,288.57	
Bills payable Aug. 31, 1894		
Allan Fund	\$8,535.80	
Int. @ 8% May 1893		906.67
Allan Fund	2,000.00	
Int. @ 8% June 1891		520.00
Allan Fund	1,900.00	
Int. @ 8% Nov 1891		420.00
Allan Fund	2,390.00	
Int. @ 8% Apr 1894		73.82
American Natl. Bank due Sept. 30, 1894	5,000.00	
American Natl. Bank due Sept. 16, 1894	<u>800.00</u>	
Total	20,625.80	1,921.45
Total indebtedness Aug. 31, 1894	\$22,547.25	
Increase	\$9,258.68	

Of this balance (\$9,258.68), the sum of \$6,789.25 was used in building and the remainder \$2,469.43 is chargeable to General Revenue.

## [119] Report

To balance brought forward from previous year	\$6,812.41
To amount recd. from State apportionment	21,027.45
To amount recd. from Travis County, int. on bonds	212.33
To amount recd. from Travis County, lease of lands	710.27
To amount recd. from City of Austin School tax	23,160.39
To amount recd. from rent of houses	1,752.78
<u>To amount recd. from loans</u>	<u>20,597.67</u>
Total amount received	\$79,273.30
By cash pd. Teachers	\$37,199.14
By cash pd. for Supervision of Schools	1,800.00
By cash pd. for Building School houses	17,973.95
By cash pd. for Rent of School houses	2,396.28
By cash pd. for Furniture for Schools	705.72
By cash pd. for Apparatus \$6.70, Library \$25.00	31.70
By cash pd. for Repairs of School houses	103.08
By cash pd. for Supplies	481.62
By cash pd. for Sundries	
By cash pd. for Water	395.79
By cash pd. for Insurance	145.00
By cash pd. for Commission	617.48
By cash pd. for Money borrowed	12,540.01
By cash pd. for Interest	281.05
By cash pd. for Janitors' salaries	2,041.89
By cash pd. for Sanitation	66.50
By cash pd. for Fuel	709.74
By cash pd. for Printing	186.71
By cash pd. for Clerk's salary	710.00
By cash pd. for Miscellaneous	<u>335.34</u>
	18,229.51
Total amount paid out	\$78,921.00
To balance on hand	\$352.50

To the Board of School Trustees Jen  
Gentlemen, we, the undersigned members of the Finance Committee, have examined the reports of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1894, and found the same to be correct.

Signed {J.W. Graham} {S.K. Morley}

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

February 1, 1895

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, John E. Shelton, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the called meeting of January 16 were read and approved.

A report from the Assistant Superintendent was read and approved.

The matter in regard to the suspension of Carlos Rankin was taken up. Professor Brown stated he had been able to exercise no control over him, and his continual misconduct was a constant drawback to the children with whom he came in contact. Miss Brown, his teacher, asked the Board to please not readmit him. Mr. Hancock moved the action of the principal of his school be confirmed. The motion was adopted.

The adoption of the amendment of the Rule in regard to the substitutes list was recommended to take effect by Mr. Garrison. Mr. Hancock offered an amendment, which would cause the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations and Superintendent to prepare the list, instead of the Superintendent and [121] Chairman of the Committee. The amendment was adopted, as recommended by the Committee, on votes, by a two-thirds vote. The Rule, as it now stands, can be found in full on page 112 of this book.

Mr. Graham moved the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations be instructed to investigate the matter in regard to celebrating the 18<sup>th</sup> *inst.* in commemoration of the birth of Mr. George Peabody. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Shelton moved Miss Hancock be dropped from the role of teachers for failing to fulfill her contract when connected with the County Schools. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Shelton stated he had granted Miss Lowry a permanent County certificate, as she had taught in the Travis County Schools over five years, but, as she wished a City School certificate, the Board would have to take some action in regard to the matter. Mr. Graham moved her County certificate be recognized for one more year. The motion was adopted.

[*High School*] It was moved that \$15 be appropriated to buy chemicals for the High School. The motion was adopted.

The Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

February 15, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham, John E. Shelton, S.K. Morley, John McDonald.

[*East Austin*] The meeting was called for the purpose of taking some action in regard to accepting the heater which had lately been put up at the East Austin School. Mr. Graham stated the heater had for the past few days given complete satisfaction. The architect stated the apparatus was in good condition and would in future work satisfactorily. He also stated bituminous, coal could now be used. Mr. Graham moved the Board accept the heater under the condition that Mr. Burke enter into a written agreement to keep same in good condition for one year. The motion was adopted.

The question of closing the schools was brought up and referred to the Finance Committee, to make an estimate of how long they could be continued.

Mr. Graham stated the various schools had been notified to discuss the [123] life and teachings of Peabody on Monday, February 17, in commemoration of his birthday.

[*Holiday*] It was moved holiday be given on Washington's birthday. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
February 20, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, S.K. Morley, John McDonald.

The meeting was called for the purpose of taking official action in regard to the final closing of the schools.

[*Schools Close*] Mr. Graham stated the Finance Committee had met and, after investigating into the condition of the School finances, decided they could not be run longer than the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. Mr. Hancock moved the schools be turned out on that date. After some discussion, the motion was adopted. Mr. Graham moved to continue both the White and Colored High Schools till the first of June. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Morley moved the Eighth Grade be continued till the first of June. The motion was adopted.

Mr. McDonald [missing word] the teachers be allowed their grade rooms during vacation, on terms similar to those of last year. The motion was adopted.

Professor Bryant asked the Board to advise him what to do in case he was compelled to deal with some [125] of the pupils in his school who of late had been giving him some trouble. Mr. McDonald moved the President or Secretary be appointed to confer with Professor Bryant when such cases were to be disposed of. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
March 1, 1895

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, John D. Shelton, Lewis Hancock, John McDonald.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the called meeting of February 15 were read and approved.

The minutes of the called meeting of February 20 were read and approved.

Mr. Brown stated he had an excess of pupils in his eighth grade, and asked the Board to advise him which steps to take in regard to

the matter. It was moved to have Mr. Brown make such transfers as would be satisfactory and provide for the need. The motion was adopted.

Miss Lowry asked the Board to grant Miss Addie McCrillis permission to teach with her at Hyde Park during the summer. Mr. Garrison moved the request be granted. The motion was adopted.

[*West Austin*] It was decided to allow H. Kippenbrock, the janitor of the West Austin Schools, to sleep in the building.

A petition was read from the Principals, which asked that the private schools be so conducted under the supervision of the Principals, [and] that promotion would be the same [127] as if the Schools were generally continued. Mr. McDonald moved the recommendation, as concurred by the Principals, be recognized by the Board. The motion was adopted.

Miss Jary asked the Board to continue her certificate one year longer. The petition was granted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

To the Honorable Board of the Austin Public Schools:

Gentlemen, owing to the fact that the Austin Public Schools closed so early this year, and that the work of the sessions will be so badly behind, we would respectfully suggest the following plan for the maintaining of the graded system of the Schools:

1. That the private school work be carried on, just as during the free term as to amount and character of work, and to be under the supervision of the Principals.
2. That pupils who shall complete the work of their respective grades shall be examined as at the close of the regular term, [128] and those who pass the examination, as required for regular promotion, shall be given promotion cards entitling them to enter the next grade at the close of the term. Also that pupils who do not complete the work of their grades shall not be promoted with those who shall have done so, but shall be examined before passing to the next higher division in September.
3. That each teacher shall teach only the pupils of her own grade, except in case of teachers in the building not wishing to do the private school work.

4. That a uniform rate\* of teachers be adopted in each building, and that the hours be the same as in public school work, except when a teacher may have fewer than 15 pupils [illegible] primary grades.

Signed,

{T.A. Brown} {J.L. Taff} {F.R. Brooke}

{J.P. Cashell} {Mary Lowry}

\* By uniform rate, it is meant that all primary teachers charge the same and all grammar grade teachers charge the same

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 19, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, John McDonald, S.K. Morley, W.J. Mathews, John E. Shelton.

Mr. Hancock moved that the resolution fixing the date of the election of a Superintendent be rescinded.

[*T.G. Harris Elected Superintendent*] It was moved and carried that Mr. T.G. Harris be elected Superintendent of the Austin City Public Schools for one year, from the first day of July 1895.

Mr. Graham moved to keep janitors at half pay till the close of schools. The motion was adopted.

The matter in regard to the introducing of physiology into the schools was referred to the Committee on Teachers.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 5, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, Lewis Hancock, John D. Shelton, John McDonald, S.K. Morley.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the called meeting of March 19 were read and approved.

Judge Archer, a former pupil of the High School who had lately been refused readmission by Professor Bryant on account of

perpetrating a joke on one of the pupils of the High School, asked the Board to please grant him a readmission card. Professor Bryant asked the Board to sustain him in the matter, as Mr. Archer had proven himself not only a poor student, but a very hard boy to deal with. Mr. Morley moved Mr. Archer be allowed to return to school. Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham. Mr. Shelton offered an amendment, which was to confirm the action of the Principal. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock. The substitute was adopted.

Miss E. Jessen presented a petition, asking that her County certificate be extended by the [131] Board one year. The petition was granted.

Permission was granted the pupils of the West Austin School to give an entertainment in the High School building for the purpose of raising money with which to buy a piano.

[T.G. Harris] Mr. Graham moved Superintendent-elect Harris be allowed to come up and become familiar with the office work as soon as possible, [illegible] his salary not to begin till the first of July. Mr. Garrison offered a substitute, to have Mr. Harris come in on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, with a salary to begin at that time. The substitute was adopted.

[High School Principal Bryant Resigns] Professor Bryant tendered his resignation as Principal of the High School, with the understanding that his salary would continue till the end of the scholastic year. The resignation was accepted.

Miss J. Pearl Cashell tendered her resignation as Principal of the North Austin School, to take effect September 18, 1895. Mr. Graham moved the resignation be accepted, with regrets. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 3, 1895

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, George P. Garrison and John E. Shelton.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

[High School Request] A petition was read from a delegation of Germans, which asked for the High School rooms during the summer,

to use as a German school. It was moved to lay the matter over till next meeting. The motion was adopted.

[*High School Commencement*] It was decided to have the closing exercises of the High School on June 4. It was moved to appropriate \$75 for expenses, or as much thereof as was necessary. The motion was adopted

[*Half Holiday*] May 6 being University Field Day, Mr. Hancock moved to give the schools half-holiday. The motion was adopted.

Principals of North Austin Arsenal Block and Hyde Park Schools asked that their private schools be closed on the 17<sup>th</sup>, instead of the 24<sup>th</sup>. As the work prescribed for all the grades had been finished, Mr. Graham moved they be allowed to close their grades anytime between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, provided each teacher or [133] principal be responsible for the completion of the work. The motion was adopted.

[*Colored School Close May 17*] It was decided to close the Colored Schools on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Miss Roosevelt, a teacher in the South Austin School, tendered her resignation. It was accepted.

It was decided to have awnings or blinds fixed over the office windows.

[*City Exams*] Mr. Graham moved examinations for teachers be set up for the first week in July. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Garrison moved the principals of the High School and North Austin School be elected on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, provided Superintendent-elect Harris gave his approval.

As the Legislature had passed a law acknowledging all County and City certificates, Mr. Shelton asked the Board to take some action in regard to the matter. Mr. Hancock moved Mr. Shelton post himself thoroughly on the matter and make a report at the next regular meeting. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
May 31, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, John McDonald, John E. Shelton, S.K. Morley.

A report was read from Professor Bryant, Principal of the High School. He asked for diplomas and certificates for the pupils who had completed the prescribed course of study. Mr. Hancock moved the

report be accepted and filed, and diplomas and certificates be issued according to recommendations. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Shelton stated he had seen Superintendent Carlisle and had been informed by him that State certificates could alone be recognized. Mr. Hancock moved Mr. Shelton notify the teachers through the *Statesman* of the exact nature of the laws which govern the issuing of these State certificates. The motion was adopted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Graham stated that Mr. Walden, who had rented the entire third floor of the Temporary Capitol, had turned the same over to the Board again and had given as payment for rent due two notes signed by Mr. Griffith (for \$50 and \$150), Mr. Hancock moved Mr. Graham's actions be ratified. The motion was adopted. [135]

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. McDonald moved the Building Committee be authorized to investigate into the matter of the Temporary Capitol and ascertain if the State would grant these a release of their contract, in case it was the desire of the Board to change the location of the High School. The motion was adopted.

[*High School Request*] Mr. Shelton asked for the High School rooms for the summer normal. It was decided to allow him to use the rooms, provided he hold himself responsible for all damage accruing to the furniture during the term.

[*Room Request*] Miss Decherd presented a petition asking for the north room during the summer in which to teach. The petition was granted.

Judge Smith moved a vote of thanks be tendered the Mayor and City Council for furnishing the schools with free water. The resolution was adopted and the Clerk instructed to see that the resolution be carried out.

Mr. Hancock moved the Clerk notify Mr. Hutchings that [illegible] some arrangements were made in regard to his back rent, he would have to vacate. The motion was adopted.

[*Typewriter*] It was decided to appropriate \$50 for a new typewriter. There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 7, 1895

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, John E. Shelton, George P. Garrison.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the called meeting of May 31 were read and approved.

The final report of the Assistant Superintendent was read and approved, and the matters needing attention were referred to the different Committees.

[11<sup>th</sup> Ward, South Austin – Brackenridge] Mr. Glasscock stated that there were 48 Colored children of scholastic age in the Eleventh Ward, and asked the Board for an appropriation with which to build a school house. Mr. Shelton moved the matter be referred to the Building Committee. The motion was adopted.

[Temporary Capitol] Mr. Graham stated he had seen Mr. Mobley in regard to obtaining a release of the contract made by the Board for the use of the Temporary Capitol, but was informed that the party who wanted to lease the building had not yet signified his intention of making any definite arrangements.

Mr. Morley moved the reports of the various Principals be referred to the Committee on Teachers, to make a condensed report of same, which would be referred to the Board. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Graham stated he had spoken to Superintendent Carlisle, in reference to Miss Clifton being required to stand examinations, and was informed that she would be required to do so. [137]

[Temporary Capitol] Mr. Hutchings asked the Board to grant him a compromise relative to his back rent, which would be as follows: \$100 *inst.*, \$100 in 30 days, and \$75 in 60 days, the last two payments for which he was to give his individual notes. Mr. Shelton moved the compromise be granted. The motion was adopted.

Mr. T.A. Brown was granted a six-weeks leave of absence, beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

It was moved that the Board meet [on] Monday, June 10, at 4:00, to elect Principals for the High School and Sixth Ward [Wooldridge] School. The motion was adopted.

It was moved the janitors of all the buildings be hired throughout the summer to do only that work which was necessary and be paid for same at the rate of \$1.50 per day. The motion was adopted. It was

also moved and carried that the janitor of the Temporary Capitol be retained throughout the summer at \$30 per month.

It was moved that Professors Garrison and Shelton be sent to Dallas as delegates to attend the state school convention and the Board pay all necessary expenses. The motion was adopted, Judge Smith voting no.

[*City Examinations*] Mr. Garrison moved the first three days in July be set for the teachers' examinations. The motion was adopted. It was moved the Colored teachers' examination be held on the fifth of August. The motion was adopted.

Miss Ellis asked the Board to grant her one year in which to rest, with the promise of employment at the end of same. The petition was granted.

Miss Sayers, who had formerly [138] been in the employ of the Board, asked for another place. Mr. Shelton moved the matter be referred to the Committee on Teachers. Mr. Hancock offered the following as a substitute: that Miss Sayers be elected a teacher in the schools, provided a vacancy occur. The substitute was adopted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 10, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, George P. Garrison, Lewis Hancock, John M. McDonald, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, John E. Shelton, S.K. Morley.

The meeting was called for the purpose of electing Principals for the High and Sixth Ward Schools.

A report was read from the Committee on Teachers endorsing J.E. Pearce of Austin, Texas, for the Principal of the High School, and Miss H.A. McCrillis for the Principal of the Sixth Ward School.

It was moved Miss McCrillis be elected Principal of the Sixth Ward School. The motion was adopted.

It was moved Mr. Pearce be elected Principal of the High School. The motion was adopted.

The two notes made over to the Board by Mr. Hutchings were accepted.

[*Buildings*] It was moved the Building Committee be authorized to make all necessary repairs on the different school houses. The motion was adopted.

[*South Austin*] A Committee consisting of the City and County Superintendents was appointed to see if some arrangements could not be made about sending the children of District 38 to school without their being forced to attend the City School at South Austin.

[*Colored South Austin Building*] Mr. Hancock moved the matter in regard to building a school in South Austin for the Colored children be taken from the Building Committee and referred to the City Superintendent to report on. The motion was adopted.

Adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 24, 1895

At a called session of the Board of Trustees, there were the following members: J.W. Smith, John E. Shelton, John M. McDonald, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, J.W. Mathews.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Board to take some action in regard to having the State Teachers Association meet in Austin next year.

Mr. Garrison moved the Board act with the regents of the University in issuing an invitation to that effect. The motion was adopted.

The Committee on Textbooks & Examinations reported in favor of introducing #4 of the Pathfinder series in the High School, to take the place of Hutchinson's Physiology, and it was further agreed that the Superintendent be instructed to select two of the other--#1, 2 and 3-- for use in the Primary and Grammar grades.

Adjournment.

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Superintendent's Office

July 6, 1895

This being the day set for the regular meeting, the following assembled to dispose of matters on the Secretary's desk. J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, John McDonald, S.K. Morley, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of June 7, 10 and 24 were read and approved.

[*Superintendent's Secretary Resigns*] The Secretary then read the following, which was accepted with regrets.

Austin, Texas  
July 5, 1895

The Board of Trustees, Austin, Texas:

Gentlemen, I hereby resign my position as Superintendent's Clerk, resignation to take effect September 1. In severing my connection with the schools, I desire to tender the members of the Board collectively and individually my sincere thanks and appreciation for courtesies received in the past.

Very respectfully, {Mamie E. North}

Next was taken up the election of a Clerk, and the following list of applicants was read: Misses Fannie Andrews, Lucile James, Julia Palm, Tilly Wilmer, Willie Smith, Maude Jones, Nellie Baker, Cordie Davis, Lizzie Ford, Mesdames Jackson, Cooper and Ford.

Motion made and seconded that hindmost one be dropped after first ballot in case of no election. On first ballot, the first stood as follows: Miss Andrews, 3; Mrs. Jackson, 2; Miss Palm, 1.

According to motion, Miss Palm was [142] dropped, and the second and third ballot stood three and three.

As the vote stood, it was thought best to defer the election to next meeting. The regular business was then taken up.

Mr. McDonald moved teachers be elected and assigned positions July 19, after return of Superintendent T.G. Harris. Carried.

A motion was then made and seconded that the Treasurer be authorized to pay note owing the bank, and any surplus money be appropriated to lifting interest due Allan Fund, and also principal of \$2,390 borrowed from said fund, and same to be charged to Building Fund.

It was decided that July 19 be set for the election of teachers and Superintendent's Clerk.

The report of Fred Sterzing was then read and filed.

The resignations of Misses Fannie Goggin and Mollie Brown were read and accepted.

Next was read a communication from Mr. Charles Trimble, asking for an appropriation of \$50 for his services in compiling the last census. The communication was filed.

Miss Eliza Mitchell presented a petition asking to be reinstated in the Public Schools. The petition was disposed of by referring to the Committee on Teachers.

A communication from Miss Annie Shapard to the same effect was also read and referred to Committee, to report upon.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union requested the free use of the First Ward School building on Thursdays and Fridays, to teach hygiene and temperance to a class of boys and girls. The petition was granted.

[*City Exams*] After a considerable discussion, it was moved and carried that another competitive examination be given the latter part of August, for the benefit of those wishing it, and that it be open to all.

Adjournment.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
July 15, 1895

At a called session of the Board of Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, John E. Shelton, John McDonald, S.K. Morley, W.J. Mathews.

The Board met to elect a Clerk to succeed Miss North, whose resignation takes effect September 1.

At a previous meeting, it was moved and carried that the election occur [on] July 19, but, on a motion being put that the above be repealed, they immediately proceeded to vote by ballot.

[*Superintendent's Secretary Elected*] It was adopted that the applicant receiving lowest number of votes be dropped. After casting several ballots, on the third it was decided that Miss Fanny Andrews be declared elected.

A petition from Mrs. L.E. Lashwah, and also one from Mrs. A.S. McKinley, were then considered. They asked in consideration of the fact that they had taught three and four years respectively in the Schools that the Board acknowledged their Prairie View Normal diplomas and allow them the same pay as regular teachers for the coming term. Mr. McDonald made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Shelton, to the effect that they be classed as regular substitutes at a salary of \$50 per month, but, as it was the wish of the Board, the above motion was withdrawn, and the matter of deciding was deferred till the following Friday.

In the absence of Mr. Hancock, the Chairman appointed Mr. John Shelton to act on the Teachers Committee, after which the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
July 19, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, S.K. Morley, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.E. Shelton.

As a previous meeting today was set aside for the election of teachers, to fill vacancies, and upon motion, the following were declared elected: Misses Nellie Lamont and Nellie Hall. On application from Misses Annie Shapard and Eliza Mitchell, they were reinstated after a leave of absence in the Schools. It was further moved that the Clerk be instructed to notify the above-named parties of the action of the Board regarding their several petitions.

[*Temporary Capitol Agent*] Next was taken up the appointment of a collector of rents for the Temporary Capitol, and it was unanimously adopted that John E. Shelton be elected.

[*First Ward*] A petition from Miss Silas and J.A. Musa was read, and it was agreed that they be given the use of the First Ward School building, provided they do not conflict with the parties to whom the Board had granted a similar petition.

[*Temporary Capitol Repairs*] The Secretary then read a communication from Mr. Brown, one of the renters of the Temporary Capitol, in regard to the condition of the closet on the ground floor of the building. After some discussion, Mr. Mathews and Mr. Shelton were appointed a Committee to look into the matter, with the view of having same and the plumbing of the building put in a good, healthy condition.

An invitation having been handed the President, to deliver the welcoming address to the summer normal teachers, it was moved and carried that he do so in the name of the Board. [145]

At a former meeting, two petitions, one from Mrs. L.E. Lashwah, and the other from Mrs. A. McKinley, were referred for action to this meeting. They asked in as much as they had taught three and four years respectively in the City Schools on their Prairie View Normal diplomas as regular substitute teachers, that they be considered regular teachers at \$50 per month for the coming session. Quite a good deal of discussion arose as to the advisability of establishing a precedent, but it was carried that their case be made an exception on the grounds that the teachers in question had given their time, energy and interest to the Schools to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

The meeting then stood adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

August 14, 1895

At a postponed regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, S.K. Morley, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of July 6, 15 and 19 were read and approved.

[*Temporary Capitol Plumbing*] Reports of standing Committees were called for, and Dr. Mathews arose to report on the matter of the plumbing of the Temporary Capitol, which had been referred to him and Mr. Shelton at a previous meeting, for investigation. Motion was made and carried that this report be referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*South Austin Colored School*] Mr. Shelton reported upon condition of Colored children of South Austin, which matter had been referred to him and Mr. Harris at a former meeting. He reported that there were 65 of these children with no school accommodation whatever. Mr. Graham moved that, provided the South Austin people donate a lot, the Board would build a house and furnish it at a cost not exceeding \$500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shelton and carried.

The report to the Superintendent was called for, and the tabulated report of the Colored teachers' examination was read and approved, and the Superintendent was authorized to issue certificates to the applicants. The following were elected as regular teachers: Miss Hattie Lee and Misters C.M. White and W.H. Passon. It was decided that the Colored teachers be allowed the privilege of taking the special competitive examination at the same time with the White teachers, the date of that examination [147] be set for September to take place in the High School rooms.

[*Annual Report*] Mr. Harris asked for an appropriation for the publication of the annual report. On motion, it was left to the Superintendent and the Committee on Rules to get up the report, including course of study, rules, etc., and submit same to the Board for approval. The matter of contracting for printing of same was left to the Superintendent, with the help of one member of the Board.

The matter of introducing supplementary reading in the schools was referred to the Superintendent and Teachers Committee, with power to act.

Drawing was then brought up and, on motion of Dr. Mathews, to have writing and drawing put under the supervision of a specialist. The matter was referred to Committee on Teachers.

Miss Helen Beall's resignation was read and accepted.

A communication from Miss Mitchell was read, as stating that whereas she had received an appointment on the Home Missionary Board, which works she was anxious to pursue, she requested that her name be dropped from the payroll of the Schools. The communication was accepted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Shelton, the collector of rents for the Temporary Capitol, asked to the Board to authorize him to rent a portion of the third floor of said building as a business college. The matter was referred to Misters Graham and Shelton.

Report of Mr. Sterzing was read and filed.

Time of the opening of schools was set for September 16.

Adjournment.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

August 27, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, S.K. Morley, John E. Shelton.

[*Third Ward*] The meeting was called for the purpose of considering a communication from the citizens of the Third Ward School neighborhood, requesting the removal of said school on the grounds that the lots occupied by said school building could not be legally used by the City for school purposes.

Mr. Shelton made a motion, after some discussion of the situation, referring said communication to the Judiciary and Building Committees, with power to act. Carried.

The Rules and Regulations for the annual report were then taken up. They were read to, considered, and it was adopted by a vote of five that all old Rules be repealed. Then it was moved and carried that the new Rules, as a whole, be adopted and printed in the report.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 9, 1895

At a postponed regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, John McDonald, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of August 14 and 27 were read and approved.

There was no written report from the Superintendent, but he spoke in approval of the annual report as published and gave the result of the last teachers examination. His report as delivered was received.

Reports from the standing Committees were then called for.

Mr. Graham then reported for the Judiciary and Building Committees on the question of finding suitable lots for the Colored School building. The Committee asked for more time to decide upon the matter. It was moved that the report be received and a longer time be granted. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Graham reported in behalf of the Teachers Committee. It was moved and seconded that, in as much as Mr. Crawford, teacher of science in the High School, had failed to obtain a first grade certificate, that said position be declared vacant and that the Board proceed to elect someone to fill it. The names of applicants for the place having been read, it was moved and adopted that a man be elected to fill the place. It was moved by Mr. Morley that Mr. A. Freshney be elected. Mr. Morley's motion received a second, was unanimously adopted, and Mr. Freshney was declared elected.

[*High School Assistant*] The question of confirming the office of Assistant Principal in the High [150] School then came up for discussion. It was decided that said position be abolished on the grounds that the Principal of the High School should take upon himself the duties of said office.

Miss Ada Bealle's resignation was read and accepted.

It was moved that Miss Lowry be reelected Principal of the Hyde Park School. Carried.

According to the new Rules, it was necessary to reelect all teachers for the coming year, with the exception of those that had been elected during the summer. The list, as prepared by Superintendent Harris, was read and accepted, and the teachers declared elected. The list is as follows:

High School: Principal J.E. Pearce elected previously, Miss Nannie Dawson, Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Mary Decherd, A. Freshney previously elected.

West Austin: Principal Mr. T.A. Brown, Assistant Miss O. Clifton, Miss Lucile James, Miss Lula Bewley, Miss Faerie Blanton, Miss Janie Maxwell, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Annie Blanton, Mrs. Z.L. Hunt, Miss Lizzie Rumsey, Miss Emily Numbers, Miss Annie Shapard elected previously.

East Austin: Principal Mr. J.L. Taff, Assistant Miss Lucy Reade, Miss Jessie Sayers, Miss Margaret Reilley, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Florence Worthy, Miss Mariam Dozier, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Annie Puckett, Miss Emma Puckett, Miss Mary Johnson. [151]

North Austin: Principal Miss H.A. McCrillis, Assistant Miss Lizzie Waggener, Mrs. G.E. Pyle, Miss Zelma Caswell, Miss Hattie Posey, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Gertrude Whitis.

Arsenal Block: Principal Miss F.R. Brooke, Assistant Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Anna Jary, Miss Clovie Hill, Miss Nettie Crenshaw, Miss Grace Murray, Miss Mattie Kelley, Miss Kate Eanes, Miss Nellie Hall elected at previous meeting.

Hyde Park: Principal Miss Mary Lowry, Assistant Miss Willie R. Smith, Miss Nellie Lamont elected at previous meeting.

South Austin: Principal Miss M. Dawson.

First Ward: Principal Mrs. E.M.E. Garland.

It was moved and carried that all Colored teachers on last year's list holding certificates be declared elected, pay to begin at assignment. The list is as follows: E.L. Blackshear, H.A. Maxwell, Miss Hattie E. Lee, T.H. Love, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, C.M. White, Mrs. L.E. Lashwah, Mrs. A.S. McKinley, W.H. Passon, Miss L.A. Evans, H.D. Scales, Miss Florence Collins, Miss Effie Strain. [152]

The question of the validity of Mrs. Philips' certificate then came up, but the Board could take no action on the matter as there was nothing definite known in regard to it.

Two teachers to fill vacancies in the South Austin School were then elected, subject to later decision as to whether they would be positively needed. The teachers then elected were Mrs. Kate Williams and Miss Nellie Prowse.

Judge Smith left the chair to move that all teachers be elected to positions, provided they accept the places assigned to them under the Rules. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and carried.

The substitute list was then considered. Mr. Graham recommended that two supernumeraries be elected at a salary of \$20 each per month to be placed one in East, the other in West Austin, but to be at the

service of the different buildings, with the prospect of election to regular places at the first vacancies, provided their work proved satisfactory. Mr. Morley seconded Mr. Graham's motion to the effect, and it was adopted.

Mr. Graham moved that a contingent fund of \$100 be placed to Mr. Harris' credit. Carried.

Mr. McDonald moved that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase such supplies, as are necessary for the opening of schools. Carried

A petition from Miss Silas, that she be allowed to teach Spanish two afternoons a week in one of the school buildings, was read, but there was no action taken upon it.

Judge Smith moved that children be assigned to building nearest them till that building is full, then to the next nearest building until the Superintendent can arrange a more convenient method. Carried. [153]

[*South Austin Colored - Brackenridge*] Mr. Shelton then rose to report for the Special Committee appointed to look into and report on the lot to be donated for a site for the proposed South Austin Colored School building, the lot offered being too inconveniently located to be used for said purpose. Mr. McDonald moved that, unless a lot with more convenient location be offered, the Board refuse to build. The motion carried. The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 13, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, John McDonald, J.E. Shelton.

The meeting was called for the purpose of electing two supernumeraries, according to the motion introduced in the previous meeting. Appointments for the places were then read and considered. The Teachers Committee reported in favor of Miss Lucille Byers for one of the places. Mr. McDonald moved that Miss Byers be elected. The motion was seconded and carried, and Miss Byers was declared elected. The name of the other applicants were then read, considered, and balloted upon. Mr. H.C. Kinzie was elected upon the first ballot.

The Finance Committee then reported on the salaries of the school employees. The report was accepted. After the following discussions

[on] the question of Mr. Blackshear receiving an annual salary, it was moved by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Morley that his salary be fixed at \$750 per year. The motion carried.

The Committee recommended that Miss Decherd and Miss Lee's salaries be made equal, \$80 per month. After some discussion, the report was accepted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] It was moved and carried that Mr. McDonald would be appointed a Committee of one to see to having the new City electricity turned on in the Temporary Capitol building.

[*South Austin Colored*] Mr. Shelton reported on the South Austin Colored School lot, as nothing definite had been decided upon. Mr. Graham move that Mr. Shelton and Mr. Harris be appointed to a Committee, to look into the matter further and report at next meeting. The motion carried, and the Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
October 4, 1895

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, S.K. Morley, G.P. Garrison, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of September 9 and 13 were read and approved.

The Superintendent's Report was then given and, upon motion, it was received, and the recommendations taken up *seriatim*.

[*West & South Austin*] It was recommended that, in the West Austin building, three of the grade rooms could be combined, making of them two, enabling the extra teacher from this building to be transferred to the South Austin School, thus dispensing with the services of one of the teachers in that school who had been elected conditionally. On motion, it was adopted that Mrs. Kate Williams be the teacher whose services be dispensed with. It was also moved and adopted that the change do not take place until the end of the scholastic month.

[*Hyde Park (Baker) 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades*] The regular order of proceedings was then suspended to allow Mr. Lebold, who was present, to address the Board. He recommended that the Board open a fourth room in Hyde Park School, establishing a seventh and eighth grade. After discussion, it was decided that no action could be taken in the matter until the number ready to enter such grade would warrant the Board in engaging a new teacher in connection with this. Discussion arose

as to the advisability of using some means to [156] secure half rates on the street car lines for schoolchildren. Motion was made and adopted that a Committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions to that effect, and submit them to the directors of the Rapid Transit Company for consideration. Misters Shelton and Graham and Professor Garrison where the Committee so appointed.

Consideration of the items of the Superintendent's report was then resumed.

[*Colored Schools*] The crowded condition of the Colored Schools having been reported, it was moved and adopted that the Superintendent be authorized to rent extra rooms suitable for said purpose.

The Superintendent suggested that, as cold weather was approaching, some arrangements be made for a supply of fuel. Mr. Graham moved that dealers be notified to submit their bids to the Superintendent, to be acted upon by the Committee on Supplies. The motion carried.

The Superintendent asked the Board for some ruling on the question of the amount of Mr. H.C. Kinzie's salary for this month, he having filled for three successive weeks the place of a teacher who had not entered into the duties of her place this session. Mr. Morley moved that Mr. Kinsey receive the salary belonging to the position he fills, for the length of time he fills it. Carried.

Reports of the standing Committees were then called for.

Professor Garrison reported for the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations, recommending the adoption of the Harper & Burges series of Latin books in the junior class in the High School, and in the other classes, as new books had to be bought. On motion, the report was adopted.

A communication from some of the teachers was read by Mr. Graham, asking whether a certificate in postgraduate pedagogy would be recognized by the [157] Board. Professor Garrison moved that such be recognized from teachers holding first grade City certificates. Mr. Shelton amended Professor Garrison's motion, to make it read "who now hold the first grade City certificates." The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and carried.

The Committee on Rules recommended the following Rule, and it was unanimously adopted:

[*Rule*] For each case of absence or tardiness on the part of any pupil, a written excuse, signed by the parent or guardian, must be presented

to the teacher, and said excuse must state some valid and satisfactory cause for the pupil's absence or tardiness. Pupils absent more than three times, or tardy more than three times, or absent and tardy more than three times, without valid excuse, may be referred to the Superintendent and, at his discretion, may be suspended.

A communication from Mrs. John Claibroke in regard to teaching elocution and physical culture after school hours in one of the buildings was read and filed.

[*South Austin Colored*] Mr. Shelton reported that a building had been rented for a Colored School in South Austin at \$6 per month. The report was received.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Shelton reported that there were three renters in the Temporary Capitol against whom some action should be taken to make them either pay rent or give up the two rooms for which the rent has for months been due. After discussion, motion was made by Professor Garrison that the Board authorize Mr. Shelton to demand possession in writing, in the name of the Board, of these two rooms occupied by Charles Powell, J.R. Wyard and J.W. Brown. Mr. Graham moved that Mr. Shelton be authorized to consult with Judge Smith in order to take such action in the best possible manner. The motion carried.

Adjournment.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
November 4, 1895

At a postponed regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, George P. Garrison, Lewis Hancock, W.J. Mathews, John E. Shelton.

The minutes of October 4 were read and approved.

The Superintendent then reported upon the condition of the Schools at the close of the first scholastic month, giving enrollment, average attendance, etc. He also reported that he had appointed three Colored teachers to places in the schools, as there was need for them, adding that these appointments were subject to the ratification of the Board. Mr. Graham moved that these three teachers, Mrs. R.V. Blackshear, H.D. Scales, and A. Jackson, Jr., be declared elected. The motion carried.

The two supernumeraries having been kept regularly busy on account of the prolonged absence of two teachers, the Superintendent

informed the Board that he had put Mrs. Kate Williams on duty during the past week and recommended that she be elected to a position as regular third supernumerary. Discussion then arose as to which of the supernumeraries should be first appointed as regular teacher in case of a vacancy. This matter, and also the question of the amount of salary to be received by Miss Lucille Burns, she having taught one grade for four weeks successively, was on motion referred to the Committee of Teachers, Textbooks, Etc., to consider and make recommendation at the next meeting of the Board. The question of the amount of Mr. T.A. Brown's salary was [159] also referred to this Committee.

[*West Austin Colored*] The Superintendent spoke in reference to the crowded condition of the Colored Schools and recommended the opening of a school in the western part of the city. In this connection, Mr. Graham read a petition from the parents of the Clarksville district, asking that a school be opened in that neighborhood. In addition, Mr. Graham said that the church formerly used for that purpose could again be secured. It was moved and carried that the Superintendent act in this matter, according to his own discretion.

Reports from the standing Committees were then called for.

Mr. Graham reported in behalf of the Committee on Supplies, in regard to fuel. The bids that had been made and the contract that the Committee had entered into for wood had been awarded the University Wood Yard, for coal the Lone Star Ice Company. The report was received.

Mr. Hancock then gave his annual report as Treasurer. It was moved and adopted that the report be received and be incorporated in the minutes. It is as follows.

Receipts from Sept. 1, 1894 to Aug. 31, 1895	
Balance brought forward from previous year	\$352.30
Amt. recd. from State apportionment to Aug. 31, 1895	20,664.05
Amt. recd. from Co. School Fund, Int. on Bond	208.17
Amt. recd. from Co. School Fund, Lease of Lands	692.04
Amt. recd. from Local School Taxes	32,993.35
Amt. recd. from Loans	12,335.78
Amt. recd. from Rent of Houses	1,978.49
<u>Amt. recd. from Tuition</u>	<u>240.70</u>
Total Amount Received	\$69,464.88

## [160] Disbursements

Cash paid Teachers, including Principals	\$29,823.87
Cash paid for School Superintendent	1,475.00
Cash paid for building School Houses	5,204.41
Cash paid for rent of School Houses	3,198.75
Cash paid for repairs	311.05
Cash paid for furniture	511.65
Cash paid for libraries	25.00
Cash paid for supplies	685.20
Cash paid for water \$264.08, fuel \$763.13	1,027.21
Cash paid for insurance	565.00
Cash paid for printing	111.35
Cash paid for clerks, janitors, sanitation	2,701.20
Cash paid for commission	601.33
Cash paid for Temporary Loans	18,792.40
Cash paid for Miscellaneous	212.35
<hr/> Total amount paid out	<hr/> \$65,245.72
Balance on hand Aug. 31, 1895	\$4,219.16
Total	\$69,464.88

## Austin Public Schools in Acct. with Building Fund

	Dr.	Cr.
Aug. 31, 1894		\$4,325.43
Sept. 8 - War. #230, Burt McDonald	218.00	
Sept. 17 - War. 242, Geo. Lockwood	799.20	
Sept. 19 - War. 252, Wm. A. Burke	150.00	
Sept. 19 - War. 245, A. Wallby	6.00	
Sept. 19 - War. 247, Jacob Smith	6.00	
Oct. 3 - War. 263, John Ezell	10.00	
Oct. 19 - War. 274, Burt McDonald	214.97	
Feb. 16, 1895 - War. 364, W.A. Burke	1,081.50	
Feb. 20 - War. 365, Burt McDonald	61.55	
June 6 - War. 426, J.W. Kyle	17.00	
Aug. 1 - Allan Fund Loan & Int.	2,640.19	
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 5,204.41	
Aug. 31 - 25% of total amt. recd. from F. Sterzing, Tax Collector of City of Austin for year ending Aug. 31, 1895		32,993.35
		8,248.34

		1,281.50
	<u>9,529.84</u>	<u>9,529.84</u>
Sept. 1 balance		\$1,281.50

## [161] John T. Allan Fund

	Dr.	Cr.
Sept. 1, 1894 - Balance Forward		\$1,457.66
Oct. 2 - Part Payment by Washington Fire Co. on 1,500 work	1,000.00	
Oct. 12 - By Eggleston & Goldbeck Rents	171.55	
Oct. 12 - Austin Jordan note 870.00 & int. 62.40, less commission 7.80	834.60	
Oct. 12 - Cash payment on sale of A. de los Reyes survey to J.W. Lewis 120, less commission 18	102.00	
Oct. 12 - Int. on N.C. Gullett, 2 notes	44.28	
Oct. 19 - F. Thorne, part pymt on note due Nov. 1, 1893	136.72	
Oct. 19 - F. Thorne, Int. \$21.87 each on 8 notes to Nov. 1, 1894	175.00	
Oct. 29 - Mrs. Snyder, int. on notes \$1,000	100.00	
Nov. 26 - Mrs. Snyder, int. on notes \$1,000	160.00	
Dec. 13 - Mrs. Mary Lindemann Int. on note to Dec. 1, 1894	80.00	
Jan. 11, 1895 - 2 notes E. Dibley, each \$461.25 and Int. on both \$42.25	964.75	
Jan. 11 - Int. to Dec. 15, 1894 on 2 notes, W.S. Wright	16.65	
Jan. 11 - Eggleston & Goldbeck Rents	83.78	
Apr. 13 - Wash. Fire Co. Bal. note \$500, Int. \$59.35	559.35	
Apr. 29 - Mrs. Snyder note, 1,600, Int. 165.78	1,765.78	
Apr. 29 - Mrs. Snyder note, 1,000, Int. 126.67	1126.67	
June 4 - 6 months' int. Lindeman note	80.00	
June 28 - By W.B. Dunlap, cash pymt on Dean Survey less Com. to E. & G., 1,000 - 200	800.00	
June 28 - By Eggleston & Goldbeck, Rents	176.55	
July 8 - Mrs. Susan E. Hancock, vendors lien notes as follows, bought for investment: 3 notes E.W. Holler & R.E. Tisdale \$2,383.20 accrued int. \$100.25	2,483.45	

4 notes R.W. Walling \$2,462.96		
accrued int. \$103.61	2,566.57	
4 notes W. W. Dien et al. \$1,368.56		
accrued int. \$57.56	1,426.12	
July 15 – State recording fees advanced for recording transfers of above notes	5.85	
Aug. 3 – A.P.S. Loan of Af. 12/94 \$2,390 & Int. \$250.19	2,640.19	
Aug. 31 – Balance		5,993.54
	<u>12,475.53</u>	<u>12,475.53</u>
Sept. 1 – Balance	5,993.54	

## [162] John T. Allan Fund

Available Assets Aug. 31, 1895

Bills Receivable		
Austin Public Schools		\$8,435.80
Accrued Interest		1,569.04
Austin Public Schools		2,000.00
Accrued Interest		680.00
Austin Public Schools		1,900.00
Accrued Interest		<u>572.96</u>
		\$15,157.80

H. Wehmeyer, 2 notes	2,250.00	
Accrued interest	300.00	
W.S. Wright, 2 notes	100.00	
Accrued interest	5.66	
Mrs. Mary Lindeman	2,000.00	
Accrued interest	40.00	
F. Thorne, 8 notes	2,050.00	
Accrued interest	136.66	
N.C. Gullett, 2 notes	738.00	
Accrued interest	41.09	
W.T. Lewis, 2 notes	240.00	
Accrued interest	17.81	
W.B. Dunlap, 2 notes	3,000.00	
Accrued interest	145.33	
Haller & Tisdale, 2 notes	2,383.20	
Accrued interest	132.39	
W. Walling, 4 notes	2,462.96	

Accrued interest	136.78
Deen & Deen, 4 notes	1,368.56
<u>Accrued interest</u>	<u>76.33</u>
Total	32,783.37
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1895	\$5,993.54
Total available assets Aug. 31, 1895	\$38,776.91

Available assets August 31, 1894, as set forth in Treasurer's report, worth \$32,109.26 cents. From this amount should be deducted the sum of \$110.60, due to listing and figuring interest on the first loan alleged [illegible] from the Austin Public Schools as \$8,535.80, when it should have been \$8,435.80. Making this deduction, the true available assets August 31, 1894 were \$31,999.26. Increase for year ending August 31, 1895: \$6,777.65, which is made up as follows:

Sale of land	\$4,142.00
Rent	431.88
<u>Interest earned during past year</u>	<u>2,203.77</u>
Total	6707.65.

[163] Out County Lands

County	Granted	No. Acres	Value
Lee	James Papanoe	320	\$400
McCulloch	M. Ray	80	120
Do.	Do.	80	120
Do.	J. Gaertner	160	240
Medina	H. Zinnmeister	80	160
San Saba	G. Martzki	160	160
Mason	O. Behne	160	300
Llano	H. Sedhorst	80	120
Trinity	M.L. Boden	1,660	1,660
Bastrop	D.M. Wiseman	320	640
Sabine	John Gilbert	277	277
		<u>2,377</u>	<u>\$4,197</u>

The above land, with the exception of that in Trinity Co., is undivided.

City Property	
Lot #4 & 25 ft. of Lot #3, Block 132	\$1,900
Improvements	4,500
Lots #6 & 7, Block 132	1,500
Improvements	1,000
Lot #8	1,000
<u>Improvement</u>	500
	\$10,400

Signed, {Lewis Hancock}, Treasurer

November 4, 1895.

The Board then proceeded with its regular business.

Mr. Graham moved that the interest due to the Allan Fund up to August 31, 1895, amounting to \$2,722, be paid. The motion was adopted.

[*Allan Fund Resolution*] Mr. Hancock offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved that the Treasurer is hereby instructed to in future pay to the Allan Fund annually the interest for each year and \$1,000 on the principal. If there should be sufficient funds in the Building Fund for [164] such payments they shall be made out of said Fund, otherwise out of the General Revenue.

[*Building Fund Resolution*] Mr. Graham offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved that during the year beginning September 1, 1895, only one-eighth of the general revenue of the Austin Public Schools, instead of one-fourth as heretofore, be set aside for Building purposes.

[*Half Holiday*] Mr. Shelton moved that a half-holiday be given the schools on Tuesday, November 5, for the regatta. Carried.

Mr. Shelton reported in regard to the Temporary Capitol rents. The report was received, and it was moved that Mr. Shelton act, as seems best to him, in regard to some of the delinquent renters.

Mr. Shelton reported for the Committee appointed to see the Directors of the street car company. He stated that they had been to see those gentlemen and had been informed that there would be a meeting of the Board a week from the coming Wednesday, November 13, at which time any business might be put before them. It was moved that the Committee be empowered to draft resolutions and lay them before the Board of Directors at that time. The motion was adopted, and the Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
December 6, 1895

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, John McDonald, S.K. Morley, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of November 4 were read and approved.

[*Wheatville & Gregorytown*] The Superintendent then made his report. He first recommended that water connection be established at Gregorytown and Wheatville Colored Schools. Mr. McDonald move that the Board requests the City to make the connection and furnish water to said schools. The motion was seconded and adopted.

[*Clarksville*] The next item was in regard to the Clarksville Colored School. The Superintendent recommended that the Board advance four months' rent for the purpose of ceiling the room. Mr. Shelton so moved, and the motion was adopted.

[*Clarksville Teacher*] The Superintendent reported that he had appointed H.W. Callaway as teacher at the Clarksville School. His appointment and that of Miss Nettie B. Scott, appointed to fill the last vacancy in the Colored Schools, were ratified by the Board, and said teachers declared elected.

Report was then made in regard to fuel furnished the schools, both as to amount and quality. Mr. Graham moved that the Superintendent takes such action and measures in this matter, as may be necessary, to protect the interests of the Board. Carried.

Attention was then called to the enrollment in the schools at the end of the second month, as compared with that of last year at the same time, the amount of tardiness, etc. The Superintendent called attention to the [166] fact that there were children in the Schools who had been promoted to grades for whose work they were not fully prepared on account of the shortness of the last term. He recommended that in the future pupils remain in a grade until the work of that grade shall be thoroughly completed. Mr. McDonald moved that the Board concur in the ideas advanced by the Superintendent. Mr. Morley seconded Mr. McDonald's motion, and it was adopted.

Mr. Hancock, in Professor Garrison's absence, read the report of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc. In regard to Mr. T.A. Brown's and Miss Lucille Byer's salaries, they recommended that Miss Byers' salary be \$2 a day for each day that she had charge of Mr. Brown's room in his absence, and that from Mr. Brown's salary \$1 a

day be deducted for each day, after the first five of his absence. They also recommended that Mrs. Williams, now acting as supernumerary, have the right to the first vacancy in the Schools, she having been put on duty as a regular teacher the first of the session. The report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

[*South Austin Colored*] Mr. Shelton reported that there were some repairs necessary at the Southside Colored School. It was moved and adopted that such repairs be made.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Shelton, as collector of rents for the Temporary Capitol, stated that the hall formerly used by the Musical Union had been vacated, and he wished to know whether the Board would authorize him to rent it for entertainments. The motion was made and carried that he be so authorized. It was further moved that the question of taking chairs belonging to the union in payment for back rent be left to the discretion of the collector, Mr. Shelton.

Mr. Graham read a communication from Miss Guthrie, asking the use of one of the [167] High School rooms after school hours for the purpose of organizing a class in physical culture. It was suggested that the Musical Union Hall might be rented for that purpose, and the matter was referred to Mr. Shelton.

[*Wheatville Church Request*] Mr. Graham read a petition from the Wheatville Baptist Colored, asking the use of that school house for church services. Mr. Graham moved that the petition be granted for Sundays. Carried.

[*Teachers Resolution*] Mr. Graham read a question presented by several teachers as to what certificates will be accepted by the Board. The following resolution from the Committee on Teachers was read by Mr. Hancock: Resolved that the Board will accept it from those teachers who have heretofore obtained first grade certificates in the City examinations, any kind of certificates under which their salaries can legally be paid. Mr. Morley moved that the matter lie over till the next meeting. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion, and it was carried.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Shelton made a statement in regard to the note of D.A. Griffith. The President stated that he has agreed to join with other parties in bringing suit against Mr. Griffith. Mr. Hancock moved that the action taken by the President be ratified by the Board. The motion was adopted.

Discussion then arose as to whether the bill presented by Mr. Hutchings for printing should be approved. Mr. McDonald moved

that the collector be authorized to give Mr. Hutchings credit for the amount of the bill on his account for rent. Carried.

[*Temporary Capitol Electricity*] The wiring of such portions of the Temporary Capitol building, as would be necessary for school purposes, was referred to the Building Committee.

[*Temporary Capitol*] It was moved and adopted that the collector be instructed to advertise the vacant rooms in the Temporary Capitol. [168]

Mr. Graham moved that Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> *inst.* be set as the day for installing the new members of the Board, electing officers etc. Carried.

On motion, it was agreed that the Board adjourn until that time.

[*High School*] After the privilege had been granted Mr. Webster to address the Board on a subject for which he had come before them, he then proceeded to show the members of the Board a set of books, which he was anxious for them to purchase for the use of the High School. Mr. McDonald moved that a Committee be appointed to consult on the subject, with the power to act. The Committee appointed for this purpose consisted of Misters Graham and Hancock and Superintendent Harris.

The Board then adjourned, according to previous motion.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

December 17, 1895

At the adjourned meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, J.B. Rogers.

The minutes of December 6 were read and approved

As had been agreed at the previous meeting, the Board met for the purpose of installing members and electing officers.

The oath of office for each of the following members was presented. Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Misters C.J. Johnson and J.B. Rogers.

Nominations for President were then in order. Mr. Graham nominated Judge J.W. Smith. The nomination was seconded, and Judge Smith was unanimously elected President. For vice President, Mr. Hancock nominated Judge Fulmore. Nomination was seconded, and Judge Fulmore was elected unanimously. For Secretary, Dr. Mathews nominated Mr. Graham. The motion was seconded, and Mr. Graham was unanimously elected. Nominations for Treasurer were then in order. The Board expressed sincere regret that Mr. Hancock

could no longer serve in that capacity, and, after discussion, it was moved and adopted that the election be deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Hancock then made a statement in regard to the custom, as carried on in the past by the Board, of borrowing money when it was necessary for the carrying on of the Schools. The question [170] he wished to raise was whether this custom was entirely legal, and he recommended that a written opinion be procured on the subject. Mr. Graham moved that the matter be referred to the Judiciary Committee. Mr. Hancock moved that the President, acting for that Committee, lay the matter before the Department of Education, to secure a ruling. The motion was adopted.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The Superintendent reported that he had seen the City Electrician in regard to wiring the Temporary Capitol. Mr. Graham moved that the Superintendent be authorized to make necessary arrangements for that purpose.

[*Xmas Holidays*] At the request of several teachers, the Superintendent asked for a ruling from the Board as to when the Christmas holiday should begin. Mr. Graham moved that the holiday should begin on the 24<sup>th</sup> at noon. Dr. Mathews seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

The Committee appointed to report upon the advisability of purchasing for the High School a set of library references stated through Mr. Graham that, while they appreciated the value of the work, they could not at present recommend its purchase on account of the shortness of funds. The report was received.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Garland be paid \$2 per month for janitor's services at her school.

The Superintendent stated that there were a few pupils in the High School over the regular scholastic age who had requested that the age of admission be raised, that they might attend without pay. Mr. Graham moved that these pupils be allowed to continue in the High School. Judge Smith amended the motion by adding "provided no extra expense is thereby incurred." The motion was unanimously adopted.

[*Industrial School*] Mr. Hancock moved that the Chair appoint a Committee to investigate and make [171] known to the Board the advisability of establishing in the near future an industrial school from the proceeds of the Allan Fund. The Chair appointed on this Committee Misters Hancock, Rogers and Johnson.

The question of teachers certificates then came up and, after a lengthy discussion, the question was postponed until the next meeting.

[*Hyde Park (Baker)*] The Secretary read a communication from J.W. Womack of Hyde Park, requesting the use of Hyde Park School building for a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve night. On motion, the petition was granted.

An invitation to the Board from Miss Zelma Caswell and the sixth grade of Sixth Ward School to attend an entertainment to be given on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. was read by the Secretary and, on motion of Mr. Hancock, it was decided that the Board except with thanks, and that the Secretary so notify Miss Caswell.

On motion of Mr. Hancock, the previous motion, to defer the election of a Treasurer for the Board, was rescinded and the subject was again taken up after one or two names had been presented. And quite a good deal of discussion had arisen as to the legality of electing a Treasurer outside of the Board. It was moved that the matter be referred to the Judiciary Committee, to report upon at the next meeting. Adopted.

Mr. Graham moved that the Board adjourn till Friday, December 28 at 11:00 a.m., at which time the Judiciary Committee would report and Committees be appointed.

Before acting upon the motion to adjourn, Judge Smith arose to thank the members of the Board for the honor he felt they had conferred upon him in reelecting him Chairman, thanked the members for the cooperation and patience that had shown him in the past, and he spoke for the future the same pleasant relations.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
December 20, 1895

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were the following members present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, J.B. Rogers, J.E. Shelton, C.J. Johnson.

As had been previously decided, the purpose of the meeting was to hear the report of the President in regard to the Committee appointed to serve for the next two years, and to hear the report of the Judiciary Committee as to whether it would be legal to elect as Treasurer a person who is not a member of the Board.

Accordingly, the President read the following Committee list:

Supplies: Jeff Johnson, John E. Shelton, J.W. Graham.

Rules and Regulations: J.B. Rogers, J.E. Shelton, W.J. Mathews.

Building: J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews.

Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations: Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock.

Judiciary: Z.T. Fulmore, Lewis Hancock, Jeff Johnson.

Finance: J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, Z.T. Fulmore.

Allan Fund: Lewis Hancock, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers.

It was moved and adopted that the Secretary furnish a copy of this list to each member of the Board.

Mr. Hancock, as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, read the following decision of Superintendent J.M. Carlisle, to whom the question of the election of a Treasurer outside of the Board had been referred. [173]

Mr. Lewis Hancock, Austin, Texas:

Dear Sir, replying to Your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> *instant*, permit me to say that I do not think there is any doubt of the right of the Board of Trustees of Austin Public Schools to select for the Treasurer of the Board a person not a member thereof. In addition to Section 137 of the pamphlet of School Laws, the Act of 1889, beginning with section 148, should be read.

Most respectfully, {J.M. Carlisle}, State Superintendent

This question having been settled, Mr. Graham moved that General W.R. Hamby be elected as Treasurer of the School Board, without pay for services so rendered. The nomination was seconded, and General Hamby was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Board.

Mr. Hancock moved that the President appoint two members temporarily on the Finance Committee, to take Judge Fulmore's place in his absence. The other two take the place of Mr. Hancock on that Committee during the examination and transfer of books to the new Treasurer.

It was moved and adopted that the same Committee attend also to the transfer of the books of the Allan Fund. The Committee thus appointed consisted of Misters Graham, Rogers and Johnson. It was moved and adopted that the bond of the Treasurer be fixed at \$35,000.

The Board then adjourned, subject to the call the President.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
December 21, 1895

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, Lewis Hancock, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers.

The meeting was called by the President for the purpose of having the bond of the Treasurer approved by the Board.

[*Bond of Treasurer*] After the meeting had been called to order by the President, Mr. Hancock proceeded to read the bond, which is as follows:

The State of Texas, County of Travis

Know all men by these presents that we, William R. Hamby, as principal, and George W. Littlefield and L.A. Ellis as sureties, do hereby acknowledge ourselves to owe and be indebted to the State of Texas in the full sum of \$35,000 for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby bind ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators jointly, severally and firmly by these presents in the condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bound in principle has been duly appointed Treasurer of the Board of School Trustees of the Public Free Schools of the City of Austin. Now, therefore, if said above, bound in principle, shall receive and disperse all such school funds shall come into his hands, according to law and shall render a full and true account of all such funds, this obligation shall be void. Otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect. Witness our hands this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D. 1895

{William R. Hamby} {George W. Littlefield} {L.A. Ellis}

[175] Mr. Johnson moved that the bond be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mathews, and it was unanimously agreed that the bond, as read, was approved by the Board.

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved and adopted that the meeting adjourn.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
January 3, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of December 17, 20 and 21 were read and, after slight correction, approved.

The Superintendent having no report to present, the reports of standing Committees were called for.

Mr. Graham reported for the Finance Committee as follows.

Before turning the books containing the Public School accounts over to the new Treasurer, the Finance Committee made a thorough examination of them and found them to be correct in every particular.

The Secretary then read Miss Lizzie Wagganer's resignation, which was accepted with regrets.

Miss Mariam Dozier's resignation was also read and accepted.

Discussion then arose as to the advisability of purchasing for the office a fireproof safe. Mr. Hancock moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to consult together in regard to this matter, to advertise for a suitable safe, if necessary, and to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The report of the City Tax Collector for the month of December was read and filed.

Mr. Hancock moved that the Treasurer be requested to attend all regular meetings of the Board and the called meetings where his presence be necessary, and that the Clerk so notify him.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office  
January 11, 1896

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, J.E. Shelton, Lewis Hancock, C.J. Johnson, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering an amendment to Section 4, Article 1 of the Rules governing the City Schools as follows:

[*Rule*] Resident pupils over seven and under 19 years of age shall be admitted free of tuition. Others are required to pay tuition monthly in advance, at the following rates per month: in the Primary

department \$1.50, in the Grammar department \$2, in the High School \$2.50, provided that children under seven years shall not be admitted to the schools. Pupils from Travis County who have their *pro rata* of the school fund transferred to the City before the first of September are permitted to attend four months without paying tuition. Nonresident taxpayers who do not transfer their *pro rata* are required to pay that amount in tuition, provided that children of persons whose permanent home is outside of the city limits and who move into the city temporarily for the benefit of the school shall be considered nonresident pupils.

On motion, this amendment was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. While the Board were waiting for the Committee to report, the following communication was read from Superintendent J.M. Carlisle: [178]

Department of Education, Austin, Texas  
January 9, 1896

Mr. James W. Smith, President,  
School Board, Austin, Texas:

Dear Sir, replying to your favor of the 27<sup>th</sup> *ult.*, permit me to say that the first assistant of the Attorney General's Office has recently given this department an oral opinion that the School Board of a city which levies and collects a local school tax for the support of its schools may borrow money to pay teachers' salaries and pay from the public school funds of such city, the money so borrowed and interest thereon provided that, in the creation of these temporary debts, the school funds for the succeeding year are not encroached upon and the schools for such year impaired thereby.

The answer to your second question will depend upon the provisions of the special charter of the City of Austin. The general law is silent upon the question of paying the Tax Collector for collecting the special school tax in a city or town that has assumed control of its public schools. The general law for municipal corporations authorizes the City Council to fix the compensation fees and commissions of assessors and collectors, and, if the Charter of the City of Austin contains such a general provision, then the Board could allow the Collector such compensation for collecting the school tax, as may be authorized by the City Council.

Most respectfully,  
 {J.M. Carlisle}, State Superintendent

The Committee on Rules and Regulations then submitted the amendment, as written out above, signed by the three members of that Committee: [179] J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews and J.E. Shelton. Mr. Johnson moved its adoption. A lengthy discussion arose, in which nearly all the members of the Board participated, Misters Graham, Hancock and Judge Smith expressing their unwillingness to vote for the amendment at this time, considering it too radical a change to make in the middle of a school session, and giving other reasons for the position they had taken.

Mr. Shelton, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Mathews and Judge Fulmore spoke in favor of the amendment, the latter adding, however, that he thought it best to postpone the question for several days at least, in order to give the members time to consider the matter. At the close of the discussion, it was decided on motion of Judge Fulmore that the question be decided on Friday morning, the 17<sup>th</sup> *inst.* at 10:00, and that the Board adjourn until that time.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
 January 17, 1896

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, John E. Shelton.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider and vote on the amendment introduced at the last meeting of the Board. Mr. Johnson moved that the amendment be adopted. Dr. Mathews seconded the motion. Mr. Graham stated his reasons for opposing the passage of the amendment at this time, urging the difficulty of securing room for the increased number of children on so short notice. Judge Fulmore read an estimate which he had prepared of the current expenses of the Schools for the scholastic year, showing that it would be possible to accommodate the additional number without shortening the term. Judge Smith gave his views on the subject, after which the discussion became general. The question was then put, and the amendment was adopted, Judge Smith and Mr. Graham voting no.

Mr. Graham then made a motion to have the amendment go into effect the middle of next September. Judge Fulmore offered an

amendment, changing the time to January 27. The amendment was adopted.

After discussion as to the best manner in which to inform people of this change of Rule, Mr. Graham moved that the Superintendent be requested to notify parents through the press and through principals of the different schools of the change, instructing parents to enroll children seven years of age who wish to attend the schools at the office of the Superintendent before the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. Judge Fulmore seconded the motion, and it was adopted. [181]

[*Academy Block*] The question of using the vacant lot north of the West Austin School came up for discussion, and the President appointed as a Committee to look into the matter Judge Fulmore and Misters Graham and Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver then came before the Board to make appeal from the decision of the Superintendent in regard to one of their children attending the East Austin School. After the case had been stated, Dr. Mathews moved that the Superintendent be sustained by the Board in the position he had taken. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary then read a communication from Mr. Goldbeck, requesting that the Board appoint him agent for the lands and rents of the Allan Estate, the position formerly held by the firm of Eggleston and Goldbeck. Mr. Graham moved that Mr. Goldbeck be continued in the position and the motion was adopted.

[*South Austin Colored School Request*] The Secretary then read a communication from J.W. Howard, requesting the use of the Southside Colored School building for Sunday school purposes. The petition was granted.

A communication from the State Health Office in regard to quarantining from schoolchildren belonging to families where there was a case of measles was read. The Superintendent stated that, in his opinion, it was the best policy to keep children belonging to a household in which there was measles away from school until all danger to other children from them was passed. Upon motion of Mr. Shelton, the Superintendent was sustained by the Board in the position he had taken.

Judge Fulmore for the Committee on Teachers recommended the election of Mrs. [182] Emma S. Hicks and Miss Ada Blackburn as supernumeraries, leaving Mr. H.C. Kinsey on the supernumerary list in *statu quo*. The report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Graham spoke in regard to the necessity of immediate preparations for the accommodation of the new pupils coming into the schools on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made and adopted that the Committee on Supplies be authorized to make necessary arrangements as to purchasing furniture, etc.

[*Temporary Capitol Rents*] Mr. Shelton, as collector of rents for the Temporary Capitol, stated that unless there was some objection on the part of the Board, he would notify Mr. Wyard to give up his room in said building an account of his persistent delinquency in paying his rent. It was moved and adopted that Mr. Shelton be authorized to take such measures as might be necessary to collect the rent or get possession of the room.

The question of selling the building formerly occupied as a Colored school in the Second Ward was discussed. The matter was referred to the Building Committee for investigation.

The President then asked the opinion of the Board in regard to borrowing money for the current expenses of the Schools, as it became necessary, desiring to find out from them whether he would be upheld in the continuance of the practice. Dr. Mathews moved that the practice be continued. The motion was adopted, Mr. Johnson voting no.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
February 7, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of January 3, 11 and 17 were read and approved.

After the report of the Superintendent had been given, the reports of standing Committees were called for.

Mr. Graham reported in behalf of the Finance Committee, that further time was desired for the consideration of purchasing a safe for the office. On motion, the time was granted the Committee.

Mr. Graham then reported for the Building Committee, stating that the extra room at the Tenth Ward building had been put in repair and now needed only desks to have it ready for occupancy.

In Judge Fulmore's absence, he having not as yet come to the meeting, Mr. Graham reported that the Committee on Teachers, Etc. recommended the election of Mrs. Jessie Lyons and Florence Maddox as supernumeraries. Dr. Mathews moved that these be declared elected. The motion was adopted. Mr. Graham moved that the Superintendent be authorized to use his discretion as to which of these two teachers should first be put on regular duty in case of a vacancy. The motion was adopted.

The Secretary then read a communication from J.W. Hicks, which, on motion, was received and filed. After discussion as to the best means of determining when nonresidents are city [184] taxpayers, Mr. Johnson moved that Principals be instructed to find out from the Tax Assessor who are city taxpayers. Mr. Shelton offered an amendment to Mr. Johnson's motion, making it read that city taxpayers present some evidence to Principals that they are taxpayers. The amendment was adopted.

[*Resolution repealed later, per page 232*] After discussion, as to the sentiment of the entire Board on the policy of borrowing money when necessary for the current expenses of the Schools, Judge Fulmore presented the following resolution: Resolved that the President, Secretary and Treasurer be authorized, whenever in their discretion they may deem it necessary, to borrow money to meet deficiencies as they may arise during the term. The resolution was adopted, Mr. Johnson voting no.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 6, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of February 7 were read and approved.

The Superintendent's report was then given. On motion, the appointment of John O'Brien as janitor of the Tenth Ward School in place of J.W. Hicks, resigned, was ratified by the Board.

It was moved and adopted that permission be given a gentleman traveling in the interest of an illustrated school journal to photograph the City School buildings.

The question of residents and nonresidents then came up for discussion, two cases bearing on the question having been referred to the Board for final decision. In both instances, it was decided, upon motion, that the Superintendent be sustained by the Board in the position previously taken that Mrs. T.P. Givens and Atchie and Willie Boyer be considered nonresidents

[*Resolution repealed & reversed later, see page 188*] Judge Fulmore, for the Committee on Teachers, presented the following resolution: That the Board will accept from those teachers who have heretofore obtained first grade certificates in the City examinations any kind of certificates under which their salaries can legally be paid, provided that the Rule shall apply to those teachers only who have taught continuously since the issuance of their first grade City certificates. Mr. Shelton offered an amendment to this resolution and, [186] after discussion, the amendment, which reads as follows, was adopted: Resolved that the Board will accept from those teachers who have heretofore obtained first grade certificates in the City examinations any kind of first grade certificates under which their salaries can legally be paid, provided that this Rule shall apply to those teachers only who have taught continuously since the issuance of their first grade City certificates.

Mr. Butler addressed the Board on the subject of vocal music in the schools. Judge Fulmore was appointed a Committee of one to report on this subject at the next meeting.

Mr. F. Sterzing spoke in regard to collecting the city taxes, taking the city scholastic census, etc., after which the Board adjourned to meet the following Friday.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 13, 1896

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton, Z.T. Fulmore.

The resignation of Mr. H.C. Kinsey was read and accepted.

The Secretary then read a communication from Mr. L.H. Younger, which, on motion, was referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

Judge Fulmore, as a special Committee of one appointed to look into the subject of introducing vocal music in the Schools, offered a resolution that vocal music be introduced into the Schools at as early

a date as the matter could be arranged. On motion of Mr. Johnson, the resolution was adopted. It was further moved and adopted that the selection of a teacher and a textbook be referred to the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc., with power to act.

A communication from L.N. Goldbeck was referred to Committee on Allan Fund.

A communication from the faculty of the High School was read and, on motion, the matter was left over for decision till the next meeting of the Board.

Two bills from F. Sterzing were read. After discussion, Judge Fulmore moved that the Secretary be instructed to correspond with the Department of Education, to find out whether it is legal for a City School Board to pay for the collecting of the City School taxes, the taking of the scholastic census, etc. The motion was adopted.

[*Resolution*] Judge Fulmore offered the following [188] resolution: That the Board of School Trustees memorialize the City Council that they pass an ordinance requiring the City Tax Collector and Assessor to furnish bond to the City. The resolution was adopted, and it was further moved that the Secretary be instructed to furnish the City Council with a copy of the above resolution.

[*Amended Resolution*] Mr. Graham moved that, in the resolution in regard to teachers certificates, adopted at the last meeting of the Board, that the word "continuously" be stricken out, and that the word "regularly" be inserted in its stead. The resolution, as amended, reads as follows: Resolved that the Board will accept from those teachers who have previously obtained first grade certificates in the City examinations, any kind of first grade certificates under which their salaries can be legally paid, provided that this Rule shall apply to those teachers only who have taught regularly since the issuance of their first grade City certificates.

On motion of Mr. Graham, Miss Helen Hornsby was elected as supernumerary teacher in the Schools.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
March 21, 1896

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering a communication from E.B. and Mrs. Susan E. Hancock, in regard to several vendor lien notes held by the Allan Fund on property purchased by L.H. Younger from Mrs. Susan E. Hancock, through E.B. Hancock, agent. At the last meeting of the Board, this matter had been referred to the Allan Fund Committee. All the members of this Committee not having arrived, the Board proceeded to consider the communication from the faculty of the High School in regard to the arrangement of commencement exercises, which matter had also been left over from the last meeting of the Board. After discussion, Mr. Graham moved that the regular exercises be not done away with and that the arrangement of same be left to the Superintendent and the Principal of the High School. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mathews and adopted.

The communication mentioned above was then read and discussed, and Mr. Hancock moved that these notes be turned over to Fiset & Miller for suit at the [illegible] of court to protect the interests of the Board. Mr. Graham seconded This motion for the purpose of discussion. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Mathews moved that each member of the Board investigate the matter further and come prepared to vote on it on Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> *inst.*, at 4:00. The motion was adopted, and the Board adjourned until the time mentioned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
March 23, 1896

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, Lewis Hancock.

According to the motion adopted at the previous meeting, the purpose of this meeting was to decide whether the Board would grant an extension of time to Mr. L.A. Younger on the notes held by the Allan Fund. After discussion, Judge Fulmore offered the following resolution: Resolved that Mr. Younger be allowed an extension of time to the 15<sup>th</sup> of November on the following conditions: First, that

he gives first mortgage on his crop. Second, that by the fifth of April he will have a five-room house completed on the place. Third, that he find himself and his wife, if the notes past due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November are not paid, to deed the property back to the Allan Fund or to the endorsers, without suit. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Graham and adopted, Mr. Hancock voting no.

The question of the payment of Mr. Sterzing's bills for taking the scholastic census, assessing and collecting taxes, was left over till the City Council could take some action in the matter.

The question of allowing the South Austin School to be used for church purposes at night was postponed indefinitely.

After some discussion on the subject, Dr. Mathews moved that the arrangement of the papers in regard to the extension of time on the Younger notes be referred to the Judiciary Committee, with power to act. The motion was adopted, and the Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 3, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of March 6, 21 and 23 were read and approved.

Before proceeding with the regular order of business, audience was given Mr. Johnson, who spoke in regard to his children continuing in the Schools without pay, since he did business in the city and held taxable property in the city. Decision in regard to the matter was postponed till later in the meeting, when it would come up under the head of New Business.

After the Superintendent's report, the reports of standing Committees were called for. It was reported that permission had been granted Mr. Goldbeck by the Allan Fund Committee to have the Allan place wired for electricity. The Board ratified the act of the Committee.

The Finance Committee reported that a sale suitable for the office had not as yet been found, but that the matter was still under consideration. The Building Committee reported that there had been an offer made on the old Second Ward School building, but later it had failed to materialize.

Judge Fulmore reported for the Committee on Teachers, Etc., that Miss Butler had been appointed as teacher of music in the Schools at a salary of \$50 per month. The [192] report was adopted.

[*Allan Industrial School*] Mr. Hancock reported for the special Committee appointed to investigate the matter of establishing an Industrial School from the proceeds of the Allan Fund in the near future, that need for such a school was being urged, correspondence was being carried on for the purpose of securing the service of a Superintendent, and that the Committee were of the opinion that the experiment could be made without in any way crippling the funds. The report was favorably received and discussed by the Board.

[*Rule*] Mr. Rogers, as Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted the following Rule, signed by a majority of that Committee: Public School buildings and furniture, apparatus and other School property belonging to the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools shall be used exclusively for Public School purposes. The Rule was not adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

[*Resolution*] Judge Fulmore offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Whereas we believe that, as summer approaches, a considerable number of children now in the city will go to the county, therefore, be it resolved that it is the sense of the Board that the taking of the scholastic census should be begun at once and pushed to completion without further delay. Resolved further that the Secretary furnish the City Assessor and Collector a copy of these resolutions.

Mr. Johnson's case then came up for discussion. It was moved by Judge Fulmore that Mr. Johnson paid taxes due on his property and that his children be allowed school privileges. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mathews and adopted.

H.T. Kealing of Waco, formerly of Austin, having applied to the Board for some expression of willingness on their part to give him employment in the Colored Schools of [193] Austin for the next session. Mr. Johnson moved that Mr. Kealing be assured by the Board that he would be given a place in the Colored Schools for the next session. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The time for the City competitive examination was set for June 9.

It was moved and adopted that Mr. Hancock examine into the financial condition of the Schools, with a view to determine the date of closing the Schools and upon same at a meeting of the Board one week from present meeting.

After general discussion on the question of changing the length of the noon recess in the schools, the Board adjourned, to meet as had been previously agreed one week from present time.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 10, 1896

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson.

The purpose of the meeting was to look into the financial standing of the Schools and to determine the time when the Schools should close. The Treasurer, General Hamby, then made report of the receipts and disbursements up to date, and the probable receipts and disbursements from present date to the end of the fiscal year, showing that the funds would be ample to continue the Schools for a full nine scholastic months session. Mr. Graham move that, means being ample, the Schools close on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and adopted.

A communication from the City Attorney was read, relating to the payment of \$1,000 to the City Assessor and Collector for services rendered. On motion of Mr. Shelton, it was adopted that the City Assessor and Collector be not allowed anything extra from the Board for assessing and collecting taxes for this year, nor for the two years past.

[*High School*] Mr. Shelton asked the use of the High School rooms for the summer normal. Granted.

[*West Austin Colored*] The question of purchasing a lot in West Austin for a Colored School was referred to the Building Committee.

After discussion as to the length of the noon recess in the schools, upon which no action was taken, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
 April 15, 1896

The Board met at the suggestion of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc. The following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

The following communication was laid before the Board.

To the School Board of the Public Schools of Austin:

Sirs, allow me to submit to you in defense of my granddaughter, Evangeline Reynolds, the following charges against the president, teacher and principal of the Gregorytown Public School, Thomas H. Love, to wit, that on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, he had my granddaughter to call out to his school for the purpose of receiving an important message, as he said, and, after reaching the place, he criminally assaulted her with sexual intercourse, the child at the time the offense was committed was 14, in her 15<sup>th</sup> year, that, in times previous to this, I had been informed of his repeated efforts in trying to seek intimacy with her, and so informed Professor E.L. Blackshear, who, at that time was her teacher, and he failed to attend to the matter. I appeal to you and ask kindly that you take immediate steps in the matter. She is an orphan girl, has neither mother nor father to defend her, and we, her grandparents, are exceedingly anxious to have her retain her virtue, if possible.

Very respectfully,  
 {(Mrs.) Dicy E. Aldridge}

Judge Fulmore explained that the Committee on Teachers, Etc. had met and made a partial [196] investigation of the charges and had reached the conclusion that a thorough investigation should be made by the Board. By resolution, Mr. T.H. Love was suspended, pending investigation. By motion, the Board agreed to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, to investigate charges against T.H. Love.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
April 16, 1896

The Board of Trustees met promptly at 9:30, all the members being present.

The Secretary read the following communication:

Austin, Texas  
April 15, 1896

Professor T.G. Harris:

Dear sir, allow me to respectfully tender my resignation, to take effect at once.

Very respectfully, {T.H. Love}

The resignation, the Board refused to accept.

Judge Fulmore offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved that the services of T.H. Love as a teacher in the Public Schools of Austin be dispensed with and that, if he desires the charges now pending against him before this Board to be investigated, the same will be done within 30 days.

The Superintendent was instructed to make Mr. C.M. White Acting Principal of the Gregorytown School *pro tempore*, at the same salary he is now receiving, and to put Mr. J.D. Pettigrew in charge of the room vacated by Mr. Love at a salary of \$40 per month.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
May 1, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of April 3, 15 and 16 were read and approved.

After the report of the Superintendent had been given, Mr. Graham moved that the Superintendent communicate with Mayor Hancock in regard to having connection established between several of these school buildings and the City system of water works. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Mr. R.J. Swancoat came before the Board, bringing a communication, which was read by the Secretary. The communication was received and filed.

Mr. Graham reported that the Finance Committee had purchased a safe for the office, \$460. Report received.

Judge Fulmore then opened a discussion in regard to the Board purchasing some necessary reference books, dictionaries and encyclopedias for the different school buildings. No action was taken in the matter.

A communication from Dr. Graves was read. After discussion in regard to it, Judge Fulmore offered the following resolution: Inasmuch as Dr. Graves' son has been readmitted to the Schools without any conditions by the Superintendent, there is nothing for the Board to act upon. Judge Fulmore's resolution was adopted.

After some discussion in regard to the amount to be paid the Superintendent for the next year, in which no action was taken, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
May 19, 1896

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton, C.J. Johnson.

Mr. Earl Jones being present to request the Board to take some action in regard to readmitting him into the schools, he having been indefinitely suspended, this question came up first for discussion. After several members of the Board had made some inquiries into the cause of his trouble, the young gentleman was excused, and the Board proceeded to act upon the matter. Mr. Shelton moved that he be reinstated on condition that he conduct himself in accordance with the rules of the school, and that he be reprimanded by the Superintendent. The motion was adopted.

The Secretary read a communication from Miss Mariam Dozier, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Teachers.

A communication from Miss H. Louise Fismir was read and referred to the same Committee.

The Superintendent then brought up some matters on which he desired the action of the Board. On motion, it was adopted that the Superintendent use his discretion in regard to the hour of closing the schools on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Mr. Shelton, it was adopted that any pupil not 19 years old at the beginning of the scholastic session, be allowed free

school privileges for that here. It was moved and adopted that the question of deciding between the opera house and the Hyde Park pavilion for the closing exercises of the High School be referred to a Committee, with power to act.

The reelection of the Superintendent was then taken. Mr. Hancock moved that Mr. T.G. Harris [199] be reelected at a salary of \$2,400 a year. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. After discussion, Mr. Johnson offered a substitute to Mr. Hancock's motion that Mr. Harris be reelected at a salary of \$2,000 a year. Judge Fulmore seconded This motion, and the vote resulted in a tie, Judge Smith voting no on increase of salary. Mr. Johnson offered another substitute to the original motion, moving that Mr. Harris be reelected at a salary of \$2,200 a year. This substitute was adopted.

After a lengthy discussion in regard to the length of time for which the Superintendent and other employees should be elected, the following substitute to Section 7, Rule 1 of the Rules and Regulations was submitted by Mr. Hancock and referred to the Committee on Rules: The Superintendent, principals, teachers and other employees of the Board, when elected, shall serve during good behavior, provided that the employment of any of the above who failed to give satisfaction may be terminated by the Board at any time, upon recommendation of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 28, 1896

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.B. Rogers, Lewis Hancock.

[*West Austin Burned*] The meeting was called for the purpose of taking some action in regard to the burning of the West Austin School building on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> *instant*.

Mr. Hancock moved that the Judiciary Committee see to the proof of the loss of property and the collection of the insurance, and that the Building Committee ascertain the amount of damage done, have some proximate estimate made of the cost of restoring the building to its original condition, same to be reported to the Board at its next meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The question was raised as to whether any insurance should be had on the building, as it now is, but no action was taken in the matter. Mr. Hancock offered the following resolution, which was adopted: That it shall be the duty of the Office, Superintendent and Clerk to attend to the matter of insurance of Public School buildings, noting the time of expiration of policies, having same renewed, referring the questions of amount and time to the Finance Committee. It was moved and adopted that the following list of students, recommended by the Principal of the High School and endorsed by the Superintendent for graduation, be granted diplomas: James Edward Byers, Nellie Beatrice Archer, Rebecca Goldstein, Katherine E. Hickey. Mattie Nelson Johnson, Sue Hancock Stalmaker, Ysabel Maria Tallichet.

On motion, permission was granted Mrs. Sydnor to have an announcements made in the Schools of an entertainment called Chalk Talk. [201]

A communication from several of the teachers was then read by the Secretary. After much discussion, that part of the petition asking that the election of those teachers who have once held first grade City certificates be deferred until they have the time to replace them with other first grade certificates later in the summer, was granted on that part of the petition asking a postponement of the regular City examination and also on a petition from Miss Kelly. No action was taken.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, the 12<sup>th</sup> of June was set for the election of teachers.

[*First Ward*] On motion, permission was granted Mrs. Garland to teach in the First Ward School building for several weeks longer.

[*East Austin*] The question of repairing the roof of the East Austin School building was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

Mr. Graham recommended that, in as much as Mr. A. Jackson, Jr. had taken the place of Principal of the Gregorytown School for the past six weeks, on the same pay that he had received at the South Austin School, the Board allow him \$10 extra for his services. Recommendations seconded and adopted.

Mr. Graham moved that the Superintendent be allowed a leave of absence of six weeks from the first of August.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 3, 1896

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

[*West Austin*] The meeting was called for the purpose of taking further action in regard to the West Austin School building.

The Building Committee reported the loss on the building, as estimated by the contractor appointed by the insurance companies, also several other estimates by other contractors or architects. After discussion, Mr. Johnson made the following motion: That the Board select an architect to prepare plans and specifications to restore the building to a condition as good as it was before the fire, furnishing bond to the Board, that bids be advertised for not longer than a week, at the end of which time the Board will pass upon bids made. This motion was seconded and adopted, but, after further discussion, Mr. Johnson moved to reconsider. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion prevailed, and Mr. Graham offered the following substitute to the previous motion: That the Board select an architect, and the insurance companies do the same, to go to the building and make an estimate of the cost to restore it to its former condition; if these two do not agree, they appoint a third, the decision thus arrived at to be reported back to the Board. This motion was seconded and adopted. Mr. Rogers moved that Mr. A. Watson represent the Board. Seconded and adopted. Mr. Johnson moved that the sum of \$10 be appropriated for the services rendered. Seconded and adopted. On motion, the matter was referred to the Building Committee, to inform Mr. Watson and the insurance adjusters of the action of the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 5, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, J.E. Shelton, Z.T. Fulmore.

The minutes of April 10, May 1, 19 and 28 and June 3 were read and, after some correction, adopted.

After the report of the Superintendent, Mr. Graham moved that at the conclusion of the regular order of business, the Board act as a

Committee of the whole to consider the list of teachers prior to the election on the 12<sup>th</sup> *instant*. The motion was adopted.

[*West Austin*] Mr. Graham then reported that the insurance adjusters had refused to accept the architect appointed by the Board at the previous meeting, and it was added that they also objected to that part of the resolution requiring that the matter be referred back to the Board after the architects had come to a decision on the question. Mr. Shelton then made the following motion: That the Board select an architect, the insurance company's representatives one; if these do not agree, they select a third to determine the amount of insurance necessary to cover the loss, this decision to be final for the Board and the insurance companies. This motion was seconded and adopted. Mr. Graham nominated Mr. R.C. Lambie to represent the Board. Mr. Shelton seconded the nomination, and Mr. Lambie was elected to represent the Board in making the estimate of loss on the West Austin building. [204]

[*West Austin Colored*] Mr. Shelton moved that the Building Committee be instructed to decide upon a lot in West Austin suitable for a Colored school, that they be empowered to purchase same, and, when decision has been made, that they report back to the Board. The motion was adopted.

Two bills of court proceedings were presented for ousting two Temporary Capitol renters. On motion, they were ordered to be paid.

The regular business being over, the Board proceeded as a Committee of the whole to consider teachers, looking toward recommending them for reelection. After this work had been accomplished, the Board was called to order again, and German was moved and adopted.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 12, 1896

At a special meeting of the Austin Board of School Trustees, the following were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

The following report of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc. was read, and the teachers therein recommended were declared elected:

We, the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc., recommend the reelection of the following:

Supervisor Music: Miss M.S. Butler, salary \$60 per month.

Principals: J.E. Pearce, High School; J.L. Taff, East Austin School; T.A. Brown, West Austin School; Miss F.R. Brooke, Arsenal Block School; Miss H.A. McCrillis, Sixth Ward School; Miss M. Dawson, South Austin School; Miss Willie Smith, Hyde Park School.

Teachers: Mrs. Nannie Dawson, Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Mary Decherd, Alfred Freshney, Miss Kate Eanes, Miss Nellie Hall, Miss Grace Murray, Miss Nettie Crenshaw, Miss Anna Jary, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Clover Hill, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Janie Maxwell, Miss Lula Bewley, Miss Annie Blanton, Miss Lucile James, Miss Lucille Byers, Miss Emily Numbers, Miss Jessie Sayers, Miss Margaret Reilley, Mrs. K.Z. Williams, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Ada Blackburn, Miss Florence Worthy, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Annie Puckett, Miss Emma Puckett, Miss Gertrude Whitis, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Nellie Lamon, [206] Miss Nellie Prowse, Miss Jessie Lyons, Mrs. E.M.E. Garland, Miss Helen Hornsby, Miss Anna Ellis.

The teachers were unconditionally recommended by the Committee and were, on motion, declared elected.

The Committee recommended that the following teachers be elected, subject to conditions agreed upon by the Board: Miss Lucy Read, Miss Zelma Caswell, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Mrs. Z.L. Hunt, Miss Octavia Clifton.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the teachers mentioned declared elected.

The Committee recommended that Mrs. G.E. Pyle and Miss Annie Shapard be dropped.

The cases of Misses Posey, Rumsey, Kelley, Lowry and Maddox were referred to the Board for action. During discussion, the question came up as to the future policy of the Board in regard to electing teachers holding second grade certificates. The following substitute to Rule 2, under Section 7 of the Rules and Regulations, was recommended by the Committee on Rules and adopted:

2. The salaries of the Superintendent and principals and high school teachers shall be fixed annually. The salary of a primary or grammar school teacher holding a first grade City certificate shall be \$60 per month after the first year's service in the Schools. After five years' service, the salary of such teacher shall be increased 5%. After ten years, 5% additional. A teacher holding only a second grade City certificate shall not be paid more than \$50 per month.

Mr. Johnson offered the following resolution, which was adopted: That, for this year, this Board shall not appoint a person holding a second grade certificate when an applicant holding a first grade certificate with [207] equal qualifications and sufficient experience is available.

Mr. Johnson moved that Miss Mattie Kelley's name be dropped, and that Miss Ellen Cooke be elected teacher. The motion was seconded and adopted.

On motion, Miss Lillie Webb was elected supernumerary.

On motion, the names of Mrs. G.E. Pyle and Miss Annie Shapard were dropped, and Miss Jessie Lyons and Miss Helen Hornsby were elected to positions in the Schools. It was afterward agreed that Miss Hornsby be elected as teacher in the High School. On motion of Mr. Graham, Miss Anna Ellis was reinstated in the Schools after a leave of absence. It was moved and adopted that Miss Dozier be informed that there is no vacancy here for her. It was moved and adopted that the consideration of Miss Mollie Brown's application be deferred till another meeting. On motion of Mr. Graham, Miss Lowry was reelected. On motion of Judge Fulmore, Miss Ellen Maddox was elected teacher. It was then adopted that further election be deferred till another meeting.

Mr. Johnson offered the following resolution: That the records of the proceedings of this Board show that, since Mr. T.H. Love, at the end of the 30 days allowed by the Board, did not come forward and have the investigation of the charges brought against him, be it resolved that he is excluded from the Austin Schools. The resolution was adopted.

The election of Colored teachers was then taken up. The following were elected as regular teachers: E.L. Blackshear, H.A. Maxwell, Miss Hattie Lee, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, Miss A.L. Evans, J.D. Pettigrew, [208] A. Jackson, Jr., C.M. White, W.H. Passon, G.W. Norman.

It was moved and adopted that the following be elected, to be assigned when needed: Mrs. L.E. Lashwah, Mrs. A.S. McKinley, Mrs. R.V. Blackshear, Miss F.L. Collins, Miss F.S. Hamilton.

[*First Ward*] Mr. Graham reported that the Building Committee were looking at a lot with a view to purchasing it for a Colored School. He showed a diagram of the location and size of lot under consideration. On motion of Judge Fulmore, the Committee were instructed to make the purchase, if they deemed it advisable.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 29, 1896

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

[*West Austin*] The meeting was called for the purpose of making some further arrangements in regard to the rebuilding of the West Austin School.

The report of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc. was first given, Judge Fulmore stating that the Committee recommended the adoption of the new course of reading, as made out by the Committee of principals and teachers appointed for that work. The subject of English, the introduction of Hyde's or Maxwell's course on this subject, was referred to the Board, without recommendation from the Committee. On motion of Dr. Mathews, the report of the Committee in regard to reading was adopted. The Superintendent suggested that, since the objection to changing the English courses at present was on account of the extra expense such a change would involve, the change might be made gradually, that is, that the books belonging to the new series be used for this year in those grades only where new books must necessarily be bought under any circumstances, thus not incurring any extra expense on parents. On motion of Dr. Mathews, this method of introduction was adopted, and Hyde's Language was decided upon as the series to be introduced into the Schools.

[*East Austin*] Mr. Graham, as Chairman of the Building Committee, read an estimate from Mr. George Brush, in regard to repairing and keeping in [210] repair the East Austin roof. He recommended that the Board enter into contract with Mr. Brush, the contract to be written and passed upon by the Judiciary Committee. Judge Fulmore

recommended the adoption of the report, with the following amendment: That if the Building Committee see proper, after further investigation, to put an entire new roof on the building, they do so. The report, as amended, was adopted.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Goldbeck, in regard to selling 320 acres of Survey No. 341, patented to J. Gaertner and belonging to the Allan Fund. On motion, it was adopted that Mr. Goldbeck be authorized to make the sale, and it was further moved and adopted that the matter be referred to the Allan Fund Committee, to prepare the instrument and make any other necessary arrangements.

[*West Austin*] After discussion in regard to repairing the West Austin building, Mr. Rogers moved that an architect be selected, that the Board meet with him at the building to discuss the advisability of excavating or of adopting some other means of improving the sanitary condition of the school. Motion adopted. Mr. Graham nominated Mr. Watson as the architect to be consulted. This nomination was seconded. Judge Fulmore nominated Mr. Burt McDonald. This nomination also received a second. On ballot, Mr. Watson was elected. On motion, 5:00 the 30<sup>th</sup> *inst.* was set for the meeting.

[*First Ward*] After discussion, it was decided that the question of building on the lot recently purchased for a Colored School would be discussed at the meeting previously arranged for.

It was moved and adopted that Mr. Goldbeck be notified that a worthy person had applied to a member of the Board for permission to occupy a vacant house belonging to Allan Fund, that he grant her permission so to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

July 3, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.E. Shelton, Z.T. Fulmore.

The minutes of June 5, 12 and 29 were read and approved.

[*West Austin*] Mr. Graham reported for the Building Committee that a quorum having failed to be present at the West Austin building on the 30<sup>th</sup> *ult.*, those present had, as a Committee, gone over the

building with the architect and had instructed him to draw up plans for remodeling the building by excavating and by adding extra rooms, both sets of plans to be submitted to the Board.

Judge Fulmore, in behalf of the Judiciary Committee, reported that the settlement with the insurance companies in regard to the loss on the West Austin building would be completed shortly, that within a week, at most, the final arrangements could be made.

Mr. L.C. Anderson, formerly Principal of the Prairie View Normal School, having applied for the position in the schools formerly held by E.L. Blackshear, on motion of Mr. Graham, Mr. Anderson was elected Principal of the Colored High School and Robinson Hill School, at the same salary received by Mr. Blackshear.

Mr. Graham stated that Miss Butler had refused to accept the position as Supervisor of Music at the salary agreed upon by the Board. Motion was made and adopted that Miss Butler be elected at a salary of \$70 per month.

Judge Fulmore moved that all [212] employees of the Schools be notified to send in the acceptance of the positions to which they have been elected before the 15<sup>th</sup> *inst.* Motion adopted.

The Secretary then read some testimonials, which Mrs. Pyle had placed before the Board. The quorum being then broken, one of the members having been excused, the four remaining as a Committee invited Mrs. Pyle to come before them, as she had asked that privilege, to make any statements which she desired.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
July 11, 1896

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers, J.E. Shelton, Lewis Hancock.

[*West Austin Colored*] The object of the meeting was to examine and consider plans for the rebuilding of the West Austin School, but Dr. Daniel being present, he was asked to first address the Board. Dr. Daniel stated that the lot purchased by the Board for a site for a Colored school was so near his home that it would seriously injure not only the value of his property, but it would stop further improvement in that part of the city to have a Colored school erected there, and [he] asked that the Board reconsider, if possible, and select a lot elsewhere. After discussion, it was finally adopted that the

gentleman interested in the change of location of the Colored school make a list of other properties suitable for such purpose and present it to the Board for their consideration at a meeting one week from the present time.

[*West Austin*] Mr. Watson then presented plans for the remodeling of the West Austin School building and read specifications. Mr. Graham moved that such part of all the flooring, as can be used again, be retained. Adopted.

On motion, it was adopted that Acme finish be used upon the walls, with linting added.

Judge Fulmore reported that the insurance companies represented here had agreed to settle for \$4,445 loss on the building, each company to pay one-third, as had been agreed at an impromptu meeting of a [214] quorum of the Board on the fourth *inst.* It was moved and adopted that, in case the Armenia Company are not heard from at the end of a reasonable time, Judge Fulmore be empowered to appoint a lawyer to sue that company for the amount due.

On motion, it was adopted that the Building Committee be instructed to have desks removed from West Austin building and repaired.

The Building Committee were instructed to advertise for bids on the plans presented.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

July 18, 1896

As agreed at last meeting, the Board met at date mentioned above, to examine list of property available for Colored school purposes, to be presented by Dr. Daniel and others, and also to open bids on plans for West Austin School. The following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock.

The gentleman by whom the above matter was to be presented to the Board not being present, New Business was first taken up.

A communication from Miss Pattie Guthrie was read, and motion was made that physical culture be introduced into the High School, and that the teacher, Miss Guthrie, be paid a salary of \$35 per month. The motion was lost.

Mr. Graham reported that the Building Committee had had the desks moved from West Austin, and that they were being repaired.

Upon the subject of Mr. Blackshear's resignation and the length of time for which he should be paid, some discussion was had, but no action was taken.

[*East Austin*] Mr. Graham reported that the contract made by Mr. George Brush in regard to the East Austin School roof had not satisfied the Judiciary Committee, and that it had not been entered into. Mr. Brass, being present, stated that he would agree to furnish new ventilators, repair the roof, and guarantee it for one year, for the sum of \$75. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Brass' proposition be accepted. After discussion, and after it had been suggested that the [216] architect of the building should be consulted in regard to the defects of the roof, as a substitute to the preceding motion, it was adopted that the matter be referred to the Building Committee, with full power to act.

[*West Austin*] The bids were then opened and read. It was moved and adopted that bids for grading the grounds be first considered. On motion, this matter was referred to the Building Committee and architect, with power to act. It was then moved and adopted that the West Austin School building be remodeled, leaving off additions.

While the architect, Mr. Watson, went out to look up any of the contractors, to bring him before the Board, the question of available lots was taken up.

Dr. Daniel stated that the Committee had complied with the proposition of the Board, and that Mr. Archer would give lists of the properties owned by them, to be available for this purpose. After these lots had been described and located, it was decided that the Board meet as a Committee of the whole at 5:00 at the lots under consideration, to examine them.

[*West Austin*] The Board then returned to the consideration of bids. Mr. Hancock move that the contract be let to Mr. Charles Shurr, provided that he comply with the terms of the Building Committee, to finish the building in the proper length of time, furnish bond, etc. Motion adopted. It was moved and adopted that the question of a system of heating be deferred for decision till later.

Mr. Hancock moved that the President and Secretary of the Board be empowered to enter into contract with the architect, having same signed by a Building Committee [member]. Motion adopted on motion of Judge Fulmore. The President, Secretary and Treasurer

were empowered to, at any time, draw up and sign such papers as may be necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

July 27, 1896

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees, held for the purpose of deciding upon the method of heating the West Austin School building, the following were present: Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock.

Dr. Mathews moved that Mr. \_\_\_ be asked to come before the Board to explain the system of heating which he represented. Motion seconded and lost.

[*West Austin*] Mr. Watson then explained the hot air heating and ventilating system, with estimate for additional expense caused by these alterations. Mr. Rogers moved that the building be heated by stoves. The motion received a second, but failed to carry. Mr. Hancock moved that Mr. Fiegel be called before the Board to discuss the different methods of heating, and the success he had had with each. This motion was seconded and lost. After quite a lengthy discussion as to the advisability of adopting any method of heating other than big stoves, it was moved and adopted that Mr. Rogers' motion to heat the building by stoves be reconsidered, and, the original question being put, it was decided that the building be heated by stoves.

[*Old Courthouse*] The necessity for an early decision in regard to the Colored School was urged. Acting upon Judge Fulmore's suggestion, it was decided that the question of renting the old courthouse in the First Ward for this purpose be referred to Judge Fulmore and Building Committee, to investigate and see if practicable.

On motion, \$100 contingent deposit was placed at credit of Superintendent for current expenses.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
August 1, 1896

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, Lewis Hancock.

[*N.S. Hunsdon Invited*] The meeting was called for the following purpose: of having Mr. Harris report on the matter of his investigation of industrial and trade schools in the North, with a reference to establishing one in Austin from the proceeds of the Allan Fund. After his report had been received, and the several candidates for the position of Superintendent of the proposed school had been discussed, motion was made and adopted that Mr. N.S. Hunsdon, now in San Antonio, be invited to appear before the Board at its next regular meeting.

Judge Fulmore reported that he had found that the old courthouse was leased at present, but that the lease would expire within a few months, and that it was the opinion of Superintendent Mobley that the State would favor a long lease of the building and grounds to the City for School purposes on very favorable terms. The matter was left, till the definite time of lease and other particulars could be learned.

[*West Austin*] Mr. Graham reported for the Building Committee, that the contract for excavating at West Austin School had been let to Mr. C.N. Bustin. It was moved and adopted that Mr. Bustin give bond for \$300, and that, as the work proceeded, he be paid 85% of the amount due, the remaining 15% to be paid at the completion of the work.

Motion was made and adopted that, after the City Engineer had surveyed the ground, Mr. Watson superintend the work of grading.

On motion of Mr. Hancock, the President of Board was instructed to memorialize City Council, to have street in front of West Austin School regraded.

Adjournment.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
August 7, 1896

At the time for the regular meeting of the School Board, no quorum was present, but, according to appointment, Mr. and Mrs. Hunsdon was on hand and discussed the subject of the Manual Training School with those members present.

The Board then adjourned, to meet the next morning, August 8, at 8:30.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
August 8, 1896

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m., the following members being present: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of July 3, 11, 18 and 27 and August 1 were read and approved. On motion, Mr. Graham's order for blackboards for the Sixth Ward School was approved by the Board.

Judge Fulmore reported for the Committee on Teachers, recommending the election of Miss Helen Brady to a regular position. Miss Brady was elected. The Committee recommended the election of Mrs. Mary Jackson and Mrs. Annie D. Pickrell as supernumeraries. Mr. Shelton moved to postpone the election of supernumeraries until the application of Miss Gohmert could be investigated. The motion carried. The Committee recommended the election of the following Colored teachers: Mrs. Cora Woodard, Mr. F.C. Long, Mrs. Eva Lyons, Mrs. Ada Hubbard, Miss Irene Washington. The case of Mr. Long was postponed for [220] further investigation. The others were elected, subject to assignment, when needed.

A motion to get the Hutchings Printing Company to do at once the printing needed for the use of the Schools was carried. Mistery Shelton and Harris were authorized to make such collections in printing and cash as could be made from the printing company, and then to proceed to remove said company from the building.

[*First Ward*] The Building Committee reported that the old courthouse was not found to be desirable for School purposes. Mr. Hancock moved that the Building Committee be instructed to confer with the architect and have him report plans for the erection of a six-room wooden building, inexpensive as is compatible with durability for use of Colored Schools in the First Ward, said plans to be

submitted to the Board at as early a date as practicable. Motion carried.

[*N.S. Hunsdon Elected, \$100/month*] Taking up the subject of the Manual Training School, Mr. Graham moved that Mr. Hunsdon be elected at a salary of \$100 per month for the school, him to take charge of the organization and management of the school, and that preparation for the opening of the school in September be at once begun. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Hancock moved that Mr. Harris, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Hunsdon be appointed a committee to draft Rules governing the conduct of the school, the admission of pupils, and such other matters as need to be regulated by Rule in the management of the Manual Training School.

After some further discussion, in which no action was taken, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
August 15, 1896

At a meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.B. Rogers, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham.

Miss Lillie Gohmert was elected as regular teacher in the schools.

Mrs. Mary Jackson was elected supernumerary. Mrs. A.D. Pickrell was elected supernumerary, subject to assignment, when needed.

The course of study for the High School, as prepared by the Superintendent and the Principal of the High School and presented by the Committee on Textbooks, was adopted.

Mr. Shelton, for the Committee on Supplies, reported in favor of accepting the bid of Mr. McElavee on desks. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Supplies were instructed to investigate the matter of obtaining chairs for the High School.

[*First Ward*] Mr. Watson reported plans for the Colored School to cost, as he estimated, about \$3,400. The plans were adopted. Judge Smith moved that the buildings be fronted south. Mr. Hancock moved, as a substitute, that the building be fronted east. Mr. Hancock's motion carried. On motion, the Building Committee were instructed to advertise for bids on building.

[*West Austin*] Mr. Watson recommended that the contractor on the West Austin building, Mr. Charles Schurr, be paid \$2,000 on work

now done on building. The motion to allow payment of said sum carried.

Judge Fulmore moved that Mr. Bustin be paid \$100 on work done in grading [222] the yard at West Austin School. The motion carried.

A motion asking \_\_\_ Jenkins to furnish the Board any information he has to sustain charges against the character of F.C. Long.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 19, 1896

At a special meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock.

[*West Austin Colored*] Mr. Watson submitted bids on First Ward Colored School as follows:

James W. Loving	\$4,310
William Schoenert	\$2,562, porches extra \$135
R.A. Flume	\$2,925, porches \$100
R.G. Brydson	\$2,945, galleries \$135
Henkes & Miller	\$2,770, galleries \$85
Charles Shurr	\$3,095, galleries \$165
John Webourg	\$3,300
Charles K. McDonald	\$3,877; porches included \$3,975

Mr. Rogers moved that Mr. Schoenert's bid be accepted on condition that he furnished satisfactory bond. Carried. Mr. Rogers moved that Judge Smith and Mr. Hancock be instructed to pass upon bond furnished by Mr. Schoenert. Motion carried.

Mr. Hancock moved that the matter of putting wire netting over the windows be referred to the Building Committee, with power to act. Carried.

The amount of Mr. Schoenert's bond was fixed at \$1,000.

A motion carried authorizing the President of the Board to issue warrants to pay contractor and architect, upon estimates approved by architect and Building Committee. [224]

Upon motion, the Superintendent was authorized to have the annual report published at once.

Mr. Hancock submitted the following report of the Committee appointed to draft Rules for the government of the Manual Training School.

[*Manual Training School Rules*] Rules for the government of the Allan Manual Training School:

1. The John T. Allan Manual Training School shall be organized and operated as a department of the City Public High School, and pupils in the Manual Training School shall be governed by the same general Rules as pupils in other departments of the High School.
2. In the Manual Training department, there shall be a three-years course including the following subjects: free hand drawing, instrumental drawing, joinery, wood carving, wood burning, pattern making, moldering, forging, hand tool work, and machine tool work, together with instruction in the "practical use of tools, as well as scientific principles as applied to labor."
3. Pupils taking the Manual Training course, as laid down in the preceding section, shall be required to take the following academic courses in the High School: English, six terms; mathematics, five terms; science, three terms; history, three terms; civics, one term. The report was adopted, after which the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 24, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of August 8, 15 and 19 were read and, after some correction, approved.

The Superintendent stated that the annual report was in the hands of the printer. He then asked that the Board give him some instruction as to the order in which the supernumeraries should be assigned. Motion was made and adopted that they be assigned in order as elected: Miss Webb, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Pickrell.

[*Rule*] At the suggestion of the Superintendent, the Committee on Rules recommended the adoption of the following addition to Paragraph 5, Section 10 of the Rules and Regulations, under the head Duties of Principals: With the assistance of teachers to examine such pupils for admission as have not promotion cards, for the discharge of this duty they shall be at their respective buildings on the two

school days preceding the opening of each annual session. This Rule was unanimously adopted.

Judge Fulmore reported for the Committee on Teachers, that Miss L. Gohmert, who had been elected to a position in the Schools, had declined the position, having been previously elected to a position elsewhere.

Action by the Board in regard to the petition from some of the residents of South Austin was postponed until a later meeting. [226]

[*West Austin*] Mr. Graham reported for the Building Committee, that it was necessary to remove and replace some of the plastering at the West Austin building, in order to make increased blackboard space, make the blackboard preparation properly, and recommended that \$20 extra be allowed for this purpose. The recommendation was adopted, and the sum stated allowed.

Mr. Graham also recommended that from \$5 to \$8 extra be allowed for a closet for janitors supplies. This recommendation was also adopted.

Mr. Graham then reported, for the Finance Committee, the salaries for teachers and janitors, as agreed upon by that Committee, for the year 1896-1897, subject to the action of the Board. The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Johnson, for the Committee on Supplies, recommended the purchase of 100 chairs for the High School recitation rooms as per sample furnished by M. Benbrooke, agent for Beal & Daniels of Northville, Michigan, at \$2.55. On motion, this recommendation was adopted.

[*Sutton & Kimbrough's*] A communication from Mr. B.K. Benson, representing the D.C. Heath Publishing Company, being in the hands of the Secretary, Mr. Benson and Mr. Rogers, representing the American Book Company, were invited to come before the Board in the interest of their respective publications. On motion, the communication from Mr. Benson, offering for adoption in the Schools the Sutton & Kimbrough's series of arithmetic and stating introductory and exchange prices, was read. Mr. Graham then submitted the following resolution: Resolved that Sutton & Kimbrough's arithmetic are hereby adopted for use, and that they shall be introduced gradually until they are in exclusive use upon the following plan:

1. After the date, all of the low third grades shall use the intermediate arithmetic of Sutton & Kimbrough's, and, upon promotion to [227] higher grades, shall continue to use said book until the fifth-grade work is completed.
2. After this date, all of the low sixth grades shall use the higher arithmetic of Sutton & Kimbrough's, and, upon promotion to higher grades, shall continue to use said book until the course in arithmetic is completed.

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Judge Fulmore handed the Secretary the following telegram, which he had just received.

Denton, September 4, 1896

Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Austin:

If Board decides to change arithmetics, I will furnish either Venables, Sanford's or Nicholson's arithmetic at even exchange. Would like an opportunity to present books in person. Can come any day next week. Answer Dallas.

B.M. Howard

After discussion, and after Mr. Rogers and Mr. Benson had spoken in behalf of the book represented by each—Mr. Rogers for the White's arithmetics now in use in the Schools, and Mr. Benson for the S&K arithmetics—the question was put, and the resolution by which the Sutton & Kimbrough's series are to be introduced into the Schools was adopted. Judge Fulmore stated that he did not vote, as he has not had time to give the subject sufficient consideration.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 2, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of September 4 were read and adopted.

The Superintendent reported the enrollment up to date, showing the crowded condition of the Schools, especially in the lower grades.

He then recommended that the Board offer some resolution in regard to the regular attendance of the teachers at the monthly meeting, in the interest of music. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Harris then stated that the Principal of the High School had requested that the Board allow the tuition collected each month in the High School to be used for the purpose of encyclopediae, a few other books of reference, and supplies for the laboratory. On motion, the request was not granted.

[*South Austin Colored*] The question of organizing a school in South Austin for the Colored population was brought before the Board, but inasmuch as the number attending that school during the last session seemed hardly to justify the Board in making the necessary expenditure, no action was taken in the matter.

[*Manual Training Course Rules*] The question was then raised as to whether boys attending the Manual Training School should be allowed to take a part of the course, that is, drawing alone or shop work alone. Mr. Graham moved that the matter be referred to the Allan Fund Committee. The motion was seconded, but Mr. Rogers offered as a substitute that boys in the Manual Training School be required to take the whole course. Mr. Graham withdrew his original motion, and the substitute was adopted. [229]

[*West Austin*] Mr. Graham then reported for the Building Committee that the West Austin building was completed, with the exception of the [illegible] iron pillars for the front, which would soon be in place. He recommended that gravel be put on the grounds to cover the white limestone. Action in this matter was delayed until spring.

[*West Austin*] Mr. Graham also reported for the Finance Committee, that the West Austin building had been insured. It was moved and adopted that the Finance Committee so adjust present insurance so as to make it cover furniture, both in this case, and also with the other buildings now insured, where the furniture is not insured.

The Secretary then read an estimate from the Austin Sewerage Company, to establish a sewer connection with the West Austin and Sixth Ward Schools. Mr. Hancock offered the following resolution: Resolved that the Board appreciate the liberal offer made by the Austin Sewerage Company on the work mentioned, but, at this time, they do not think it advisable to spend such an amount of money as the improvements would require. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Johnson then raised the question as to whether the gas engine in the printing office under the High School rooms made the air in these rooms impure. The matter was left over for investigation.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 7, 1896

At a called meeting of the School Board, the following members were present: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton, J.B. Rogers.

The meeting was called for the purpose of opening the bids and awarding the contracts for the supply of fuel for the coming winter. Mr. Graham made a motion that dealers furnish bond, the amount to be fixed at 20%, the amount of fuel to be furnished for the next year to protect the Board in case of any failure to deliver fuel according to contract. The motion was adopted. Mr. Johnson then moved that arrangements be made to have each load of coal weighed before delivering, the way to be selected and paid by the Board, with the understanding that he furnish certificate of the weight of each load. The motion was adopted. On motion, the bids were opened and read by the Secretary. On motion of Mr. Johnson, Mr. W.H. Ainsworth was awarded the contract for cedar and oak wood. On motion of Mr. Rogers, the contract for coal was awarded to A.J. Zilker. The matter of having coal weighed was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the Superintendent was authorized to attend to the repairing and setting of stoves, and all other such repairs as need immediate attention, without further consulting any Committee on the subject.

The Superintendent recommended, at the request of the Principal of the High School, that the noon recess in the High School be shortened to a half-hour, in order to give time for a vocal music lesson each day.

After discussion, the Superintendent was instructed to continue, as at present, to use the latter half of the recess hour [231] for this purpose, until the matter could be definitely settled at a Board meeting where a sufficient number of members were present to vote.

On the change of Rule, the Superintendent was, on motion, granted leave of absence for a day, to visit the San Antonio Schools.

After discussion in regard to the crowded condition of the lower grades, and the probable need for an extra room, the Building Committee were instructed to look for a room for this purpose.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 20, 1896

At a special meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock, J.W. Graham.

The President stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of reconsidering the resolution adopted some time since, authorizing the President, Secretary and Treasurer to borrow money, when necessary, for the current expenses of the Schools. Since the Treasurer, not being a member of the Board, objected to signing the notes or to taking part in the transaction, Mr. Hancock offered the following resolution: Resolved, first, that a resolution dated February 7, 1896, authorizing the President, Secretary and Treasurer to borrow money in the name of the Board be and is hereby repealed.

[*Resolution*] Resolved, second, that the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools be and are hereby authorized to borrow money necessary to pay teachers and employees, and for other expenses of the Board, and that they are hereby authorized to execute a note in the name of this Board for money so borrowed, bearing legal interest. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

A question then came up for discussion as to whether some children living in the house of J.P. Sample were to be considered residents or nonresidents. After discussion, it was decided, on motion, that they be considered residents and be admitted to the Schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
November 6, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of October 2, 7 and 20 were read and approved.

[*First Ward*] The Superintendent reported in regard to the condition of the Schools. He also reported that the contractor was ready to turn over the First Ward Colored School, and that arrangements had been made to have the furniture moved in on Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr. Graham stated that he had been over the new building on Friday morning, and that there were several things necessary to be done before it would be best for the Board to receive it, or before the Schools should move in. Motion was made that the matter be referred to the Building Committee, with power to act in the premises. The motion carried. Motion was made and adopted authorizing the Superintendent to have a coal and wood house built as per estimate of \$12. It was moved and adopted that the Building Committee be authorized to have the water pipes attended to, and also anything else necessary for the satisfactory completion of the building.

[*Temp Cap*] The Building Committee reported that the only room available for School purposes in the Temporary Capitol was entirely undesirable, both as to location and exposure.

After discussion, motion was adopted that the question of the length of the recess hour in the High School be postponed

After further discussion in regard to the question of what constitutes residents [234] and nonresidents, as applied to several cases that had come up, in which no action was taken, the Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
December 4, 1896

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, J.B. Rogers, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of November 6 were read and approved.

Mr. \_\_ Williams being present to explain to the Board the workings of a fire extinguisher, which he wished the Board to purchase for the Schools, the regular program was set aside, to allow him this

privilege. Action on the matter was, on motion, postponed until it come up under the head of New Business.

[*Alan Fund/Younger Loan*] Mr. L.H. Younger was also present and stated to the Board that he was unable to make the payment, according to agreement made last March, on the property purchased from Mrs. Susan Hancock, upon which the Allen Fund holds vendor lien notes. He desired the Board to take some action in the matter as soon as possible, so that he might know whether he would be required to deed the property back to the Allan Fund or to the endorsers. On motion, the matter was laid aside to come up later in the meeting.

[*School Conditions*] The Superintendent then reported upon the condition of the Schools, the number of enrolled, etc., and recommended the election of another teacher for the Colored Schools. This matter was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Teachers, Etc., and the Superintendent.

Motion was made and adopted that the regular meeting for January be held on the second Friday of the month, instead of the first, the first [235] being a holiday.

It was moved and adopted that half-holiday be given on Christmas Eve.

[*High School*] The Superintendent suggested that the Board begin to consider the subject of a building for the High School, since the lease on the Temporary Capitol expires July 1 and some arrangement must be made for its renewal or for providing other building. Motion was made and seconded that this matter be referred to the Building Committee, but, after discussion, This motion was withdrawn and a motion was made and adopted that a special meeting of all members of the Board be arranged for on the 14<sup>th</sup> *inst.* at 3:00 p.m., to consider this important matter.

[*West Ave - First Ward/New Colored School*] Mr. Graham reported for the Building Committee that the new Colored School building was completed and now occupied by the grades moved from Trinity Street and the lower grades from Robertson Hill. Motion was made and adopted that the building be hereby received by the Board, and that all contractors be relieved from further obligation.

Judge Fulmore moved that a set of ready-reference history and Johnson's encyclopediae be purchased by the Board for the use of the High School. Motion adopted. It was further moved and adopted that

the Superintendent and the Principal of the High School be authorized to make the purchase.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. G. Crow. After discussion, it was adopted that, in the opinion of the Board, Mr. Crow's granddaughters be considered resident pupils and, as such, be admitted to the Schools.

A communication from Mr. N.J. MacArthur was, on motion, referred to a Committee composed of the Superintendent and the Principals of the High School and East and West Austin, the matter to be referred back to the Board in regard to the Younger matter.

[*Younger Loan*] Motion [236] was made and adopted that the present arrangement continue till the first of October, the settlement being referred to Judge Fulmore as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

The question of purchasing fire extinguishers was postponed indefinitely.

[*Gregorytown*] Mr. Rogers stated that the report had been made to him that the Gregorytown School buildings were situated on the line and partly on property not belonging to the Schools, that he had had the ground surveyed and found that, instead of such being the case, three houses occupied by families were situated on ground belonging to the Schools. It was moved and adopted that Mr. Rogers refer the matter to the City Attorney, acquainting him with the facts in the case.

[*Discipline - West Austin*] Report having been made to a member of the Board that two large boys at the West Austin School had, in rough play, run over and notched down two smaller boys, the matter was referred to the Superintendent and the Principal of the school for investigation.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

December 15, 1896

At 3:00 on the above date, the Board met to discuss plans either for building a new High School or for releasing the building now occupied. The following were present: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.B. Rogers, Lewis Hancock.

[*Christmas Offering*] Before proceeding to the business of the evening, the Superintendent suggested that the Board authorize the Schools to carry out a plan adopted in several other cities in the state:

that of allowing the children to make a Christmas offering for the poor of the city. After the plan had been fully explained, it was moved and carried that the Board authorize its adoption.

[*High School*] The prospects for building a new High School were then discussed. Several different plans were proposed, but, after general discussion, it was decided that it would be impractical to attempt anything of the kind at present. It was finally decided that the only thing practicable would be to re-lease the Temporary Capitol building at the best possible terms. The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
January 8, 1897

At a regular meeting of the School Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.B. Rogers, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of December 4 and 15 were read and approved.

[*High School Books*] The Superintendent reported the purchase of the Encyclopedia for the High School. He also reported that Mrs. M.P. Jackson had been put on duty in the Colored Schools at the recommendation of two members of the Committee on Teachers, Etc. [*Discipline - West Austin*] Report was further made that the statement in regard to two small boys having been seriously hurt at West Austin School was an exaggeration. There was no ground at all for the report. In one instance, and in the other, the boy was not so seriously hurt, as had been reported.

[*Policy*] The Board then entered into general discussion on the subject of their interpretation of the Rule now in force in regard to absence and tardiness. The Rule was not in any way changed or limited, and no regular action was taken in the matter. The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
February 5, 1897

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of January 8 were read and approved.

[*Superintendent's Report*] The Superintendent's report was then given. He stated that there had been reported to him eight cases of truancy on the part of girls in the Schools, that these girls had been absent from one to 20 days, and asked that the Board give some advice as to whether they should be reinstated or not. Mrs. Fowler, the mother of two of these girls, was present and stated that she was very anxious to have her daughters reinstated, and that she would be more careful in future to see that they were always in school, when it was possible. Mrs. Fowler was then excused and, after some discussion, it was decided that the Superintendent consult with the teachers of these girls and decide between them the best course to pursue, and to act accordingly.

The Superintendent asked the decision of the Board as to whether, in a family where two children had had County funds transferred, one might attend to school free [for] eight months, instead of the two attending four months each. On motion, the question was decided in the affirmative.

[*High School*] Mr. Taylor, having an important matter to present to the Board, motion was made and adopted that the regular program be laid aside in order to give him that privilege. He stated that the Turner Hall property was for sale and that, should the [240] Board desire to purchase it for School purposes, it could be bought very reasonably and on easy terms, probably for \$8,000, \$500 down, the balance on time with interest at 8%. The matter was laid aside, to come up later under the head of New Business.

[*19 year old students in High School*] It was adopted that students in the High School who reached their 19<sup>th</sup> year during the session may continue as free pupils until the end of the session.

[*West Austin Improvement*] The Superintendent asked that the Board authorize some improvement on the grounds of the West Austin School, as the low place in front of the building caused the water to stand, making the mud very disagreeable. The matter was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act. The question as to whether the fence should be replaced was also referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*Superintendent's Report*] The Superintendent stated that, since the last meeting of the Board, the first term of the school session had been past, that promotions had been made, and the rooms reorganized, and that, as far as could be told at present, the children would all be accommodated, though some of the grades were crowded.

[*Colored Teacher elected*] Judge Fulmore, for the Committee on Teachers, reported the election of H.W. Calloway to a position in the Colored Schools, to take the place of Mrs. Jenkins, resigned. Election ratified by the Board.

A communication from Mrs. Eva Lyons was referred to the Superintendent, with power to act.

[*Turner Hall High School*] Discussion then followed on the advisability of considering the purchase of the Turner Hall property for High School purposes. It was finally decided that the matter be referred to the Building Committee, for thorough investigation, and that this Committee refer the matter back to the Board at a meeting which would be called as soon as sufficient time had been given to make this investigation.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
February 16, 1897

At a special meeting of the Board, called to discuss the question of purchasing the Turner Hall property for a high school, there were present the following members: Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

The Vice President stated the object of the meeting.

[*High School Site - Turner Hall*] Mr. Graham, then moved that, in order that the Board discuss the question more intelligently, Mr. Watson be requested to first show plans prepared, to give an idea of how the present building on the lots in question could be utilized for a high school. The motion was adopted, and the plans were shown and discussed. On motion, it was adopted that Mrs. Tallichet's agent, Mr. T.F. Taylor, come before the Board and state on what terms the property could be offered. Mr. Taylor stated that the price for the property was \$8,000, a small payment down, the balance on time, to suit the convenience of the Board. After some discussion, two other propositions were presented. The John's property on West Seventh Street, and lots owned by Mrs. Eilers directly west of the Capitol, were offered to the Board for High School property, the price of both being beyond what the Board considered it possible to pay. The propositions were not considered.

[*Turner Hall*] After discussion in regard to the Turner Hall property, both as to the suitability of the location and the desirability

of the property for permanent use for the purpose specified, the matter was, on motion, deferred to a meeting to be held one week from the present time.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

February 23, 1897

At an adjourned special meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock.

The business before the Board was the further discussion of the question of purchasing the Turner Hall property for a High School.

[*High School Site*] Mr. Johnson made a motion that the Board reject the proposition for the purchase of the Turner home property. The motion received a second and was adopted, Misters Johnson, Hancock and Rogers voting aye. Motion was then made and adopted that the Building Committee take up the matter of leasing suitable quarters for the High School and report back to the Board.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 5, 1897

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of February 5, 16 and 23 were read and approved.

[*Superintendent's Report*] The next thing in order being the Superintendent's report, attention was called to the number of pupils enrolled in the Colored High School. The Superintendent then stated that he had obtained all information possible from the City and County Tax Collectors and from the Treasurer of the Board as to what funds were on hand and what would probably come in before the end of the present scholastic year, and that these reports showed that it would be possible to hold the Schools for the full term of nine months. The Superintendent recommended also that the grounds around the Sixth Ward School be improved by several loads of gravel, and that the Supply Committee purchase new window shades for the Sixth

Ward and Hyde Park Schools. The report as a whole was on motion received.

[*Colored High School (Report)*] Judge Fulmore made motion that the Board request from L.C. Anderson, Principal of the Colored High School, a special report in regard to plans for continuing the Colored High School. Motion adopted.

On motion, the Board expressed itself as favorable to the continuance of the Schools for the full term of nine months.

[*High School Quarters*] Report of standing Committees. Mr. Graham [244] reported for the Building Committee, to which Committee had been referred the matter of looking for suitable quarters to be rented for High School purposes, that Mr. Mobley had stated that it was his opinion that no offer of less than \$2,000 a year would be considered for the Temporary Capitol. Mr. Graham then stated that the Committee had looked for other quarters suitable for the purpose and had found that the Board of Trade Hall and rooms on the same floor could be obtained for \$1,200 a year and the third floor of the Baueggerhoff Building for \$900 a year. He then suggested that the wisest thing that the Board could do under the circumstances would be to purchase the Turner Hall property. General discussion followed, in which most of the members took part. Motion was then made by Mr. Graham that the Board offer the agents for this property \$7,600, the building to be used for a High School temporarily or until more suitable location could be obtained, and afterward to be used as Grammar School for the Fifth and Seventh Wards. The motion was seconded and lost by a vote of two to four.

[*High School Quarters*] Mr. Johnson then made a motion that the Board proceed to rent property for High School purposes. The motion was seconded with the suggestion that the Superintendent inspect carefully all buildings considered, to note suitability for the purpose, and to find out, if possible, the amount of rent received for such buildings at the present time. A substitute to This motion, appointing a Committee composed of the Superintendent, Misters Hancock and Johnson to look into the matter and refer back to the Board was, on motion, adopted.

Mr. Hancock moved that the question of setting aside a greater or lesser amount as Building Fund for High School and other School [245] purposes be taken into consideration by the members of the Board, to come up under the head of New Business at the next meeting. Motion adopted.

A communication from G.M. Brass was read and, on motion, received and filed.

[*High School Teachers*] Judge Fulmore stated that Miss Mary Decherd in the High School had been absent three days during the last month on account of the death of her father and moved that the Rules be set aside for this instance, and that no deduction be made in her salary for the time lost. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 13, 1897

At a special meeting of the Board, called to take some action in regard to the bill before the Legislature known as the Uniform Textbook Bill, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

At the request of the President, the Superintendent stated the object of the meeting. While waiting for all the members to be present, brought up the question whether Dr. Washington's nephew living with him at the insane asylum should be considered a resident or a nonresident. On motion, it was decided that he be considered a resident and, as such, be admitted to the Schools.

[*Dept. Books*] The bill was then read by Mr. Shelton. On suggestion, the resolutions adopted by the Houston School Board in regard to this bill were read. Mr. Hancock moved that this Board express to the Legislature a protest against the passage of the bill, that a Committee be appointed to draft resolutions to this effect, and that, in case the bill should be passed, the Board ask to have the City of Austin exempt from the operation of the law. The motion was seconded. After general discussion, it was found that the Board could not be unanimous in carrying out the above motion, as different opinions were held in regard to the terms of the bill. As a substitute and a compromise, [*The Book Bill Resolution*] Mr. Hancock then offered the following resolution: Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Public Free Schools of the City of Austin: First, that in our opinion, Senate Bill 258, known as the Uniform Textbook Bill, would injuriously affect the interests of the Austin Public Schools, and it would work injustice to the thousands of children dependent upon [247] them for an education, and we therefore respectfully protest against the passage

of the bill. Second, that in case the bill should be passed, we ask in behalf of the Public Schools of Austin, that this Independent School District be exempted from the operation of the law. Third, that copies of these resolutions be sent to Senator Yett and Representatives Ward and Hill. Motion was made that these resolutions be adopted. Motion seconded. Mr. Johnson offered as a substitute that the first part of the resolution be stricken out, the second part adopted. The entire resolution, as offered by Mr. Hancock, was adopted, Misters Johnson, Rogers and Shelton voting no. Mr. Shelton desired to go on record as favoring County uniformity of textbooks, but as opposed to the Pressler Bill now before the Legislature.

After further discussion, and motion to reconsider, which received no second, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 19, 1897

At a special meeting of the Board, called to consider a proposition of Mr. R.N. Marrs, in regard to the introduction of writing by a special teacher in the Schools, the following were present: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.B. Rogers, J.E. Shelton, Lewis Hancock.

The object of the meeting was stated, and Mr. Marrs was requested to make his proposition. Mr. Marrs stated that it was his desire to give special instruction in writing for one half-hour each day in each grade room of the largest building in the city for one month or 20 school days. At the end of that time, the samples of writing will be furnished the parents, showing the progress made in the time mentioned, with the statement that the parent may, if he sees fit, send \$1 to Mr. Marrs, for pay for the lessons and benefit received, payment to be entirely voluntary.

[*East Austin School*] The plan was discussed by all the members present. Mr. Rogers then made a motion that Mr. Marrs be permitted to make the experiment in these schools for 20 days, on condition that he be subservient to the Superintendent and that he send no communications to parents until they have been approved by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded and was adopted by a vote of four to three. Mr. Johnson moved that the experiment be tried in the West Austin School. Motion seconded. Mr. Rogers moved, as a

substitute, that East Austin be selected. Mr. Rogers' motion was adopted, and East Austin School selected.

[Allan Property] The Secretary then read a communication from Mr. Goldbeck, asking that the Board authorize some improvement on the property [249] belonging to the Allan Fund and rented by Mrs. Goldman, in the way of sewer connection and other changes. On motion, it was adopted that the request be granted and the agent be authorized to have the work done.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 13, 1897

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton, Lewis Hancock.

The meeting was called to consider some special matters, but, as no regular meeting had been held this month, the minutes of March 5, 13 and 19 were read and approved.

[*Finance*] Judge Fulmore stated that he had had a talk with the Treasurer and had found that there was in the bank to the credit of the General School Fund about \$14,500. He moved accordingly that the Board pay to the Allan Fund out of this amount \$6,000 on the amount due that fund. The motion was adopted.

[*Colored High School*] The Secretary read the report from L.C. Anderson, Principal of the Colored High School. After general discussion in regard to the best plan to pursue in continuing this school, the matter was left over till the next meeting.

[*East Austin*] [illegible] Mr. R.N. Marris then stated to the Board that the four-weeks term of writing in the East Austin School would close at the end of the present week and asked that the Board grant him permission to give lessons for a term of four weeks at the West Austin School. After discussion, Mr. Hancock's resolution that the Board decline to extend to Mr. Marris any further privilege to teach in the Austin Schools was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
April 30, 1897

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

[*Commercial Department/Fee Not Allowed*] The meeting was called for the purpose of deciding whether the charging of an admission to the High School commencement exercises would be authorized by the Board. Mr. Hancock made a motion that the Board do not allow a charge to be made. The motion was seconded and, after discussion, adopted.

[*Historical Chart Donated*] Judge Fulmore stated that he had donated to the Schools a historical chart of the United States, and that, in consideration of that fact, he desired if the Board were willing that a draftsman who had been working in his office be permitted to use one of the vacant rooms in the Temporary Capitol for a stated length of time or until the room be needed. The matter was, on motion, referred to Mr. Shelton, with power to act.

[*City Exams for Teachers*] On motion June 8 to 10 inclusive was set as the time for the City examination of teachers.

[*School census*] Motion was made that the Secretary of the Board formally call the attention of the City Assessor and Collector to the fact that it is time that the city scholastic census should be taken. Motion adopted.

[*Summer Normal in Temp. Capitol*] Mr. Shelton asked that, in case the Board continued to lease the Temporary Capitol building, permission be granted to hold the summer normal in the High School rooms. The request was granted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
May 10, 1897

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of April 13 and 30 were read and approved.

[*Superintendent Report*] The Superintendent then called the attention of the Board to the tabulated monthly report of the Schools and brought up some other matters for decision. He stated that Mrs. Jenkins and her son were in the other office and desired to see the

Board in regard to having the boy reinstated in the Schools. There were two charges of truancy against the boy, and the Superintendent had refused to reinstate him after the second offense, until the matter had been referred to the Board. After being assured by the mother and the boy that the offense would not be repeated, the Board decided to readmit him to the Schools.

[*H.S. – Temporary Capitol Repair*] The Superintendent stated that he had had a man go up on top of the Temporary Capitol, examine the roof, and make an estimate of the cost to repair it. Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Mobley had promised to go over the building within the next few days to make necessary repairs and to make some offer on the building for the next lease. No action taken.

[*H.S. – M.T.*] The Superintendent then stated that the Principal of the Manual Training School was anxious to send some specimens of the work done in that school to the national exhibit at \_\_, adding that the expense would be slight, probably not more than \$4.50. The matter was referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with power to act.

[253] [*Gregorytown School*] The next question was in regard to the line bounding the Gregorytown School lots. It was stated that a Colored man named Shields claims that the schools are 12 feet over the line on his lot, but that it seemed more likely from investigation that he was 12 feet over the line and on the school property. The Superintendent stated that, if the latter were true and could be established, the buildings out there could be arranged much more conveniently by the addition of the 12 extra feet. The matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[*High School Commencement*] In connection with the question of arranging for the High School commencement exercises, the Superintendent stated that it would be necessary to have a special meeting of the Board in about three weeks, to approve the list of graduates. Mr. Graham moved that Hyde Park be selected as the place for the exercises, provided that a Committee appointed for the purpose could make necessary, satisfactory arrangements. Misters Graham and Rogers and Superintendent Harris were appointed as a Committee for this purpose.

Mr. Graham stated that the High School is much in need of a piano and moved that the \$25 or \$30 usually paid out for orchestra music at the High School commencement be this year allowed to go as first payment for a piano. It was understood by the Board that Miss Butler,

by having the use of the piano, at once could furnish chorus music for the exercises. The motion made by Mr. Graham was adopted.

Mr. Watts being present to appeal to the Board from the decision of the Superintendent in regard to the reinstatement of his son, Ivan, in the West Austin School, the matter was, on motion, taken up. Mr. Brown, the Principal of the school, [254] was unable to be present on account of sickness, so the Board requested that the Superintendent state the case, as he understood it. This was done, and then Mr. Watts made his statement. Motion was made by Mr. Rogers and adopted by the Board that the Superintendent be sustained by the members of the Board in refusing to reinstate Ivan Watts at all during this session.

[*St. Sprinkled/H.S. Temp. Cap.*] Mr. Shelton, as agent for the Temporary Capitol, asked that the Board give him some instruction in regard to having the street on the north of that building sprinkled. As the time was so short before the close of the school term, no action was taken in the matter.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 28, 1897

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

The meeting was called to have the Board approve the list of graduates, as presented by Mr. Pearce, Principal of the White High School and Mr. L.C. Anderson, Principal of the Colored High School.

On motion, the following lists were approved and the issuing of diplomas authorized in the White High School: Bowling Byers, James A. Carruth, Robert I. Davis, Scott W. Key, William Orr, George M. Decherd, Mollie Allison, Georgia Appell, Gene F. Clark, Erin Crane, Ora Hamilton, Hattie Hofstetter, Katie Mayes, Lu Emma Raymond, Loula Rose, Edna M. Slaughter, Louise M. Spence, Annie W. Spence, Grace H. Taylor, Nan D. Turner, Clara O. Whitten.

In the Colored High School: Laura E. Pearce, Henry Brown.

Motion was then made that the Board authorize some member to have the necessary printing done on diplomas. Discussion then arose as to the legality of spending money for such purpose, or for any purpose further than the payment of teachers and for building and rent. Mr. Shelton made a motion that a Committee of three be appointed to interview the Governor, requesting him to call the

attention of the Legislature to the fact that the present law on this subject should be changed as soon as possible. The Committee so appointed [256] consisted of Misters Shelton, Johnson and Hancock, to which was added later the name of the Superintendent, since it was found illegal for the Board to spend money for having the necessary printing done on the diplomas. Motion was made and adopted that Mr. Shelton be authorized to ask Professor Griffitts to do the work without compensation.

[*Manual Training*] A communication from Mr. Hunsdon, the Principal of the Manual Training School, was referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

[*Roof Repair Temporary Capitol*] A communication from Mr. Mobley was read by the Secretary in regard to repairs on the Temporary Capitol. Motion was made and adopted that the Building Committee have the roof repaired as soon as possible.

[*Superintendent Elected*] Mr. Johnson moved that Mr. Harris be reelected Superintendent of the Schools for another year. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

A petition from the graduating class was read and, on motion, received and filed.

[*Board of Trade Building - High School*] Communication from Mrs. John Orr, offering the Board of Trade Building for High School purposes at \$1,500 a year, for a term of five years, was read. Mr. Johnson then stated Mr. Mobley's proposition in regard to the Temporary Capitol. Mr. Mobley offered to lease the building for a term of five years at \$1,800 per year, the Board to keep the building in repair and pay insurance. After discussion, Mr. Johnson moved that no action be taken in the matter until next Friday at the regular meeting. Mr. Shelton seconded, with the addition that Mr. Johnson be authorized to offer to lease the Temporary Capitol for two years at \$1,500 a year, with the change in the contract that the building be returned at the end of that time in the same condition as received, ordinary wear and tear accepted. Motion adopted.

An invitation to the G.A.R. Decoration Day exercises was read and filed.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 2, 1897

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

[*High School Student*] The meeting was called to consider the reinstatement of Will Orr, who had been suspended from the High School. After discussion by the Board, Mr. John Orr and Will being present part of the time, to make any statements they desired and to answer any questions the Board wished to ask, motion was made that Will Orr be reinstated on condition that he make the necessary apology to the school. The motion was adopted.

After discussion as to what course the Board would adopt in regard to expending School funds for any purpose other than for the pay of teachers and for rent, or building of school houses, it was decided that the janitors' and clerk's salaries should be paid, and the Finance Committee was authorized to approve bills for these items.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 4, 1897

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of May 10 and 28 and June 2 were read and, after some correction, approved.

There was no report of the Superintendent.

[*Roof Repair Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Graham reported for the Building Committee that the roof of the Temporary Capitol had been repaired.

Judge Fulmore made a motion that the Treasurer of the Board be requested to file a monthly statement of the funds belonging to the Board, stating the amount of city taxes received up to date and the amount received from State apportionment.

[*Letter from Principal M.T.*] A communication from Mr. Hunsdon, Principal of the Manual Training department, was read by the Secretary. Mr. Johnson moved that the report be received and adopted, as recommended by the Allan Fund Committee. The motion carried.

Motion was then made and adopted that Mr. Hunsdon be reelected as Principal of the Manual Training School for another year.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The question of re-leasing the Temporary Capitol was referred back to the same Committee, with authority to arrange the terms of the lease for a length of time not exceeding two years, and the President and Secretary of the Board were authorized to sign the contract thus drawn up. Motion was made that the Board meet on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> *inst.*, to elect teachers, and that the Committee on Teachers meet on the morning of the same day. Motion adopted.

[*Grads*] Mr. Shelton moved that the Secretary write a resolution of thanks to Professor D.A. Griffiths for lettering the diplomas for the graduating class. The motion was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 11, 1897

At a special meeting of the Board, appointed to elect teachers, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews, Lewis Hancock.

Mr. Graham reported for the Finance Committee, recommending the following changes in salaries of teachers: Miss Helen Hornsby to receive \$75 per month, Mr. Freshney \$1,000 per year, and Miss Butler \$75 per month. On motion of Mr. Johnson, the Board concurred in the recommendation of the Committee.

Mr. Graham reported that the Committee on Teachers recommended the election of the following:

[*High School*] High School: Principal J.E. Pearce, Miss Nannie Dawson, Fannie Ottley, Mary Decherd, Helen Hornsby, Alfred Freshney.

East Austin: Principal J.L. Taff, Miss Anna Ellis, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Margaret Reilley, Mrs. K.Z. Williams, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Ada Blackburn, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Florence Worthy, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Annie Puckett, Miss Emma Puckett.

West Austin: Principal T.A. Brown, Miss Jessie Sayers, Miss Octavia Clifton, Miss Annie Blanton, Miss Lula Bewley, Mrs. Z.L. Hunt, Miss Lucile James, Miss Lucille Byers, Miss Janie Maxwell, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Lillie Webb, Miss Emily Numbers.

Tenth Ward: Principal Miss F.R. Brooke, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Annie Jary, Miss Nellie Crenshaw, Miss Helen

Brady, Miss Grace Murray, Miss Ellen Braddock, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Kate Ennis. [260]

Sixth Ward: Principal Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Nellie Hall, Miss Jessie Lyons, Miss Clovie V. Hill, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Gertrude Whitis.

South Austin: Principal Miss Mollie Dawson, Miss Nellie Prowse.

Hyde Park: Principal Miss Willie R. Smith, Miss Mary Lowey.

First Ward: Mrs. E.M.E. Garland.

Mrs. Mary B. Jackson, Mrs. A.D. Pickrell, Miss Effie Graves.

Supervisor of Music: Mary S. Butler.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee recommended the election of the following Colored teachers: L.C. Anderson, Mrs. Cora Woodard, A. Jackson, Jr., C.M. White, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, Miss A.L. Evans, T.T. Banton, W.H. Passon, J.D. Pettigrew, G.W. Norman, L.B. Kinchion.

On motion, the report was also adopted.

A communication from Mrs. Maggie E. Spain, and a petition from several patrons of the Sixth Ward School relating to Miss Mary Johnson were read by the Secretary. The matter was referred to the Committee on Teachers, for investigation.

[*High School Temporary Capitol*] The Committee appointed to arrange terms of lease for the Temporary Capitol building then reported, through its Chairman, Mr. Johnson. The lease was read by the Secretary, and the report of the Committee was adopted.

[*M.T. Water and Lights*] Motion was made that the Secretary be requested to address a communication to the Water and Light Commission, asking that no charge be made for power and light used in the Manual Training School, on the ground that such power is used for the benefit of the entire public. The motion was adopted, at the suggestion of the Superintendent.

[*Temporary Capitol*] Motion [261] was made and adopted that Professor Griffiths be not allowed to renew his lease for rooms in the Temporary Capitol, because, in the opinion of the Board, it is not best that two separate schools be carried on in one building at the same time.

The Superintendent was granted three weeks leave of absence to attend the School of Methods and State Teachers Association at Waco.

A motion was made and adopted that the Board employ for the next session a teacher of penmanship, the election to be held later in

the summer. There was some discussion as to whether the same teacher should teach drawing in the Schools, but no action was taken in the matter.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

July 13, 1897

At a postponed regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of June 4 and 11 were read and approved.

The Superintendent then called the attention of the Board to some statistics, showing a comparison between the sessions 1895-1896 and 1896-1897.

[(Pease} *West Austin*] The Building Committee reported that some very necessary repairs had been made on the fence at the West Austin School. The report was, on motion, adopted.

[*Teachers*] Judge Fulmore reported for the Committee on Teachers, taking the report item-by-item. It was moved and adopted that Miss Nellie Lamon be not reelected. On the recommendation of the Committee, Mr. Leon W. George of Denver, Colorado was elected Supervisor of Writing and Drawing in the Schools at a salary of \$600 per year. The Committee reported that the petition requesting that Miss Mary Johnson be removed from the schools had been carefully investigated, that no charge whatever against her had been sustained, and that the Committee unanimously recommended her election. The report was adopted, and Miss Johnson unanimously elected. Miss Maggie Gilmer and Miss Corelia Whitten were elected supernumerary teachers, and Mrs. Mary B. Jackson and Mrs. Annie D. Pickrell were put on the list of regular teachers, taking the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Caswell and the non-election of Mrs. Layman. Mr. Ernest G. Plocker was made assistant in the Manual Training School at a salary of \$500 per year.

A communication from Mr. John Granger in regard to some school furniture that he wished to sell to the Schools was referred to the Superintendent and the Committee on Supplies.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
August 6, 1897

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of July 13 were read and approved.

The Superintendent's report followed.

[*School Opening Date*] On recommendation of two members of the Committee on Rules, the date of the opening of Schools was changed from the third Monday in September, to the second Monday, all five members of the Board present voting for the change.

[*High School Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Shelton stated that Hill & Maxwell, who had been renting a room in the Temporary Capitol, had had an offer of a room elsewhere for \$2 less than they paid him, and that they would move unless a reduction was made in their rent. The Board authorized Mr. Shelton to make a reduction of \$2 per month on this room for these gentlemen.

[*Bickler, East Austin*] Mr. Rogers reported for the Building Committee, that they had had bids submitted for putting a fence around the East Austin School. Motion was made and adopted that the Committee be authorized to have the fence built, accepting the lowest bid offered, provided that Mr. Rogers oversee the work.

An application of Miss Agnes Brady for position as supernumerary teacher was read and referred to the Committee on Teachers.

[*illegible*] The matter of purchasing blinds for the Sixth Ward School and shades for the Hyde Park School was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 3, 1897

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, J.E. Shelton, Lewis Hancock.

The minutes of August 6 were read and approved.

[*Policy-Music*] The Superintendent then called the attention of the Board to some matters. The question of continuing the study of music in the High School was referred to the Superintendent, to confer with

the faculty of the High School and the Supervisor of Music, and to refer the matter back to the Board after this conference.

[*Tenth Ward Janitor*] There being a vacancy in the position of janitor at the Tenth Ward School, Mr. J.E. Martin, who was recommended by the Principal, Miss Brooke, for the position, was elected.

[*Teachers*] Judge Fulmore reported for the Committee on Teachers, that the Committee recommended the election of the following at Robertson Hill School: Principal L.C. Anderson, C.M. White, Mrs. Cora L. Woodard. On motion, this report was adopted, and these teachers declared elected.

[*Teachers Elected*] The Committee recommended the election of the following teachers at the Gregorytown School: Principal A. Jackson, Jr., J.D. Pettigrew, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, Miss A.L. Evans, Mrs. L.E. Lashwah, Miss F.S. Hamilton, T.T. Banton, L.B. Kinchion, Tennie Hardwell.

[265] On motion, the report was adopted, and these teachers elected.

The Committee recommended the election of the following teachers at the West Austin School: Principal W.H. Passon, H.A. Maxwell, Miss F.L. Collins, Mrs. Ada Hubbard. [265] On motion, the report was adopted, and these teachers elected.

[*Wheatville Teacher*] The Committee recommended that Mr. G.W. Norman be reelected as teacher in the Wheatville School, and, on motion, the recommendation was adopted by the Board, and Mr. Norman declared elected.

Motion was made and adopted that all these teachers be elected, subject to assignment, when they are needed.

[*South Austin (Fulmore) Citizen's Committee*] Mr. George Brush and Mr. J.V. Bergen, as a Committee from the Good Government Association of South Austin, came before the Board and, on motion, were given an audience. They asked, in behalf of the citizens of the Southside, that a seventh and eighth grade be established in connection with their school, stating that there were about 24 pupils on that side, belonging to these grades, who would otherwise have to cross the river to get to school. They also asked that a Colored school be open on the Southside, stating that there were about 40 or 50 Colored children within school age to attend a school and that Mr. Granberry would donate a lot for this purpose. On motion, Mr. Shelton was appointed a Committee of one to confer with the Committee from the Southside in regard to establishing the Colored

school, the matter to be referred back to the Board. The question of establishing a seventh and eighth grade in connection with the South Austin school was referred to the Superintendent and the Committee from the Southside for investigation, with the understanding that they report to the Board as soon as the investigation is completed.

[*Rules*] The following amendment to Paragraph 1, Section 4 of the Rules and Regulations, assigned by the three members of the Committee on Rules, was submitted and adopted by a vote of all five members present: [266] Resident pupils over seven and under 19 years of age shall be admitted free of tuition. Others are required to pay tuition monthly, in advance, at the following rates per month: in the Primary department \$1.50, in the Grammar department \$2, in the High School \$2.50, provided that children under seven years of age shall not be admitted to the Free Schools. Pupils from Travis County who have their *pro rata* of the State School Fund transferred to the City before the first of September are permitted to attend four months without paying tuition. Children of persons whose permanent home is outside of the city limits and who move into the city temporarily for the benefit of the Schools shall be considered nonresident pupils.

[*Wooldridge*] 6<sup>th</sup> Ward] The Superintendent reported that arrangements had been made by the Committee on Supplies for the purchase of blinds for the Sixth Ward School and four shades for the Hyde Park School. The report was received.

The matter of selecting writing and drawing books for the coming session was left to the Supervisor of these subjects.

[*High School Janitor*] Mr. Shelton made a motion that the salary of the janitor of the High School be increased \$5 per month. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted, with the addition that this amount be paid out of the Allan Fund.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 15, 1897

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, J.E. Shelton.

[*South Austin (Fulmore) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades*] The object of the meeting, as stated by the Superintendent, was to hear the report of the Committees appointed to investigate further the situation in South Austin, with reference to establishing a seventh and eighth grade in

connection with the South Austin School and also a school for Colored children. A petition signed by 15 residents of South Austin, asking that a seventh and eighth grade be added to their school, was read by the Secretary. Mr. Brush, representing a Committee from the Good Government Association of the Southside, stated that there were 21 pupils belonging to these grades who were anxious to attend the South Austin School, and added that he thought the petitioners were not asking too much from the Board under the circumstances. The Superintendent gave some reasons why it seemed not necessary to open an extra grade at this time, the principal ones being that there was no suitable room in the neighborhood of the South Austin School, and further that there was ample room for all of these pupils or as many as would attend school in the Schools on this side of the river, without incurring the extra expense of furnishing a room and supplying an extra teacher. After discussion, motion was made and adopted that Miss Dawson be authorized to admit these pupils to her grade in the South Austin School for a time, or until some further action by the Board is necessary.

[*South Austin Colored School*] On the question of establishing a Colored School in South Austin, Mr. Shelton reported that two lots had been offered: one by Mr. Granberry, and one by Mr. Burroughs. Mr. Brush added that there was a building in the neighborhood that could [268] be rented for the purpose temporarily. The larger part of the Colored population being still in the country, picking cotton, there was no occasion for immediate action, so the matter was left over till the next meeting of the Board, the question of finding suitable building for this school being referred in the meantime to Mr. Shelton.

A communication from Mr. John Orr, asking that his son be transferred from the Sixth Ward to the West Austin School, was read by the Secretary. On motion, the Superintendent was sustained in the position he had taken in regard to this transfer.

[*Robertson Hill*] The question of action or consolidating grades at the Robertson Hill School was referred to the Superintendent, with power to act.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
October 1, 1897

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock, J.B. Rogers.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was postponed.

[*South Austin Good Government Committee*] The Committee from the South Austin Good Government Association being present, the Superintendent's report was postponed until these gentlemen had been given the privilege of stating their case. Mr. Brush addressed the Board in regard to the condition of affairs at the South Austin School, stating the number of pupils enrolled in the seventh and eighth grades now in Miss Dawson's room, and repeated his former request: that the Board arrange to make a separate grade with an extra teacher in charge. The matter was discussed by the Board, but no action was taken because the Board thought that the present condition of affairs did not warrant any change.

[*Policy*] Mr. Crawford of South Austin asked the Board if it were possible to take some action in the way of refusing to transfer pupils from the County to the City, since this cripples the support and attendance of the County Schools, to such an extent that a good school could not be maintained. The Chairman stated that this matter was regulated by the statute, so no action was taken.

The meeting then adjourned until Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., at 4:30 p.m.  
{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
October 5, 1897

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of September 3 and 15 and of October 1 were read and approved.

[*Enrollment and Attendance*] The Superintendent then called the attention of the Board to a tabulated report giving enrollment and attendance, both by buildings and grades for the last two years, which was of special interest in connection with the question that had been under discussion at the last three meetings in regard to the necessity of establishing an extra grade room at South Austin.

[*High School – Music*] The next item was the report of the Committee composed of the Superintendent, the High School faculty, and the Supervisor of Music, which had been appointed to make some recommendation in regard to continuing the study of music in the High School. The Superintendent reported that, as a compromise, the Committee being divided between having music a regular study in the High School, and having it out altogether, it was recommended that music be continued in the junior class, but be made optional. Motion was made and seconded that this recommendation be adopted. An amendment was offered, moving that music be left out of the High School altogether. The amendment was substituted for the original motion and then adopted.

The Superintendent reported that the Committee appointed some months ago to examine the tellurian patented by Mr. N.J. McArthur had met and examined the appliance, and that they were not ready to make any positive reports until some suggested improvements had [271] been made in its construction. The report of the committee was adopted.

[*Colored Schools Condition*] The Superintendent then reported the condition of the Colored Schools and asked whether the Board would support him in continuing to open new grades only when enough children were present to fill or almost fill the room. On motion, the Superintendent was sustained in the policy he had adopted.

[*High School M.T.*] The Allan Fund Committee recommended, through the Superintendent, that the Manual Training School be permitted to send an exhibit of work done in that school to the Dallas Fair. Recommendation adopted.

[*High School M.T.*] The Superintendent reported that he had consulted with Mr. Hunsdon, the principal of the Manual Training School, and that he had recommended that a class for work in that department be opened after school hours for boys and young men who could not attend the High School. The Board adopted this recommendation.

The office hours of the Superintendent were changed on Saturday, from afternoon to morning, to give him the privilege of attending the pedagogical seminary at the University.

The Committee on Supplies were authorized to advertise for bids on fuel for the coming winter.

[*South Austin Colored School*] Mr. Shelton reported in regard to the Colored School on the Southside, that he thought the current

condition too uncertain to warrant the building of a house, but recommended that a house be rented and a teacher employed; then the number who wished to attend could be determined and the school kept up or not, as might be found necessary. The recommendation was adopted, the question of renting a suitable house being referred back to Mr. Shelton for further investigation. [272]

[*Policy*] Mr. Rogers submitted the following amendment to Paragraph 2, Section 2 of the Rules and Regulations, signed by the three members of the Committee on Rules: The daily session begins at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 3:00 p.m. The recesses are from 10:45 to 11:00 a.m. and from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

[*Rules*] This amendment was adopted by a vote of five of the members present. Mr. Hancock suggested that 3:00 was too late for small children to be kept in school and made a motion that this question be referred to the Superintendent and Principals of the Schools, for discussion and some recommendation to the Board as to when the lower grades should be dismissed. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Shelton moved that the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Round, living with them, be considered by the Board as a resident and, as such, be admitted to the Schools. Motion adopted.

[*Resolution – South Austin Good Government Committee*] Mr. George Brush, representing the Good Government Association of South Austin addressed the Board, asking that one of the rooms at the South Austin School be divided and that an extra teacher be sent over to take charge of the grade. Mr. Hancock offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved that, in the present financial condition of the Schools, and in view of the present scholastic population of South Austin, it is not possible to grant the request of the Committee from South Austin to put a fourth teacher in the South Austin School.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

November 5, 1897

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.B. Rogers, Lewis Hancock, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of October 5 were read and approved.

[*Extra Teachers*] The next thing in order was the Superintendent's report. He stated that, in the absence of a large number of teachers during the dengue epidemic, he had placed on duty for a few days several extra supernumerary teachers, to be paid at the rate of \$2 per day. The Board ratified this action of the Superintendent.

[*Policy*] The Superintendent stated that he had consulted with the Principals, and that they had, in turn, consulted with the Primary teachers in regard to the question which had come up at the last meeting of the Board, of dismissing the first and second grades earlier than the other grades are dismissed. The report from the teachers was almost unanimous in favor of dismissing these grades in the White schools at an earlier hour. The matter was referred to the Committee on Rules, with the request that they report *instantur*, if possible.

A request from the Humane Society for the use of the High School on Saturday afternoons was not acted upon.

[*Protection*] The recommendation of the Superintendent, to have shields placed around some of the schools to protect the children and the furniture from the heat, was adopted, and the Superintendent was authorized to have these shields made and placed where necessary.

[*Rules*] The Committee on Rules brought in the following report, which was adopted by a vote of more than five members present: Amendment to Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the [274] Rules and Regulations: The daily session begins at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 3:00 p.m., with the exception of the first and second grades in the White Schools, which dismiss at 2:30 p.m. The recesses are from 10:45 to 11:00 a.m. and from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

[*Temporary Capitol Building*] The Building Committee was authorized to have such repairs made on the roof of the Temporary Capitol as are necessary.

Mr. Johnson reported for the Committee on Supplies, that the contract for furnishing coal to the Schools had been awarded to A.J. Zilker, for furnishing wood to W.H. Ainsworth. The report was received and the action of the Committee endorsed.

[*illegible (Pease)*] The following communication in regard to work done at the West Austin School by H. Kippenbrock during vacation, for which he brought in a bill for 34.5 days' work was read by the Secretary.

November 5, 1894

Mr. J.W. Graham, Chairman, Committee,

Dear Sir, we have carefully considered item by item the work done by Mr. Kippenbrock at West Austin School during vacation, and we have concluded that the work for which he has not been paid ought to have been done by him in not more than 20 days.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed, {T.G. Harris}, [T.A. Brown]

[*Allan Fund - Notes Held*] After some discussion, the report of the Superintendent and Mr. Brown was adopted.

A communication from General Hamby, in closing the letter from Mr. F. Thoerne, who desired an extension of time on notes held belonging to the Allan Fund, was read by the Secretary. Mr. Johnson moved at the extension be granted, with proper steps taken to save the liability of the endorser.

A second communication, referring to some Allan Fund matters from W.B. Wright, was read by the Secretary and, on motion, referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with power to act. [275]

[*South Austin Colored School*] Mr. Shelton, appointed as a special Committee to look for a suitable house in South Austin for a Colored school, recommended that the house belonging to Mr. Paggi be rented for one month. At the end of that time, the Board could easily determine whether the enrollment would justify keeping up a school on that side. The recommendation was adopted. The question of making arrangements to supply furniture to that school, should it be found necessary, was referred to the Superintendent, with power to act.

[*Teachers Certificate*] The Superintendent stated that Mrs. Garland's certificate, issued two years ago, had expired in October, and that she had been taking another examination to renew same, and asked that the Board give her some instruction as to their wishes in this matter. Mr. Johnson moved that the Superintendent be authorized to issue her a second grade certificate for two years, and that she be paid the salary laid down in the Rules and Regulations for teachers holding such certificate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
December 3, 1897

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.W. Smith, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson.

The minutes of November 5 were read and approved. The Superintendent then reported that he had placed Mrs. M.P. Jackson on duty at Gregorytown School and had transferred Mr. Banton to the South Austin School. This action was ratified by the Board.

[*East Austin (Bickler), Tenth Ward (Palm)*] The matter of arranging to have overground tanks, to supply the heaters at the East Austin and Tenth Ward Schools with rainwater, was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*West Austin (Pease)*] The Superintendent was authorized to have a stove placed in the hall at the West Austin School.

[*High School Lights*] The action of the Superintendent, of having extra lights placed in the High School assembly hall, was ratified by the Board.

[*1<sup>st</sup> Ward School*] The question of appointing an assistant at the First Ward School was referred to the Superintendent, with power to act.

[*Policy*] The question of allowing teachers to go home to dinner during the noon recess was brought up. Mr. Graham moved that teachers living within reasonable distance of schools be allowed to go home to dinner, provided that they can make proper arrangements with their principals. Mr. Rogers moved, as a substitute, that the matter be referred to the principals of the different buildings, for decision. The substitute was adopted.

[*Christmas - December 24 (Noon)*] It was decided that the Christmas holidays begin at noon on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December.

[*Allan Fund Note*] A communication from General Hamby, asking for some instructions from the Board in regard to Allan Fund notes held by Mr. Hubicek, was read by the Secretary. Motion was made and adopted that the time be extended, provided the interest due is paid and arrangements be made not to release the [277] endorsers.

A communication from Mr. J.B. Rogers of Bastrop was read by the Secretary. The following resolution was adopted by the Board as a testimonial to Mr. Rogers:

[*Testimonial J.B. Rogers*] This is to certify that Professor J.B. Rogers was Principal of the West Austin Graded School some years ago and voluntarily gave up the position to accept a more desirable one. While

here, his scholarship and general ability to manage and control the school met the entire approval of the Board.

[*Boher*], *Hyde Park - Discipline*] Mr. Campbell then came before the Board to appeal the case of Wallace Prior, who had been sent home from the Hyde Park School on account of some misdemeanor. After discussion, the matter was referred to the Superintendent, with power to act.

The meeting then adjourned.  
{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
January 7, 1898

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.B. Rogers, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton, R.M. Castleman, J.D. McCall.

This being the first meeting since the election, the Board met without a President in the Chair. It was moved and adopted that Judge Fulmore act as Presiding Officer until permanent organization be effected.

[*Policy*] Judge Fulmore stated that he had asked opinion of the City Attorney as to whether the County Superintendent or the County Judge should have a place on the School Board, and that the City Attorney had mailed him a written opinion, stating that the County Superintendent should be a member of the Board. Mr. Johnson moved that this opinion be spread upon the minutes of this meeting. The motion was adopted.

The Board then proceeded with the regular order of business.

The minutes of December 3 were read and approved.

[*Discipline*] The Superintendent stated, in regard to the case of Wallace Prior, referred to him at the last meeting, that on the first day of the boy's reinstatement, he had been guilty of such a gross misconduct that his teacher had found it necessary to send him home again. No further action had been taken in the matter. Since that time, Wallace's older brother in Miss Smith's room had been sent home under similar circumstances.

[*Superintendent's Statistical Report*] The attention of the Board was called to a statistical report of the condition of the Schools, showing their crowded condition.

Mr. W.J. Johnson addressed the Board, asking that he be allowed free tuition for his children for the whole session, since he had

transferred their County funds and was a city taxpayer. The [279] matter was left over, to come up later under the head of New Business.

[*6<sup>th</sup> Ward (Wooldridge)*] The Superintendent stated that the Sixth Ward School grounds had been in a dreadful condition during the late rainy spell, and that the Alderman from that ward had said that the Board could probably have gravel hauled by the City teams to improve the grounds. The matter was referred to the Building Committee, for investigation and, in case the expense to be incurred would not be too great, to have the matter attended to.

[*South Austin Colored School*] The Superintendent reported the number enrolled in the Southside Colored School. Motion was made and adopted that this school be continued for another month or until some further action be taken.

The question of adopting a spelling blank to be used in the Schools was referred to the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks Etc., with power to act.

[*East Austin (Bickler) 10<sup>th</sup> Ward (Palm)*] The Building Committee reported that two overground tanks had been supplied to furnish water to the heaters at the East Austin and Tenth Ward Schools. The action of the committee was endorsed by the Board.

[*Discipline*] Mr. Henry Kippenbrock came before the Board, to ask that his boy, who had been suspended from school for repeated truancy, be reinstated. Motion was made and adopted that the boy be reinstated, provided that he be reprimanded by the Superintendent and by his father.

The question asked by Mr. W.J. Johnson was settled by the request that the Superintendent refer Mr. Johnson to the Rule on this subject.

[*Board Officials*] Mr. C.J. Johnson then nominated Mr. J.B. Rogers for President of the Board. Mr. Castleman nominated Mr. Graham. Ballot was taken, and Mr. Rogers was elected.

Judge Fulmore was nominated for Vice President and unanimously elected.

Mr. Graham was reelected Secretary by unanimous vote.

Mr. Johnson [280] nominated General Hamby for Treasurer, and he was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Castleman offered resolution that the Treasurer be requested to send detailed monthly statement of receipts and disbursements of School funds to the Board. The resolution was adopted.

[*High School - Temporary Capitol*] A communication from Mr. French was read by the Secretary, in regard to having the street north of the Temporary Capitol sprinkled. The Superintendent was authorized to notify Mr. French that, as far as the Schools are concerned, the street does not need to be sprinkled.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Austin, Texas  
January 6, 1898

Judge Z.T. Fulmore,  
Dear Sir,

Answering your inquiry as to whether the County Superintendent or the County Judge of Travis County is entitled to sit *ex officio* as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the City, I will say that, while there is some doubt in my mind as to the proper construction of the law upon the subject, I give it as my opinion that the Superintendent and not the County Judge is entitled to sit as a member of your Board.

[*Policy*] I have examined the numerous acts of the Legislature upon the subject of public education, beginning with the Act of March 15, 1875, and covering all laws bearing upon the subject up to and including the adoption of the Revised Statutes of 1895, and while the revision in Article 4008 names the County Judge as the member of the Board, I do not believe that the provision should be construed or considered as standing by itself, independent of other provisions of the law upon the subject of the County Judges' duties in connection with the Public Free Schools of the State, but should be considered with reference to all other laws upon the subject and in connection with the history of legislation and the date of the different [281] enactments.

Article 4008 of the Revised Statutes is a reprint of Section 4 of the Act of April 3, 1879, entitled "An Act to Further Regulate and Render More Efficient the Maintenance and Management of the Public Free Schools in Cities and Towns in this State."

[*Policy*] At that time and for years thereafter, until the adoption of the Act of April 1887, the County Judge was made the head of Public Schools in the County, and it is apparent that the purpose of the Legislature in naming such officer as a

member *ex officio* of the Board of Trustees of City Schools, was to keep the Schools of the County and City in touch with each other and with the general system of the Public Schools of the State, and it was certainly for no other reason than because of his familiarity with School matters and his duties as the Superintendent of Schools in his County, that it was thought expedient to make him a member of the City School Board. If such was the intent of the Legislature, it follows that this purpose should be kept in mind in considering all subsequent legislation.

Without reviewing the different statutes upon the subject at length, your attention is directed to the fact that in creating the office of Superintendent, Section 43, in Acts of 1887, page 26, the Legislature expressly declared that he shall perform all the duties in regard to the Public Free Schools of his County imposed by law upon the County Judge of such counties as have no superintendents, and that he should have and exercise all powers and authority vested by law in such County Judge in respect to matters appertaining to the Free Public Schools.

There can certainly be no controversy that this statute was intended for these counties in which the Commissioner's Court should elect to have a Superintendent to substitute such officer in the place of the County Judge in all matters [282] pertaining to Public Free Schools under the law, which would certainly make it the right and duty of such Superintendent to sit as a member *ex officio* of the Board of Trustees of City Schools.

[*Policy*] Your attention is further directed to the fact that Section 43 of the former School Law was amended by the Act of April 15, 1891, and, by this amendment, it was declared that the County Judge or County Superintendent, if there was one, should have, under the direction of the State Superintendent, immediate supervision of all matters pertaining to public education in his County. This statute is carried forward and made Article 3931 of the Revised Statutes of 1895. Notwithstanding the fact that in 1893, the Legislature saw fit to enact at length a general Statute intended to cover the entire subject of Public Free Schools, and, in Section 37 of this Act, the Legislature covered the entire field as to the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the different counties, expressly declaring that it was only in these counties in which

there was no School Superintendent that the County Judge should be an *ex officio* County Superintendent. The provisions of this last named Act are incorporated in the Revised Statutes, Article 3929 and 3930. A note is printed in the official copy of the Statutes that article 3931, being the act of 1891 amending Section 43 above referred to, was retained and reprinted because it was not repealed. Your attention is directed to the fact in connection with the subject of repeal that in Section 95 of the Acts of 1893, the repealing clause only extended for such laws and parts of laws as were in conflict with this Act of 1893, and, while the law language of the first Act creating and defining the duties of the office of County Superintendent are not the same in both statutes, the import and effect of the language of both statutes are the same, for it is declared in the latter Statute, which is made Section 3929 of the Revised Statutes, that the County Superintendent of Public Instruction should have, under the direction of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the immediate supervision of all matters pertaining to public instruction in his County, and, in 3929, the County Judge is made [283] *ex officio* Superintendent, to perform the duties of that office, and Article 3931 provides that the County Judge, or the County Superintendent, if there be one, shall have the direction and supervision of all matters pertaining to public instruction in the county.

Unless we are permitted to consider all the statutes together, we are confronted with the proposition that, in the management of our City Schools, Articles 3929 and 3931 are broad enough to authorize the County School Superintendent to exercise supervisory powers over the City Schools, which is evidently not the intention of the Legislature

[*Policy*] And your further attention is called to the fact that, unless all of these statutes are to be considered with reference to the date of the different enactments we have in Articles 4014 and 4031 an apparent conflict, providing in one article for the separate Treasurer of School funds for the City, and in the other declaring that the City Treasurer should have the same powers and perform the same duties as are prescribed by the general laws governing County Treasurers. The latter article being Article 3791 of the Revised Statutes of 1879 was certainly

repealed by the Act of 1889, creating the office of separate Treasurer for the City School funds.

Under the Rule requiring all statutes *in pari materia* to be considered and construed together, I have reached the conclusion that the expressed declaration of the first Act of 1887, substituting the Superintendent for the County Judge in all matters pertaining to Public Schools, is carried forward by the language defining his duties and in the general outlines and structure of the Act of 1893, which is incorporated in the Revised Statutes. As the object of all rules for construing statutes is to discover the intent of the Legislature and carry into effect its purposes, it is my opinion that Article 4008 does not arbitrarily name the County Judge of the County as the representative of the State upon the City School Boards, but should be construed and read as Article 3931. [284] To the fact that the County Judge or the County Superintendent, if there be one, shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board.

As stated, I have some doubts as to whether I am correct in this construction, but I give it to you as my best judgment of the law.

Yours truly,  
T.B. Cochran, City Attorney

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Superintendent's Office  
February 4, 1898

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of January 7 were read and approved.

The regular order of business was laid aside, and the Treasurer's report was called for. First, report was made of the financial condition of the Schools, the amount on hand, and the probable amount to be received during the remaining months of the scholastic year. The Treasurer stated that \$20 as interest had been paid by Carl Renick on two notes held by the Allan Fund. The Board instructed the Treasurer to credit interest for one year on both notes.

[*Hyde Park (Barker)*] Mr. C.H. Lebold presented a proposition and plans for remodeling the Hyde Park School building for the consideration of the Board. The matter was referred to the Building Committee.

[*Schools - Enrollments*] The regular order of business was then resumed, beginning with the Superintendent's report. Attention of the Board was called to a tabulated report showing the enrollment in the different schools and comparing total enrollment with the enrollment at this time last year. The Superintendent added that, owing to the crowded condition of the Schools, and the lack of desks to seat the children that applied for admission, the Committee on Supplies had authorized him to order 100 new desks.

[*South Austin (Colored)*] A report from the teacher of the South side Colored School was read, showing that the attendance at that school did not justify its continuance. Motion was made and adopted that this school will be discontinued, and the Superintendent was instructed to transfer Mr. Banton, the teacher, to the West Austin Colored School, where an extra teacher was [286] needed.

The Superintendent reported an unpleasantness between Miss Dawson and Miss Cooke. The matter was referred to the Committee on Teachers, Etc., with Judge Fulmore added for investigation, with power to act.

[*Allan Fund*] The report of the Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee was read and, on motion, adopted.

[*Allan Fund*] Communication from Mrs. Abe Williams was read by the Secretary and, on motion, referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

[*Allan Fund*] A communication from Mr. Goldbeck was read and referred to the same Committee.

It was moved and adopted that a child whom Mrs. Lynch had practically adopted be considered a resident and, as such, to be admitted to the Schools.

A communication from Miss Ida Gerig was read and referred to the Committee on Teachers.

[*Finance*] The matter of collecting the amount due the schools from the County Bridge Bonds was referred to the Finance Committee, for investigation.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
March 4, 1898

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present: J.B. Rogers Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, W.J. Mathews, J.E. Shelton, J.D. McCall.

The minutes of February 4 were read and approved.

The Superintendent's report was the next thing in order.

A bill from Teagarden & Shumate was referred to the Finance Committee.

[*Finance*] The Treasurer then reported in regard to the financial condition of the Schools. Some discussion was held as to the form of the Treasurer's report. Motion was made and adopted that the Finance Committee instruct the Treasurer to make such report as they find necessary, in accordance with the law.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Castleman reported, for the Allan Fund Committee, that all interests due that fund had been paid, with the exception of that due by Mr. L.A. Younger. Mr. Younger was present and stated that it had been impossible for him to pay up all the interest due, but that he was still anxious to keep the place, and he offered the Board a lien on his crop for this year, with the exception of the corn, if they would grant him an extension of time. Mr. Younger was then excused, and the Board proceeded to discuss the matter at length. Mr. Castleman moved that an extension be granted up to November 1, 1898, with the understanding that if, at that time, Mr. Younger is still unable to make a settlement, he deed the property to the Board without suit. The motion was seconded and adopted.

[*High School - Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Shelton reported the amount of rent collected on the Temporary Capitol for the last two months and offered his resignation [288] as rental agent for that building. The report was adopted.

[*Finance*] Mr. Castleman moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to appoint a rental agent. Judge Fulmore amended This motion by adding that this Committee be further authorized to confer with the agent appointed, to fix rents and to instruct the agent to collect rents and to notify renters that, if all rents due are not paid at the end of 30 days, to proceed, according to law, to put out delinquents. The motion, as amended, was adopted.

[*Allan Fund*] The Allan Fund Committee reported, endorsing Mr. Goldbeck's action in reducing rent paid by Mrs. Goldman \$5 per month. The report was received.

The communication from Mrs. Eva Williams was carried forward, for future action.

After further investigation by the Committee, Mr. Graham reported for the Committee on Teachers that the difficulty between Miss Dawson and Miss Cooke had been adjusted as well as it seemed possible to adjust it at this time.

[*Finance*] Mr. Graham also reported for the Finance Committee, in regard to the amount due the Board from the interest on the Bridge Bonds, stating that he had looked into the matter and had found that the money could not be paid over for some weeks yet.

[*Hyde Park (Baker)*] In the absence of the Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Castleman and Dr. Mathews reported on the proposition submitted by Mr. Lebold for selling the Hyde Park School property to the Board. The Committee recommended that the Board reject the proposition offered. The report of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Graham recommended, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the amount of salary deducted from Miss Lucille Byers' last monthly payment, on account of three days absence at the time of her father's death, be refunded to her. The recommendation was seconded and adopted.

On motion of Judge Fulmore, it was adopted [289] that Mr. L.C. Anderson's salary be not cut on account of absence from one of the Teachers Institute's while attending an educational meeting at Dallas.

[*Policy - High School Attendance Fee*] The Superintendent reported that there were three pupils in the High School over age, in poor circumstances, who were really unable to pay tuition and stated that the Principal of the High School recommended that the Board allow them free tuition. The Board, after discussing the matter, decided that it would be establishing a precedent that might occasion some trouble later, and therefore decided against the recommendation of the High School Principal.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
April 1, 1898

At a regular meeting of the School Board, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of March 4 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was then called for and was, after some discussion of the matter it contained, received and filed.

[*High School - Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Vinson, the newly-appointed rental agent for the Temporary Capitol, then reported, giving the amount of rent he had collected, the number of renters, lists of delinquents, etc. Motion was made and adopted that the Collector be authorized to accept Miss Harrison's offer of dictionaries, instead of cash, for rent due for the School Journal office.

[*Superintendent's Report*] The Superintendent reported next in regard to the condition of the Schools. He presented a communication from the graduating class of the High School, in regard to the closing exercises. They asked first that the Board allow them to hold the exercises in the University Hall or Hancock's Opera House, and the audience be limited to those receiving invitations. If the Board should not see fit to grant this request, the class asked, as a second choice, that the Board allow the class to receive their diplomas on the last day of school in the High School assembly hall, in the presence of the Board, teachers, parents and other friends that might care to come. Judge Fulmore moved that the request of the graduating class be refused. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham, after which followed a discussion. The motion was then adopted a Committee, with Judge Fulmore as Chairman, composed of the following members of the Board, was appointed to meet with the Superintendent and the faculty of the High School on Monday afternoon at 3:00 [291] to arrange such program for the closing exercises. The Board decided to have Judge Fulmore, Misters Graham, Castleman, McCall and Rogers.

The date for the City examination was fixed at the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.

The Superintendent stated that the editor of the *Evening Tribune* desired to offer a prize of \$25 for the best essay written by a pupil of the High School on a stated subject. The request was granted by the Board.

[*Policy*] A question of residence was raised in connection with the case of Nettie Barker, attending the Hyde Park School. The fact that the girl is an orphan and here with her oldest brother, who is here for the purpose of attending the University, caused some discussion as to whether she should be considered a resident or a nonresident. The Board decided that she was a nonresident and should pay tuition.

[*Temporary Capitol - New Agent*] The Finance Committee reported that Mr. John B. Vinson had been appointed rental agent for the Temporary Capitol.

[*High School - M.T.*] A communication from Mr. Hunsdon, Principal of the Manual Training School, containing an approximate estimate of the expense to be incurred in putting in the equipment for the third years' work for that school, was read. After discussion in regard to the financial condition of the Allan Fund, Judge Fulmore moved that the Allan Fund Committee be authorized to purchase this equipment. The motion was adopted.

[*High School - M.T.*] Judge Fulmore stated that one of the girls in the High School had consulted with some members of the Board in regard to being allowed to take the work in the Manual Training School, and he moved that it is the sense of the Board that girls be admitted to this school at equal advantage with boys. The motion was adopted.

[*High School - M.T.*] Mr. Castleman moved that Louis Phillipp, the High School janitor, be paid \$40 per month [292] all the year, from the General School Fund, and \$10 per month during the term of school from the Allan Fund, for services in the Manual Training department. The motion was seconded and lost. Mr. Graham moved that he receive \$40 per month all the year from the General Fund, \$10 per month during the school term, and \$5 per month during vacation from the Allan Fund. This motion was seconded and adopted.

[*Music*] Mr. Graham read a communication from Miss Butler, Supervisor of Music, asking that the Board appropriate \$14.54 to purchase a number of song books for the different school buildings, to be used by the teachers in the music work. On motion, this amount was appropriated for this purpose.

[*Finance*] Judge Fulmore was appointed a Committee of one to investigate the condition of affairs in regard to the Bridge Bonds, and to report to the Board at its next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
April 4, 1898

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton.

[*School Census Takers*] The President then stated that he had called the meeting in order to receive some instruction from the Board as to how much he would be authorized to pay the men he should appoint to take the City scholastic census. Mr. Shelton moved that the President appoint three men to take the census and pay them at the same rate that is paid in the County: four cents *per capita*. Judge Fulmore amended This motion, leaving it to the discretion of the President, the number to be appointed. The motion, as amended, was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.  
{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
May 6, 1898

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of April 1 and 4 were read and, after some correction, approved.

The Treasurer's report was then read and, on motion, accepted and filed.

[*Policy*] Mr. T.H. Miller was present and stated to the Board that his children had been attending the West Austin School this session, that within the past month he and his family had had to move outside of the city to look after their home, which had been vacated by the tenants who had occupied it for some time before, that he had received a bill from the Principal of the school for tuition for the children from time of removal. He asked that the Board allow his children to continue in school without paying tuition. After some discussion, it was decided that these children, having moved outside of the city, must be considered nonresidents and must therefore pay tuition.

[*High School - Extra Teacher Rejected*] The Superintendent, as the first item on his report, following the regular statistical report, presented the request of the Principal of the High School, that the Board allow the employment of an extra teacher in the High School

for the next session, asking that action be taken in regard to this request this early in order that, if the request be granted, the Committee might begin to look for the right person to fill the place. After discussion, Mr. Castleman moved that the High School remains at its present status as far as teachers are concerned for the next year. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Mr. Shelton moved that a special meeting be held on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> *inst.* to discuss the question of employing male principals. Adopted. [294]

[*Garland*] 1<sup>st</sup> *Ward*] The Superintendent reported that Mrs. Garland had been obliged to leave Austin, to go to the bedside of her husband, who was very ill, that Miss J.H. Blinka had had charge of the First Ward School for almost a month, and that she had succeeded admirably in this position.

[*Commencement* *May 27, 1898, May 26 1898*] The date of the closing exercises of the High School was set for Friday, May 27; the Colored High School, Thursday, May 26.

[*High School - Temporary Capitol*] The Superintendent stated that the agent for the Temporary Capitol desired some instruction as to whether he could hold office railing and fixtures left in the building by Professor Griffiths on account of rent due. The Board authorized him to hold this property, if he can do so according to law.

Mr. George's request for a three days leave of absence during the last week of school, to visit the Dallas Schools, was granted.

[*Music*] Miss Butler's request for some decision as to whether it was the intention of the Board to employ a Supervisor of Music for the next session was left over till the next meeting one week hence.

The new bond of the Treasurer was accepted by the Board.

[*Finance*] Judge Fulmore stated that the Bridge Bonds would be issued in due time, that negotiations were being carried on for that purpose.

[*Allan Fund Note*] Mr. Castleman stated that Mr. Younger had, as captain of a calvary company, enlisted with the State Volunteers and had therefore executed a mortgage on his crop now growing, and had filed same with Judge Fulmore.

[*East Austin (Bickler)*] The question of repairing the East Austin roof was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*High School - Temporary Capitol Rentals*] The Secretary read the report of the Temporary Capitol rental agent. According to his

recommendation, he was authorized to have Yale locks put on doors of rooms, as rooms are rented.

[*Policy*] The election of Superintendent was, on motion, set for the meeting next Friday. Mr. Castleman moved that the regular meeting in May be hereafter the regular time for the election of Superintendent. Motion adopted. [295]

Three applications for positions in the Schools were referred to the Committee on Teachers, Etc.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

May 13, 1898

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews, R.M. Castleman, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

[*Superintendent Elected*] The object of the meeting being stated, Mr. Shelton moved that Mr. T.G. Harris be reelected Superintendent for one year, at the same salary paid for the last year. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Castleman moved to reconsider the motion adopted at the last meeting, to have the regular meeting in May the time for the election of Superintendent, desiring to change the time of election of Superintendent to the first meeting in June. Not receiving a second, the motion was withdrawn.

[*Policy*] Dr. Mathews moved that male Principals be employed for all of the Ward Schools. The motion was seconded and, after discussion, the question was put and lost.

[*(Miss Dawson) Teacher Resigns South Austin (Fulmore)*] Mr. Shelton stated that he had received Miss Dawson's resignation as Principal of the South Austin School and moved that a male Principal be elected for this school at a salary of \$750 per year. Judge Fulmore offered, as a substitute to This motion, that a Principal be elected for this school at a salary of \$600 per year, a male Principal if a good one can be gotten; if not a female. The motion, as amended, was adopted.

[*Supervisor of Music Elected*] Mr. Graham stated that he had spent some time during the last week visiting the Schools, to find out whether a Supervisor of Music must be [296] retained in order to have music successfully continued, and that he had come to the conclusion that it was necessary to have the services of a Supervisor, and

accordingly moved that Miss Butler be reelected at the same salary paid during the last year. The motion was seconded and adopted, and Miss Butler was declared elected.

Mr. Castleman then made a motion that Miss Butler be instructed to spend her time in instructing the teachers in music, instead of the children, in order that the teachers might learn how to carry on the work themselves. This motion received no second.

[*6<sup>th</sup> Ward (Wooldridge)*] Mr. Graham moved that action in regard to petition from some patrons of the Sixth Ward School, asking that a male Principal be employed for that school, be deferred until the next meeting. After discussion, the motion was adopted.

[*High School Diplomas*] The President and Secretary of the Board were, on motion, authorized to sign diplomas for the list of graduates approved by the High School faculty and the Superintendent.

[*Orchestra, High School Commencement*] The action of Mr. Graham in engaging Besserer's Orchestra for the High School commencement exercises, to be credited on Mr. Besserer's rent account, was approved by the Board.

On recommendation of Mr. Graham, the Board authorized the refunding of a day's salary to Miss Sayers, deducted at the time of absence on account of her brother's death.

[*Hyde Park (Baker)*] A communication from Mr. Lebold and plans for the remodeling of the Hyde Park School building, with an offer to sell property to the Board, was read and, on motion, the proposition was rejected.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 3, 1898

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, J.E. Shelton, J.D. McCall.

The minutes of May 6 and 13 were read and approved.

[*No Annual Report*] The next thing in order was the Superintendent's report. The Superintendent asked for instruction from the Board in regard to the printing of an annual report. Mr. Graham moved that it be not printed this year, since it would be quite an expense and one that could be postponed until next year. The motion was adopted.

[*High School Commencement*] The Board authorized the payment of \$10 for High School commencement invitations. \$7.60 was also appropriated to pay for Lippincott's *Biographical Dictionary*, for reference books for the High School.

The Superintendent was given permission to be absent from the office, except at such time as his presence is necessary to carry on the business of the office, to attend the School of Methods.

[*High School Teachers Elected*] The Committee on Teachers then reported they recommended the election of the following teachers in the High School: Principal J.E. Pearce, Miss Nannie Dawson, Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Mary Decherd, Miss Helen Hornsby, Mr. Alfred Freshney. This recommendation was adopted, and these teachers were declared elected.

The Committee then recommended the election of the following teachers in East Austin: Principal J.L. Taff, Miss Anna Ellis, Miss Margaret Reilley, Miss Annie Puckett, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Ada Blackburn, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Florence Worthy, [298] Miss Mary Downie, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Emma Puckett. The report of the Committee was adopted, as read.

The Committee recommended the election of the following teachers in West Austin: Principal T.A. Brown, Miss Jessie Sayers, Miss Octavia Clifton, Miss Annie Blanton, Miss Lula Bewley, Miss Lucile James, Miss Lucille Byers, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Lillie Webb, Miss Emily Numbers. The report of the Committee was adopted, as read.

The following teachers were then recommended for election in the Tenth Ward: Miss F.R. Brooke, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Annie Jary, Miss Nettie Crenshaw, Miss Helen Brady, Miss Ellen Maddox, Mrs. A.D. Pickrell, Miss Kate Eanes. The report of the Committee was adopted, and these teachers elected.

The Committee recommended the election of the following in the Sixth Ward: Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Nellie Hall, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Gertrude Whitis. The recommendation was adopted, and these teachers declared elected.

The Committee recommended the election of the following at Hyde Park: Miss Willie R. Smith, Mrs. M.B. Jackson, Miss Mary Lowry. This recommendation was also adopted.

Mr. L.W. George was then, on the recommendation of the Committee, reelected Supervisor of Writing and Drawing.

Mr. Hunsdon was reelected as Principal of the Manual Training department.

The Committee recommended that Mr. E.G. Plocker be not reelected.

The report was adopted.

In the Colored Schools, the following were recommended for election.

At Robertson Hill: L.C. Anderson, C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard. [*Gregorytown Teachers Elected*] At Gregorytown: A. Jackson, Jr., Mrs. J. Lampkin. J.D. Pettigrew, Miss A.L. Evans, L.B. Kinchion. [299]

At West Austin: W.H. Passon.

At Wheatville: G.W. Norman.

The report of the Committee, as read, was adopted.

The following janitors were elected: Louis Philipp, George Danner, H. Kippenbrock, J.E. Martin, Frank Strain.

The Committee further recommended that Miss Corelia Whitten, and Miss Maggie Gilmer be elected to regular positions. Motion adopted.

[*South Austin (Fulmore) Principal Elected*] The recommendation that Mr. J.H. Day be elected Principal of the South Austin School, in place of Miss Dawson, resigned, at a salary of \$600 per year, was adopted.

The Treasurer having come in during this last report, motion was made and adopted that his report be received before proceeding with the business of the meeting. His report was read, received and filed.

Returning to regular business, the Committee on Teachers referred the following teachers to the Board without recommendation: Mrs. Z.L. Hunt, Miss Clovie Hill, Miss Mollie Dawson, Miss Ellen Cooke. Motion was made that action in regard to these teachers be deferred until after the second City examination had been held. The matter was discussed, but it was decided to proceed to take action at this meeting. The case of each one of these teachers was brought up separately, discussed, and the Board finally decided to elect all four of them.

[*6<sup>th</sup> Ward (Wooldridge)*] Motion was made that a male Principal be elected for the Sixth Ward School at a salary of \$750 per year. The motion was seconded and lost. Motion was made that Miss McCrillis be elected Principal of the Sixth Ward School. The motion was seconded and adopted.

[*Music for Colored School*] Mr. Castleman moved that a music teacher for the Colored Schools be elected. The matter was, on motion, deferred till the next meeting. [300]

[*Policy*] Mr. Castleman recommended that the Board change the present Rule in regard to admitting pupils to the schools, so that children of city taxpayers be admitted without paying tuition. The matter was referred to the Committee on Rules.

[*High School Rooms – Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Shelton requested that the Board allow him the use of the High School rooms for the summer normal. The request was granted.

[*(At U.T. Austin) High School Commencement*] Judge Fulmore moved that resolutions thanking the President of the University and the President of the Board of Regents for the use of the University auditorium for the High School commencement exercises be adopted by the Board. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

[*City Exams*] The 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June were fixed for the second City examination.

[*East Austin (Bickler)*] Mr. Castleman reported that, at the instruction of the Board, he had engaged a man to repair the roof of the East Austin School.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

June 13, 1898

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, J.D. McCall, R.M. Castleman, J.E. Shelton.

[*3 Rooms Requested- Temporary Capitol*] The object of the meeting, as stated, was to consider a petition from a Committee of the Sons of Hermann, asking the use of three rooms in the Temporary Capitol in which to hold during vacation a school for the purpose of teaching the German language. The petition was read by the Secretary and its adoption recommended by the Committee on Buildings. Mr. Shelton moved that the petition, as recommended, be granted, that three rooms in the Temporary Capitol, to be selected by the Committee and the Superintendent, be used for this purpose, with the understanding that the Committee be responsible for all school [301] property used and have everything replaced at the end of the session as it was found. This motion was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
June 23, 1898

At a called meeting of the School Board, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, J.E. Shelton, J.D. McCall.

[*Hyde Park (Baker)*] The meeting was called to consider a petition from Mrs. C.H. Kidd, asking the Board allow her the use of one room in the Hyde Park School building for a summer school. After the petition had been read and discussed, motion was made that the request be granted. The motion was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
July 9, 1898

It being impossible to get a quorum of the Board together at the time of the regular meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, the President and one other member of the Board met on the following morning and appointed Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. as the time for a meeting to take the place of the regular monthly meeting. Accordingly, at the above-mentioned time, the Board met, the following members being present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, J.D. McCall.

The minutes of June 3, 13 and 23 were read and approved.

The Superintendent's report, composed principally of statistics concerning the school session just closed, was the first thing considered.

Next came the reports of standing Committees.

Judge Fulmore, for the Committee on Rules, reported that he had not been able to meet the other two members of the Committee, but that he had looked into the question of changing the Rule in regard to the admission of nonresident pupils referred to this Committee at the last meeting of the Board, and that he has two suggestions to make to the Board in regard to changing the Rule, leaving the Board to determine which one would be preferable. The suggestions having been given and discussed by the Board at some length, the matter was, on motion, referred back to the Committee, to report to the Board at the next meeting.

The Treasurer having come in, his report for the month of June was called for and was, on motion, received and filed.

[*Teachers Elected*] Mr. Graham then reported for the Committee on Teachers, recommending the election of Miss Maud Smith to fill the one regular position left vacant after the last election and Miss Agnes Brady, Miss Janie Warren and Miss Eula Hill, to take the positions of supernumeraries. The recommendations of the [303] Committee was on motion adopted, and these teachers declared elected. It was recommended by the Committee that Mrs. Garland, who had lately applied for reelection, be given her old position in the First Ward. The recommendation was adopted. It was moved and adopted that Miss Edla Moody be elected to the position of Assistant in the First Ward School, subject to the call of the Superintendent. In the Colored Schools, the Committee recommended that E.A. Banks, who had succeeded in getting a first grade City certificate in the last examination, be elected to a regular position. This recommendation was adopted. The committee further recommended that L.B. Kinchion be made Principal of the Gregorytown School. This recommendation was also adopted. The Committee recommended that Mrs. L.E. Lashwah, Miss F.S. Hamilton, Mrs. E.S. Lyons, Miss F.L. Collins, Miss A.O. Hubbard, T.T. Banton and Miss Tennie Hardwell be also elected. This recommendation was adopted, with the understanding that all teachers elected be assigned to duty when needed.

[*6<sup>th</sup> Ward (Wooldridge)*] A communication from patrons of the Sixth Ward School, asking that a male Principal be elected for that school, was read by the Secretary. After some discussion, motion was made and adopted that the minutes recite the fact that the petition was presented to the Board, but that no action could be taken in regard to it, since Miss McCrillis had already been elected to this position and had been notified of her election.

[*10<sup>th</sup> Ward (Palm)*] Mr. Castleman recommended that the fence around the Tenth Ward School be left as it is, since the wood in it is not strong enough to stand tearing down and setting up again. This recommendation was adopted.

[*South Austin Good Government Committee*] A communication from the Good Government Club of South Austin, read by the Secretary, was referred to the Building Committee.

A letter from B.K. Benson, representing D.C. Heath & Company, and one from Mr. Jeff M. Limor, representing [304] the Woodward & Tiernan Printing Company, in regard to change of textbooks, read by

the Secretary, were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Textbooks, with the addition of Judge Fulmore.

[*High School - Temporary Capitol*] Mr. M. Lemoire's question in regard to the price per month of two office rooms in the Temporary Capitol was referred to the Finance Committee and Mr. Vinson, the Temporary Capitol rental agent.

[*Rooms - Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Castleman moved that the claim held by the Board against Mr. Frank Brown for rent of rooms in the Temporary Capitol be put in the hands of the City Attorney. The motion was adopted.

[*Colored Teacher for Music*] Mr. Castleman moved that a Director of Music in the Colored Schools be elected at a salary of \$50 per month. The motion was seconded and, after discussion, adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
July 25, 1898

At a called meeting of the Board of School Trustees, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

[*Teacher Salaries*] The object of the meeting, as stated by the Secretary, was to have the Board take some action in regard to a recommendation from the Committee on Teachers, that the salary of a supernumerary teacher serving the second year as supernumerary be \$35 per month. The decision of the Board on this point had been called for by Miss Agnes Brady, supernumerary teacher for one year and left on the supernumerary list for another year, who, having received an offer of a position in another city, desired to know, before accepting or rejecting this offer, what salary she might expect from the Austin Board. The recommendation of the Committee that the salary of a supernumerary teacher serving the second year for \$35 per month was, on motion, adopted.

The question of the amount of salary to be paid Mr. George, as Supervisor of Penmanship and Drawing, was referred to the Finance Committee, to report at the next regular meeting.

[*Student Enrollment Increase*] Judge Fulmore suggested that, on account of the constantly-increasing enrollment in the Schools, it would probably be necessary to employ an extra teacher for the next year, and, for that reason, it would be well to retain the services of a

teacher like Miss Brady, even at the salary paid a regular teacher, in order that she might be on hand, should such need arise. No action was taken in the matter, since the meeting was called only for the purpose of considering the recommendation of the Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
August 16, 1898

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, the time for the regular meeting of the Board, no quorum could be gotten together. Therefore, the President and those present appointed a meeting to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> *inst.*, to take the place of the regular meeting. At this meeting, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, J.D. McCall.

The minutes of July 9 and 25 were read by the Secretary and approved.

[*Rooms - Temporary Capitol*] The next thing in order was the report of the Superintendent. The Board authorized the agent of the Temporary Capitol to allow 60 days on the claim held against Brown & Morris.

[*Schools Open September 12*] The date of the opening of schools was the next item. Mr. Graham moved that the schools open on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. Mr. Johnson moved that the schools open on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Castleman, the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Graham's motion was seconded and adopted.

[*South Austin (Fulmore)*] It was decided to have the seventh and eighth grades of the South Austin School moved to the city.

The question of necessary repairs to school buildings was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

The report of the Treasurer was read, received and filed.

Mr. Johnson moved that the balance due the Allan Fund from the General Fund be paid, provided that the amount does not exceed \$6,500. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The following Rule on admission, recommended by the Committee on Rules, was adopted by unanimous vote of the members present:

Section IV.

Admission.

[Rules] 1. Residents all children over seven and under 19 not otherwise disqualified, whose parents or guardians are *bona fide*

residents of the city shall be entitled to attend the City Public Schools free of tuition.

[307] [Rules] 2. Nonresident children within the scholastic age whose parents or guardians are not residents of the city shall be permitted to attend the City Schools upon payment of tuition monthly, invariably in advance, at the following rates: \$1.50 per month for first to fourth grades inclusive, \$2.50 per month for fifth to eighth grades inclusive, \$4 per month for ninth to 11<sup>th</sup> grades inclusive, provided that the Superintendent shall assign such children to the proper school buildings and provided further that the Superintendent shall have the power to reject any nonresident applicant when there is not sufficient room for such applicant in the Schools, and provided further that, should any school room become crowded after the admission of such student, the Superintendent shall have the power to discontinue such attendance.

3. [Rules] Pupils over and under the scholastic age may be admitted upon the conditions stated in Rule 2, provided that children under six years and ten months of age shall not be admitted to the Schools.

4. [Rules] Scholastic pupils residing beyond the corporate limits who have their State school funds transferred to the City may attend the City Schools for such length of time as their *pro rata* will pay for tuition in the same, at rates stated in Rule 2, after which they may attend upon payment of tuition as prescribed in Rule 2. This Rule shall apply to those peoples who are nonresidents but who board in the city and to those who move into the city temporarily for the benefit of the Schools.

The report of the Finance Committee, recommending salaries to be paid employees of the Board for the session 1898-1899, was adopted.

The report of the agent of the Temporary Capitol, Mr. Vinson, was read by the Secretary, received and filed. [308]

[Rules] Mr. Graham reported for the Textbook Committee, recommending that no changes be made in textbooks at this time. The report was adopted. Mr. Castleman moved that the Superintendent, Principals and teachers examine books during the year and report at the close of the year. Adopted. Judge Fulmore moved that the Schools take advantage of the State rates on Pennybacker's *History of Texas*, provided it is the same book now in use in the Austin Schools. The motion was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 2, 1898

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, J.E. Shelton, J.D. McCall.

The minutes of August 16 were read and approved.

The report of the Superintendent was then called for. Mr. Harris stated that, according to custom, he had arranged with janitors to have buildings put in order for the opening of schools, allowing the janitors of the large buildings a week for this work, and that principals had been instructed to call teachers together on the Thursday and Friday preceding the opening of schools, to examine pupils for entrance.

The Superintendent stated that Mr. S.S. Judd, who had been elected as Assistant in the Manual Training School, had refused to accept at the salary offered, and that Mr. Hunsdon was now in correspondence with several, with reference to securing another man for this place. Motion was made and seconded that the Allan Fund Committee be authorized to employ a man to fill this vacancy, when a suitable one could be found, the matter of salary being left to the discretion of this Committee. Mr. Castleman moved, as a substitute, that This motion be referred to the Committee on Teachers. Mr. Castleman's motion received no second, and the original motion was adopted.

The Superintendent was sustained by the Board in his decision that a relative of Mrs. Key residing with her for the benefit of the Schools should be considered a nonresident and should therefore pay tuition.

[*Finance*] The Superintendent then called the attention of the Board to some statistics, showing the financial condition of the Schools at the close of the school year ending August 31, 1898. The report, as a whole, was received.

Treasurer's report was read, received and filed. [310]

[*Repairs (6<sup>th</sup> Ward- Wheatville)*] Mr. Castleman reported that, as a member of the Building Committee, he had gone over several of the school buildings lately and had noticed that a large number of window panes had been broken out of the windows in the Sixth Ward School, and that the blinds of the Wheatville School were in a dilapidated condition, and suggested that it might be a matter of economy to have these windows wired. He quoted prices at which the

work could be done. The matter was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*South Austin (Fulmore)*] A committee from South Austin being present, motion was made and adopted that the regular order of business be set aside to give these gentlemen place on the program. Mr. George Brush read a petition from the people of the Southside. After general discussion in regard to the first part of the petition, asking that the seventh and eighth grades be taught in the South Austin School, Judge Fulmore offered the following resolution: Resolved, one, that the seventh and eighth grades be taught in South Austin; second, that a fourth teacher be employed in this school; third, that it be left to the discretion of the Building Committee whether a room will be rented for this purpose, or whether the building now used will have an addition put to it; and fourth, that the Southside residents having children belonging to these grades be required to send them to the South Austin School. This resolution was adopted. Action on the second part of the petition, asking that the state uniform series of textbooks be adopted by the Board, was, on motion, deferred until after the examination of these books by the Committee appointed, composed of Superintendent, principals and teachers, as arranged for in a previous meeting.

[*High School Fund*] Mr. Graham offered a resolution that one fourth of the annual receipts from the City Tax Collector be set aside as a High School Building Fund. The motion was seconded. Judge Fulmore moved, as a substitute, that the amount mentioned be set aside for a Building [311] Fund, not limiting its used to High School building purposes. The substitute was adopted.

[*Text Books*] Mr. Shelton made a motion that the children of the Public Schools be allowed to buy either the Sutton & Kimbrough Arithmetic, adopted by the Austin School Board, or the Sutton & Kimbrough adopted by the State, since there was no difference, except in the style of binding and in the price. The motion was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 7, 1898

At a meeting called by the Building Committee to report on what had been done in regard to building or renting a room for the seventh and eighth grades of South Austin School, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

[*Crowded Conditions near Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Castleman stated, for the Building Committee, that it had been very difficult to find a building that could be used for School purposes near the main building, that the one found was in poor repair, and that it would cost quite a good deal to fix it so that it could be used at all. Mr. Castleman, therefore, recommended that, in his judgment, it would be wiser for the Board to build an additional room to the main building, than to try to repair and rent this extra room. Motion was made that the matter be referred back to the Committee, authorizing them to rent and repair the room mentioned, if it could be done at a reasonable price; if not, to arrange to build a suitable room. The motion was seconded and adopted.

[*Teachers Elected*] Mr. Graham reported that the Committee on Teachers recommended the election of Miss Mary Carlisle as supernumerary, a vacancy having been occasioned on that list by the advance of Miss Agnes Brady to a regular position. The Board adopted the recommendation of the Committee, and Miss Mary Carlisle was declared elected as supernumerary teacher.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office  
September 24, 1898

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

[*East Austin (Bickler)*] The President has stated that the meeting was called to allow some patrons of the East Austin School an opportunity to express to the Board their views in regard to the change of boundary line between the East Austin and Tenth Ward schools, this change having been made necessary on account of the crowded condition of the sixth and seventh grades in the East Austin School and the small enrollment in these grades in the Tenth Ward School.

[*East Austin (Bickler)*] Mr. Mortimer, Mrs. Wright and others were listened to at length by the Board, and the matter was discussed generally. It was decided, however, to postpone action till Monday afternoon, the 26<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00, at which time Mr. Mortimer agreed to have his grievance ready to present to the Board in written form, and, when it would be possible, to have more members of the Board present.

The meeting accordingly adjourned till the time mentioned.

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Superintendent's Office  
September 26, 1898

At the adjourned meeting at 4:00 p.m., there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, J.D. McCall.

It being impossible to get a fuller attendance at the meeting at this hour, and some of the parties with grievances to state particularly desiring to have Mr. Johnson present at the meeting, the Board decided to adjourn till 8:00 p.m. Tuesday.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 27, 1898

At 8:00 p.m., there were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.D. McCall, R.M. Castleman.

[*East Austin & 10<sup>th</sup> Ward*] Mr. Mortimer discussed the matter of removing pupils from East Austin to the Tenth Ward School, presenting in written form and expression of the wishes and feelings of persons affected by change of line. Mrs. Wright stated her grievances. Mr. Graham moved that the Superintendent be instructed to ascertain if any pupils not living in the East Austin School district are now attending that school and, if so, to remove them. Motion adopted.

[*Boundaries*] Mr. Graham moved that the action of the Superintendent, previously authorized by a majority of the Board, in changing the boundary line between the East Austin and Tenth Ward Schools for the sixth and seventh grades from Seventh to Ninth Street, be confirmed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castleman and adopted.

[*Policy - M.T.*] It was moved and adopted that a young man who had graduated at the High School last year and who is now attending

the University be allowed to continue in the Manual Training department for this year, to finish the course.

[*Judicial*] Mr. Castleman stated that he was requested by Frank Strain to ask the Board to refund the amount apportioned by the State for his daughter, to be used for tuition in Tillotson Institute, since there was no grade in the Colored High School which she could attend. The matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 7, 1898

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, J.D. McCall.

The minutes of September 2, 7, 24, 26 and 27 were read and approved. The Treasurer then read his report, which was, on motion, received and filed.

Mr. Barker came before the Board to state that he had located in Austin, that he was the legally-appointed guardian of his sister, and asked that the Board consider his sister a resident entitled to free tuition. The Board, upon learning these facts, decided that Nettie Barker should be entitled to the privileges of a resident.

[*Temporary Capitol – Rent*] Mr. Vinson presented a request from Mr. Benson, asking that the Board allow him \$8.25 on his rent account for amount paid out for awnings for his west windows. The request was not granted.

The question of fixing the amount of rent to be charged for certain rooms in the Temporary Capitol was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Superintendent then reported, giving statistics showing the comparative enrollment for this year and last year at the close of the first month.

The matter of making arrangements for having fuel furnished to the Schools was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

[*Policy*] The Superintendent asked the Board for some instruction in regard to observing Lafayette Memorial Day in the Schools. The Board decided that it would be best not to observe it.

Mr. N.A. Banks' resignation was read and accepted.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase the *New City Directory* for the office.

[*Discipline*] Mrs. Gump came before the Board to ask [317] that her nephew, Oran Kippenbrock, be readmitted to the Schools, promising that he would give no more trouble by playing truant. The Board decided to give Oran one more trial.

[*Policy - High School M.T.*] Mr. W.M. Carter, graduate of the Baltimore Polytechnic School, who had been elected Assistant in the Manual Training School, stated that he had come here to fill the place but had found himself unable to do the work. Mr. Castleman stated that he thought that the situation justified the Board in paying the young man enough to buy a ticket home. The matter was referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

Mr. Graham reported that he and the Superintendent had purchased filters for the school buildings. The action was confirmed by the Board.

[*South Austin Addition*] Mr. Castleman reported for the Building Committee, that the addition to the South Austin School had been completed and accepted, and that it had cost \$320. The report was received.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Castleman reported that \$2,315 of the Allan Fund had been loaned out for three years at 8% on good security. This act was confirmed by the Board.

[*Policy*] The Board discussed that Mr. Bosche's nephew should be considered a resident and should therefore be entitled to free tuition.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

November 11, 1898

At the time for the regular meeting of the Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, no quorum could be gotten together, so the President and those present arranged for a meeting to take place of the regular meeting on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. At the time appointed, no quorum was present, and the President and the members present appointed a meeting for Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. At this time, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of October 7 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Policy*] Mrs. Heinatz appealed to the Board from the decision of the Principal of the West Austin School, that her son, Marvin, and her niece and nephew, the Krohn children, should be considered nonresidents without free School privileges. This question was, after discussion, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

One of the members having urgent business elsewhere at this time, the quorum was broken, and the Board adjourned, to meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
November 12, 1898

At the adjourned meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews, J.E. Shelton.

[*Policy*] The regular order of business was resumed, the Superintendent's report being the first thing called for. The Superintendent stated that information had reached the office that Addie Clinger, whose case had come before the Board some time ago and who had been classed as a resident entitled to free tuition, was really a nonresident, staying in the city during the term only for the benefit of the Schools. The decision of the Board on this question was asked by a patron of the Schools who had children similarly situated and who desired free tuition for them, if possible. The Board, after discussion, decided that Addie Clinger should be considered a nonresident and not entitled to free School privileges.

[*Policy*] The Board decided that James Burleson should be entitled to free tuition to the amount of his State school fund. It was also decided that Mr. Smith, who had had five children transferred and who was sending four of them to the West Austin School, should receive credit on his tuition account for the amount received from the transfer of five, since only four were attending school.

[*Policy*] Mr. Pinckney stated that he had formerly lived in town, but that it had become necessary for him to move to his place in the country, but that he hoped to move back to the city as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made. A bill had been sent him for tuition for his children, beginning at the time that his State school fund had been exhausted. He asked that the Board allow him the privileges of a resident. [320] The decision of the Superintendent, that

Mr. Pinkney be required to pay tuition until he moved back into the city, was confirmed by the Board.

[*Policy*] Mr. Shelton stated the case of Mr. Hill's niece, who is temporarily residing with Mrs. Delno outside of the city, but whose guardian and property are in the city. Mr. Shelton moved that she be entitled to free tuition. The motion received no second, and the matter was, on motion, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[*Policy*] In connection with the case of Mr. Ing's daughter, who had reached the age of 19 since the opening of the session, Mr. Harris asked the Board for some ruling in the case of those pupils who reached the age of 19 during the scholastic session. Mr. Johnson moved that a pupil attaining the age of 19 during the school year shall be allowed free tuition during that year. The motion was adopted.

[*Text Books*] The Superintendent stated that, according to instructions received from the Board relating to further examination of geographics for adoption in the Schools, a circular letter had been sent to all publishers of geographies, suggesting that copies be sent to all teachers of geography for examination, that the American Book Company and the University Publishing Company had sent a sufficient number to supply each teacher teaching geography, and that one sample set had been received from E.H. Butler & Company, but that no other samples had been received from the publishers notified.

[*Teacher*] The matter of electing another teacher for the Colored Schools, to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Banks, was referred to the Committee on Teachers, with power to act.

[*Scholastic Age*] Judge Fulmore moved that the scholastic age be raised from 19 to 21. After discussion, the question was put and lost.

Mr. Castleman gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board recommend that the Rule in regard to the number of constituting a quorum of the Board be changed.

Mrs. Mary B. Jackson's resignation was read by the Secretary and accepted by the Board.

[*Teacher (resigns, Elected)*] The [321] Committee on teachers recommended the election of Miss Maude Denson as supernumerary teacher, to fill the place made vacant by the advance of one of these teachers to a regular position made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Jackson. The recommendation was adopted.

[*Salary Refunded*] Motion was made that the amount deducted on account of absence because of death in family from Miss James', Miss

Hornsby's and Mrs. Lampkin's salaries be refunded. The motion was adopted.

[*Rooms – Temporary Capitol*] Motion was made and adopted that the account against Brown & Morris be turned over to the City Attorney, for suit.

[*Room Rent*] Mr. Graham reported for the Finance Committee, that the amount of rent per month for the three rooms rented by Mr. Vinson had been fixed at \$15.

The report of Mr. J.B. Vinson was read, received and filed.

[*Allan Fund*] A communication from Mr. L.S. Younger, in regard to amount of interest due Allan Fund, was read by Mr. Castleman. The Board decided to postpone action in this matter until the next regular meeting of the Board.

[*Teacher High School M.T.*] A letter from Mr. Hiram Carter of Baltimore was read, relating to the employment of Mr. Carter's son as Assistant in the Manual Training School. The Superintendent was instructed to write to Mr. Carter, explaining matters, giving copies of the letters written in regard to the employment of his son, etc.

[*Policy*] It was moved and adopted that Mr. Saunder's granddaughter, living with him, be considered a resident entitled to free tuition.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
December 2, 1898

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman J.D. McCall.

The minutes of November 11 and 12 were read and, after the addition of an omitted item, approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Judiciary*] The Superintendent's report was then called for. Statistics were given in regard to the condition of the Schools. In this connection, the question was raised by a member of the Board as to whether the State officials should be considered residents with free School privileges for their children. The Superintendent was instructed to communicate with the State Superintendent, to obtain from him a written opinion on this question.

[*Teacher Miss Gilmer*] The Superintendent stated that Miss Gilmer had been called from the city on account of the serious illness of her brother. He read a letter from her, explaining the situation to the Board. The Board decided to postpone any action in the matter until the next regular meeting.

The Superintendent was authorized to issue a duplicate warrant for \$8, payable to John Cargill, janitor, to take the place of one lost by Mr. Day.

[*Library Books*] The Superintendent suggested, for the consideration of the Board, that the Schools were in great need of reference books and general library books. Mr. Johnson offered the following resolution: Resolved that the Board appropriate to the various public schools for library purposes as much money as they will severally raise by their own efforts for this purpose, provided that the total amount to be appropriated this year for this purpose shall not exceed \$250, and provided further that teachers shall not be permitted to [323] raise money for this purpose by taking up subscriptions among pupils in the Schools or by having people solicit subscriptions or donations from their parents or other patrons of the Schools. The resolution was adopted.

Judge Fulmore stated that it had been impossible to get a meeting of the Judiciary Committee, to consider the matters referred to this Committee at the last meeting, but he recommended in the case of Mr. Hill's niece that she be considered a resident entitled to free School privileges. Mr. Johnson, as a member of the Judiciary Committee, concurred in Judge Fulmore's decision, and the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

[*Policy*] Judge Fulmore reported as not favoring Mr. Castleman's suggestion in regard to changing the number constituting a quorum, and the Board took no action in the matter.

[*High School Building Block - East 9<sup>th</sup> St.*] The question of the possibility of having a High School building was discussed. The question arose as to whether the Board would have a right to use for this purpose, should it be deemed advisable, the vacant block belonging to the City on East Ninth Street. Prior to laying this question before the Legislature, it was thought best for the Board to gain the permission of the people owning the adjoining property, to use this block for a High School. Mr. Johnson moved that a committee composed of Judge Fulmore, Mr. Castleman and Mr. McCall be appointed, to investigate this matter, interview the neighboring

property holders, and report back to the Board. The motion was adopted, and the Committee appointed.

[*Allan Fund*] A letter from Mr. L.M. Goldbeck was read and referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

Action in Mr. Younger's case was deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

January 6, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of December 2 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

In this connection, motion was made and adopted that the President and Secretary of the Board be authorized to borrow money to meet the next payroll, in the event that it be found necessary.

The Superintendent reported on the condition of the Schools and brought some special matters before the Board for their decision.

[*Wooldridge* 6<sup>th</sup> Ward] A motion was made and adopted that the Building Committee be authorized to expend \$50 or as much as may be necessary to put gravel on the Sixth Ward School yard.

[*Policy*] Motion was made and adopted that the children of Mr. Long, living with their aunt in the Sixth Ward, should be considered residents with free School privileges.

[*East Austin (Bickler)*] Mr. Taff came before the Board and asked that the East Austin School be connected with the city water main, in order that that school might have the benefit of the water for shade trees, and also in case of fire. The matter was referred to the Building Committee, to look into and to have the connection made if they found it advisable.

[*Policy*] Mr. Johnson stated that his daughter and her children had moved to Austin from Chicago, that the husband was still in Chicago, but expected to move to Austin as soon as the necessary business arrangements could be made. He asked that the Board consider his grandchildren residents with free School privileges. The Board decided that these children should be considered residents.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. L.S. Younger made a statement to the Board in regard to the payment on his place and [325] in regard to the

arrangement he desired to make for another year. The matter was referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

[*Policy - M.T.*] Mr. Zilker asked that his brother, now in the eighth grade, be allowed to attend the High School during the period of Manual Training classes, in order to get the benefit of that work. It was moved and adopted that the request be granted, provided that this assignment can be made without seriously interrupting his work at the other school.

[*Teachers*] Mr. Graham reported for the Committee on Teachers, stating that Miss Crenshaw had resigned, that Miss Eula Hill had been advanced to this regular position, and recommending that Miss Josephine Houston be elected to fill the vacancy on the supernumerary list. The recommendation was adopted. The question of the amount of salary to be paid Miss Hill was referred to the Teachers Committee.

[*High School - East 9<sup>th</sup> St*] Judge Fulmore reported for the special Committee appointed to make investigation in regard to obtaining possession of the vacant block between East Ninth and Tenth Streets and between Trinity and Neches. He stated that the consent of the adjacent property holders had been obtained, that notice of the application to the Legislature had been published, and that the consent of the City Council to act in connection with the School Board in this matter, had been gained. Mr. Johnson moved that the report of the Committee be received, approved, and that the action of the Committee be made the action of the Board. The motion was adopted.

[*Allan Fund*] Motion was made and adopted that the Allan Fund Committee grant an extension of one year's time on Mr. Hubicek's notes, provided that he pay the interest due at the present time and provide that the written consent of Judge Robertson, the endorser, be obtained.

[*Policy*] The Board decided that Mr. Rosenberg's [326] children and \_\_\_ Mc\_\_\_ should be considered residents entitled to free tuition.

The following resolution was read by Judge Fulmore and adopted by the Board:

[*Resolution - W.J. Mathews*] Resolved by this Board that the Secretary be requested to correspond with Dr. W.J. Mathews and ascertain from him whether he will be able to attend the regular meetings of the Board during the year 1899 and report to this Board the result of such correspondence, with a view to further action by the Board.

[*Teacher*] A communication from S.L. McCulloch was read by the Secretary. Motion was made and adopted that the matter be referred to the Committee on Teachers, for investigation.

[*High School Temporary Capitol - Rent*] Mr. Vinson's report was referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. Vinson asked what action the Board desire to take in regard to Mr. Frank Brown's indebtedness for rent, the matter having been previously referred to the City Attorney for action. It was left to him still to act as he might think best.

Mr. Castleman asked the permission of the Board to be absent from the next regular meeting. The permission was granted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

January 30, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, J.D. McCall.

The President stated that the meeting was called to consider a letter from State Superintendent J.S. Kendall. The Secretary read the letter, which is copied below.

Department of Education, Austin, Texas

January 26, 1899

Dear Sir,

[*Uniform Text Books*] Measures looking to an enlargement of the scope of the present Uniform Textbook Law, enacted by the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislature, will in a few days be before the 26<sup>th</sup> Legislature now in session. Points of enlargement proposed are fully set forth by the Open Letter of ex-Senator Pressler to Governor Sayers, dated December 13, 1898, and may be briefly summed up as follows:

First, the complete enrollment of the option now given two cities of 10,000 inhabitants or over, and an extension of the operation of the law to all parts of Texas alike.

Second, in addition to the uniform textbooks, now prescribed by law, to add mental arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, rhetoric, English and American literature, chemistry, Latin beginner's book, Latin grammar, Latin prose composition, Caesar and Virgil, making the teaching of Latin,

however, based on the recommendation of the local Board of Trustees. It is contended on the one hand by Mr. Pressler and other advocates of the measure that there is a need for this extension on the list of textbooks required by law at present, and also an extension of the application of the law, so as to make it apply with equal force to cities having over 10,000 population, as well as to rural districts. On the [328] other hand, it is asserted that the present law is sufficient to meet the real demands for which this law in its present form was created. From the school officials of the cities to be affected by the first proposition, I desire to receive immediately some explicit information. These officials are chosen by the people of their respective sections and are supposed to be the exponents of public sentiment on educational questions. The high schools under the control of the various towns and cities throughout the state will be affected by the second proposition, namely the selection of a uniform set of high school textbooks. From as many as possible of the officials of the schools, I likewise desire an early and clear expression of their desires on this point. Whatever information may be obtained, will be furnished by me to Governor Sayers and legislators desiring to know the views of those who are to be affected by this legislation. Please secure a meeting of your School Board or others interested in the question at once, and report to me as soon as possible whether or not your people are in favor of the proposed changes. I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

{J.S. Kendall}, State Superintendent, Public Instruction

After discussion, Mr. Graham, Mr. McCall and Mr. Harris were instructed to answer the letter, embodying the points brought out in the discussion by the Board. Following is a copy of the letter sent to Hon. J.S. Kendall.

Austin, Texas  
January 13, 1899

Honorable J.S. Kendall,  
State Superintendent, Public Instruction  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir, your circular letter relating to the extension of the State Uniform Textbook Law, so as to make it operative in cities of 10,000 inhabitants, and also to include high school texts, was

today laid before [329] the Austin School Board at a special meeting called for this purpose, and the said Board decided by unanimous vote that such extension of the above-mentioned law would, in the opinion of the Board, be detrimental to the school interests of this city. The Board also appointed the undersigned as a Committee to communicate to you the action of the Board and to state the following as some of the reasons for this action.

(1) The books now in use in the Austin Schools have, in most cases, been in use for many years, and, as a result, pupils are all supplied with the books, and in many homes there has accumulated a considerable supply of these books that may be used by younger children of the family. To force the state list into the Schools would mean the loss of all the books now in the hands of the patrons of our schools, a loss that it would take several years to recover on the small difference between the cost of the books now used here, and the cost of the state list. At any rate, the cost of the change would bring upon our people a considerable expense, that we feel it to be our official duty to avert.

(2) Our argument advanced in favor of state uniformity has been made on the claim that it would protect the people from the expense of frequent change in textbooks. To show that the people of Austin have not suffered from frequent changes of textbooks, permit us to state the fact that in the Schools, spelling books and geographies have not been changed since the organization of the Schools in 1881, that Reader's copybooks and Texas history have been changed but once in that time, that arithmetic and U.S. history have been changed about twice, and grammars but three times. These facts, taken in connection with the further fact that nearly all the books now in use here were selected by the present management and are therefore satisfactory and [330] liable to be kept for an indefinite time, show that the people of Austin need no protection from the State against the alleged abuse of frequent changes.

(3) In our opinion, some of the books on the state list are much inferior in quality to corresponding books used in Austin, and to change from our present lists to the state list would greatly impair the efficiency of our Schools. This is particularly true of readers. Our teachers have devoted much time to the selection and arrangement of texts now included in our course in reading;

to abandon this excellent course for the single series offered in the state list would be an almost fatal blow to the teaching of this important subject in our schools, for, as the law stands now, we are at liberty to use any books on the state list at state contract prices. Some of the books we are so using, namely arithmetics, grammars and Texas history, we now have the opportunity to get out of the law all the benefits it offers and yet to escape the disadvantages of its full operation. We are satisfied to be let alone, just as we are, and we think it best for our schools that we should be let alone.

Additional reasons could be given, but the Board deemed these sufficient. You will, in our opinion, do the Schools of Austin a great service by using your influence in favor of keeping these books out from under the operation of the textbook law.

Respectfully submitted,

{J.W. Graham}, {J.D. McCall}, by order of Board

A request from Mr. Rutledge, for a loan from the Allan Fund of \$1,000 on property near Hutto, was referred to the Board by Mr. McCall. After discussion, motion was made and adopted that the loan be not made without further knowledge of the land.

A communication from C.H. Lebold was read, asking for a loan on some city property. This request was also refused.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

February 3, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, J.D. McCall.

The minutes of January 6 and 30 were read and approved.

The Superintendent's report was the next thing on the program.

The usual statistical report in regard to the condition of the Schools was given.

[6<sup>th</sup> Ward (Wooldridge)] The Superintendent reported that the Building Committee had made arrangements to have gravel put on the grounds of the Sixth Ward School, that the work was almost

completed, and that the grounds would be put in a good condition at a cost of something less than \$40.

[*Teacher - High School - M.T. Department*] The Superintendent reported further that Mr. E.E. Goodell, the newly-elected Assistant in the Manual Training School, had come and had commenced work. In this connection, it was stated that a bill would probably be introduced during this session of the legislature to make manual training a part of the public school work for the state, and the suggestion was made that the members of the Legislature be invited to visit the Manual Training department here. Motion was accordingly made and adopted that the Superintendent be instructed to send invitation to the members of the Legislature to visit the school.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Allan Fund*] A communication from Mr. S.C. Granberry, in regard to an extension of time on a loan from the Allan Fund, was read. Action in the matter was postponed until Mr. Castleman's return.

[*Temporary Capitol Rent*] The report of Mr. Vinson, collector of rents for the Temporary Capitol, was read by the Secretary. [332] Motion was made and adopted that the Finance Committee be instructed to get the best settlement possible from Mr. Vinson, and then to make some other arrangement in regards to collecting rent for the building.

[*Discipline*] Oran Kippenbrock came before the Board and asked that he be reinstated in the schools, promising that after this he would give no more trouble by truancy or from any other cause. After discussion, the Board decided to give him one more trial.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

February 16, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

The President stated that the meeting had been called to take some action in regard to the Temporary Capitol building, which had been flooded from broken water pipes after the late freeze.

[*High School Temporary Capitol*] It was suggested that Mr. Sam Harlan, the agent for the building, be sent for, so that the Board might discuss with him the question of having the State attend to the necessary repairs on the building.

On returning to the office, after inspecting the building, the Board learned that Mr. Harlan could not be found. After some discussion, motion was made and adopted that a Committee composed of Judge Fulmore and Mr. Graham be appointed to call on Mr. Harlan, to investigate this matter. Judge Fulmore moved that an architect be employed to examine the building and to report as to the safety of using it again within a few days. The motion was adopted, and Mr. Graham was appointed to select the architect.

[*Discipline*] The following report of the Committee on Teachers was read and received by the Board. After thoroughly investigating the charges made by S.L. McCulloch against L.W. George, in reference to the inhuman treatment of his son, Stephen, we find that Mr. McCulloch has been misinformed, and the charges are not sustained, but we believe that Mr. George did punish Stephen in a manner unbecoming a teacher and that in the future, if necessary to whip a child, he should be requested to use a switch.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office  
February 21, 1899

At a special meeting of the School Board held at 4:00 p.m. on the above-mentioned date, to consider the charges against Superintendent Harris proffered in the *Statesman* on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., there were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, J.D. McCall, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

After hearing the testimony of Chambers Evans, the son of the complainant, it was unanimously resolved, as the sense of the Board, that the charges made by the complainant against Superintendent Harris were not supported by the testimony.

[*Judiciary*] It was also the sense of the Board that the Superintendent adopted the only proper and reasonable course in his investigation of the charges against Chambers Evans, and his action was unanimously endorsed. The Board appreciates the difficulties attendant upon preventing collisions between the children of the two races and being fully advised of the precautions taken by the Superintendent. Principals and teachers are fully satisfied that they have exercised the proper diligence in preventing troubles of the character complained of.

The Board then adjourned.  
{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
March 3, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, J.D. McCall, J.E. Shelton.

The minutes of February 3, 16 and 21 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Janitor Paid*] The Superintendent's report was next called for. Motion was made and seconded that Mr. Kippenbrock, janitor of the West Austin School, who had been absent ten days on account of the sickness and death of his daughter, be paid salary for the full month. An amendment was offered, moving to pay him the month salary, deducting the amount paid to his substitute. The amendment was seconded and adopted.

[*Policy*] It was decided by the Board that Mrs. Hornsby should be considered a nonresident and should therefore pay tuition for her children.

[*Policy*] It was decided that the Krohn children should be considered nonresidents, and the action of the Superintendent in not refunding the tuition paid was endorsed by the Board.

[*Temporary Capitol - Renting*] The Superintendent reported that the Finance Committee had turned over to him the renting of rooms in the Temporary Capitol. He reported the amount of rent collected for the month and stated that he had adopted the policy of having the renters pay or vacate the rooms. This report was approved by the Board.

The question of purchasing diplomas was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

[*Periodicals in Library*] It was moved and adopted that \$15 be appropriated to pay for periodicals to be used as reference books for the High School.

Motion was made and adopted that the [336] Spanish Methodist minister be allowed to hold Sunday school in the First Ward School building on Sundays.

[*High School Temporary Capitol*] A communication from Mr. Sam Harlan, enclosing an opinion from the Attorney General's office in regard to the repairs on Temporary Capitol, was read by the Secretary. Mr. Johnson was appointed a Committee of one to explain this matter more fully to Mr. Harlan and to investigate further, to see if the ruling in this matter could not be changed.

[*Request Rejected*] A petition from the pastor of the Colored Baptist Church, asking for the use of the Wheatville School house for church services, was read by the Secretary and, on motion, the petition was not granted.

[*Allan Fund*] A communication from Mr. S.C. Granberry was read by the Secretary and referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with power to act.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 7, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, R.M. Castleman.

The minutes of March 3 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent's report was then called for.

The attention of the Board was called to the statistical report on the blackboard.

The Superintendent stated that J.E. Martin, janitor of the Tenth Ward School, had resigned on the last day of the scholastic month, and that G. Schwarze had been appointed to fill the place. The action of the Superintendent and Miss Brooke, in making this appointment, was ratified by the Board.

[*Leave of Absence*] The Superintendent presented a request from Miss Helen Brady for a leave of absence for one year, on account of a change being needed to benefit her health. The Superintendent was authorized to inform Miss Brady that the Board consider her work satisfactory, and that, upon application for reelection to position in the Austin Schools, the fact that she has been absent for a year will not in any way prejudice her claims to reelection.

[*Wards Changed*] The Superintendent stated that the change in the number of wards and the ward boundary lines would necessitate a change in the name of some of the schools. The teachers of the Tenth Ward School submitted the name San Jacinto to the Board, as the choice of the teachers of this school for its new name. On motion, the matter of changing the name of the schools was postponed one month. [338]

Judge Fulmore moved that, inasmuch as the new law regulating the election of School Trustees had removed from the membership of this Board the Mayor and County Superintendent, four members shall hereafter constitute a quorum. This motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. J.D. Pettigrew's resignation was read and accepted. The Secretary was authorized to write Mr. Pettigrew a letter of recommendation from the Board.

The Committee on Teachers reported, recommending the election of Mrs. L.E. Lee to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Pettigrew. The report of the Committee was adopted.

A communication from L.R. Day, claiming that his son, Oliver, should receive more pay for the time he served as janitor in Mr. Kippenbrock's absence, was read by the Secretary. It was moved and adopted that this claim be rejected.

The Temporary Capitol rent report was read and received.

[*West Austin*] An invitation from the West Austin teachers to attend an entertainment at the opera house, to be given for the benefit of the library fund, was accepted with thanks.

Leave of absence for three days was granted Miss Butler, to visit other Schools, to inspect music.

The Committee on Supplies reported the purchase of 100 diplomas from Bryant & Ragsdale of Dallas for \$25, stating that the diplomas had been received and were satisfactory. Report received.

[*Law Change - Trustees*] According to the new law regulating the election of School Trustees, it was necessary to determine by ballot or otherwise which members of the Board should serve the short term, to 1901, and which the long, to 1903. Ballot was taken: Judge Fulmore, Mr. Castleman and Mr. Johnson drawing the long term, and Mr. Rogers, Mr. Graham and Dr. Mathews the short. It was unanimously adopted that hereafter [339] four votes, instead of five, be required to change a Rule.

Mr. Castleman moved that Mr. Rogers be reelected Chairman of the Board. The motion was unanimously adopted.

[*Board Reorganized*] In reorganizing the Board with six members, it was decided to dispense with the Judiciary Committee, and to make one Committee of the Supply and Building Committees.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
May 5, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman.

The minutes of April 7 were read and approved.

[*Policy*] Dr. Q.C. Smith being present, the regular order of business was set aside, to allow him to state his business with the Board without delay. Dr. Smith stated that he had a niece in the High School who had reached the age of 19 during the present term. He asked that she be allowed to continue in the High School without paying tuition until she could graduate. The Board ruled that she had a right to continue in school without paying tuition until the close of the session during which she reaches the age of 19, but any permission further than that would necessitate a change of Rule, which the Board did not think it best to consider. The Secretary was instructed to so notify the parties concerned.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Board Organization*] The question as to whether, under the new law regulating the organization of School Boards, it became necessary to reelect the Treasurer and have him furnish new bond was, on motion, referred to the City Attorney.

[*High School Invitations*] A communication from a committee of the graduating class of the High School, asking for an appropriation of \$15 to pay for commencement invitations, was read by the Secretary. It was moved and adopted that the petition be granted.

The regular order of business was then taken up, the Superintendent's report being the first item.

The regular statistical report was given.

[*Schools Close*] The 26<sup>th</sup> of May was fixed as the day for closing the Schools.

The selection of a speaker for the High School commencement exercises was left to the [341] Superintendent and a Committee from the High School faculty.

[*High School Diplomas*] It being impossible to furnish a complete list of graduates at this time, motion was made and adopted, authorizing the President and Secretary to sign diplomas for applicants for graduation recommended by the faculty of the High School, the list so furnished to be inserted in minutes of this meeting.

[*City Exams*] The date of the City examination was set for May 29, 30 and 31.

The Superintendent was instructed to communicate with Mr. T. L. Lynch, requesting him officially in the name of the Board to settle his indebtedness for rent collected and not paid over to the Board.

[*Library Appropriation*] It was decided that it was the sense of this Board that the library appropriation decided upon at a previous meeting should be reserved until the end of the session, and that, at that time, it should be prorated to the different schools in proportion to the amount raised by each school.

Motion was made and adopted that an additional two cents *per capita* be allowed for taking city scholastic census.

[*10<sup>th</sup> Ward*] Invitations and tickets to an entertainment to be given by the pupils of the Tenth Ward School were accepted, with thanks.

[*Superintendent Reelected*] This being the first meeting in May and the time for the election of a Superintendent, motion was made that Mr. Harris be reelected at the same salary. The motion was unanimously adopted.

[*High School Building*] After discussion in regard to the prospects for building a High School in the near future, Mr. Johnson moved that the Board agree to erect a \$50,000 building. The motion was seconded. Mr. Castleman, moved to amend This motion, fixing the amount at \$35,000. It was decided to postpone vote on these motions until Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., when the Board would meet to consider this item and other questions in connection with the erection of this building.

[342] Accordingly, the meeting adjourned until the time specified.

List of graduates, May 26, 1899: Daisy Dell Womack, Edna Ophelia Rogers, Arthur Ross Wooldridge, Nellie Lucy Dancy, Clara Olivia Dancy, Pearl Emma Billingsley, Katherine Wilson, Ora Carpenter, Clara Louise Gerhard, May McLaurin, Beirne Barrett, Itha Roberts, Nellie Evelyn Lyons, Mary Fiegel, Augusta Johnson, Katie Fulenwiden, Mayme Edna Littman, Paul Haden Smith, Alice Vivian Carmen, Nathaniel T. Blackburn, Charles Edwin Leonard, Edward J. Palm, Adly Jessen, Viva Hamilton, Minnie Rose, Mary Oatman.

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Superintendent's Office  
May 9, 1899

At an adjourned meeting, there were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

[*Bonds for High School*] The City Attorney, Mr. Brooks, read his opinion, prepared at the request of the Board, on the question of the legality of issuing bonds for High School building purposes.

[*Selling Bonds*] After some discussion, Mr. Johnson moved that a Committee, composed of Judge Fulmore and Mr. Castleman, be appointed to confer with the State Board of Education, to find out what would be the prospect of selling bonds to the State, for the investment of the State School Fund. This motion was adopted, and the Committee appointed.

[*High School Building Finance*] Mr. Johnson's motion, made at the last meeting, was renewed, that the Board agreed to erect a \$50,000 building. Mr. Castleman renewed his amendment, fixing the amount at \$35,000. Judge Fulmore moved, as a substitute, that the Board erect a \$45,000 building, calling for a \$40,000 bond issue, the other \$5,000 to be paid out of the balance left over from this year. The original motion prevailed, the Board deciding to issue \$50,000 in bonds for building a High School.

The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

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Superintendent's Office  
May 11, 1899

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, there were present the following: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman.

[*High School - Bonds- Citizens*] Judge Fulmore reported that the special Committee appointed had conferred with the State Board of Education, and that the Board had stated that there would be no trouble in disposing of the bonds to the State, provided that there was money on hand at the proper time. Judge J.W. Smith, who was present, responded to an invitation to address the Board, giving his views on the question under discussion. It was the opinion of the members of the Board present that the thing most necessary at this time was to get the taxpayers of the city to understand that the Board can without doubt keep the Interest and Sinking Fund on \$50,000 in bonds paid up, out of the available school revenues, without

increasing the school tax and without interfering in any way with the present plan of conducting the Schools.

A paper read by the Superintendent was ordered published by the authority of the Board, as setting forth the views of the Board on this subject.

Judge Fulmore move that a Committee composed of Mr. Rogers and Mr. Castleman be appointed to confer with the City Attorney and with him to go to the Attorney General, to ascertain the steps necessary to place this matter on a certain footing and to bring the question before the people to be voted on as soon as possible. This motion was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 18, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman.

[*High School*] The meeting was called to consider a paper written for publication, for the purpose of giving to the public some facts in connection with the proposed bond issue. After some discussion, Mr. Castleman moved that a Committee be appointed to publish articles from time to time, to solicit interviews from prominent men, and to keep the matter of the High School building and the bond issue before the people, this Committee to be composed of Judge Fulmore and Mr. Harris. Mr. Johnson moved, as a substitute, that the President appoint two members of the Board, who, in connection with Mr. Harris, should attend to this work. This motion was adopted. The President appointed Judge Fulmore and Mr. Castleman. Mr. Castleman stated that it would be impossible for him to serve on this Committee, as he expected to be out of the city for some time. Mr. Johnson moved that the President's name be added in place of Mr. Castleman. The motion was adopted. Judge Fulmore than moved at the Board authorize the publication of the paper under consideration, with the exception of one sentence. This motion was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 2, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of May 5, 9, 11 and 18 were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read, received and filed.

The opinion of the City Attorney, in regard to the necessity of reelecting the Treasurer and requiring him to give new bond, was read. Since this opinion stated that it would not be necessary to reelect a Treasure until the expiration of his term of office, no action was taken by the Board.

The Superintendent stated that it had been impossible to prepare a report for this meeting, as the reports from the different schools had not been handed in.

The President accordingly called for reports of standing Committees.

Judge Fulmore reported for the Committee on Teachers, recommending the election of teachers for the next session. In the recommendation, the teachers were grouped according to buildings.

[*Teachers - High School*] In the High School, the Committee recommended that all teachers—J.E. Pearce, A. Freshney, Misses Nannie Dawson, Fannie Ottley, Mary Decherd, Helen Hornsby, and N.S. Hunsdon and E. Goodell of the Manual Training department—be reelected. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted, and these teachers were declared elected.

[*Teachers Elected*] The Committee recommended the reelection of all the teachers on the East Austin list, with the exception of Miss Annie Puckett, whose resignation had been sent in. The list is as follows: J.L. Taff, Misses Anna Ellis, Margaret Reilley, Ada Blackburn, Janie Warren, Laura Allison, Lucy Read, Elfrieda Jessen, Florence Worthy, Mary Downie and Emma Puckett. The report of [347] the Committee was adopted, and these teachers were declared elected.

The Committee recommended the election of the following teachers at the West Austin School: T.A. Brown, Misses Jessie Sayers, O. Clifton, Annie Blanton, Clovie V. Hill, Lula Bewley, Lucile James, Lucille Byers, Lillie Webb, Minnie Dill, Emily Numbers and Mrs. A.D. Pickrell. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

In the list of teachers from the Arsenal Block School, the Committee reported that Miss Maud Smith had resigned, and that Miss Eula Hill

had no City certificate, but recommended the reelection of all the other teachers. Motion was made to vote on the Principal separately. The motion was seconded and adopted. Motion was then made that Miss Brooke be reelected Principal of this school. The motion was adopted. Motion was then made to adopt the recommendation of the Committee in regard to the six remaining teachers at this building. This motion was adopted, and Misses Pauline Trueblood, Annie Jary, Ellen Maddox, Ellen Cooke, Effie Graves and Kate Eanes were declared elected.

The Committee reported that Miss McCrillis had resigned the position of Principal of the North Austin School, but desired a place as regular teacher. They also reported the resignation of Miss Helen Brady. They recommended that the election of a Principal for that building be delayed for one week, and that the following be elected regular teachers: Misses. H.A. McCrillis, Mary Johnson, Nellie Hall, Maggie Gilmer, Mary Lee Horton, Kittie Carlisle and Gertrude Whitis. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee recommended the election of Mr. Day, Miss Agnes Brady and Miss Corelia [348] Whitten on the South Austin list. This recommendation was adopted.

Miss Mollie Dawson's name was referred to the Board without recommendation from the Committee. Motion was made and adopted that the Board defer action in this matter for one month.

The Committee recommended that Miss Willie Smith and Miss Mary Lowry from the Hyde Park School be reelected. The committee did not feel ready to report on Mrs. Hunt, and recommended that her case be left over for one month. The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee, Mrs. E.M.E. Garland and Miss Edla Moody were reelected.

On motion, it was decided that another City examination be given before the election of supernumerary teachers.

The committee recommended the election of Miss Mary S. Butler, and L.W. George as special teachers. It was decided to vote on these two names separately.

Motion was made to abolish the position of Supervisor of Music. The motion was lost.

Motion was then made to abolish the position of Supervisor of Writing and Drawing. This motion was also lost.

The recommendation of the Committee was then adopted, and Miss Butler and Mr. George were declared elected.

The Committee recommended the reelection of L.C. Anderson, C.M. White and Mrs. C. L. Woodard at the Robertson Hill School. This recommendation was adopted.

The committee then recommended the election of the following Principals: at Gregorytown, G.W. Norman; at West Austin, W.H. Passon; at Wheatville, A. Jackson, Jr. These names were voted on separately, and the recommendation of the Committee was, in each case, adopted.

The following teachers were recommended for reelection in the Colored Schools: Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, [349] Miss A.L. Evans, L.B. Kinchion, Mrs. L.E. Lee, Mrs. E.S. Lyons, Mrs. F.E. Harrell, Mrs. A.O. Hubbard, Mrs. L.E. Lashwah, and Miss F.S. Hamilton. These teachers were, on motion, declared elected.

The Committee reported that W.T. McCall had taken the City examination and had gotten a first grade certificate, and recommended that he be given a place in the Colored Schools, provided he furnish the Board satisfactory testimonials. This recommendation was adopted.

The Committee recommended the election of the following new teachers in the White Schools: Mrs. K.Z. Williams, Miss Daisy Warren, Miss Nina Hill. These names were voted on separately. Mrs. Williams and Miss Warren were elected. It was stated that Miss Nina Hill desired to have a place only on condition that she be not assigned to the South Austin School. As it is the fixed policy of the Board to elect all teachers subject to assignment later, and as Miss Hill's proviso was in conflict with this policy, she was not elected.

Mr. Castleman moved that a teacher of music be provided for the Colored Schools. Motion carried.

A communication from Mr. J.H. Day was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Board authorized the payment of bills for special janitors and police services, and for rent of piano at the High School commencement exercises.

[*Policy*] Several requests were presented to the Board for the use of school buildings during vacation for private schools. Motion was made and seconded that the Rule be strictly followed, and that the public school buildings be not used for any other than public school

purposes. Motion to reconsider was made, and action in this matter was postponed till Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> *inst.*, at 4:00 p.m.

Accordingly, the Board adjourned, to meet at the time specified.  
 {J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
 June 3, 1899

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman.

[*Teachers*] Motion to reconsider the postponed election of Miss Dawson and Mrs. Hunt was carried. Motion was then made to vote on these two teachers on next Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>. This motion carried.

[*Arsenal Block (Palm)*] The question of the advisability of building a fence around the Arsenal Block School, the kind of fence to be built, and the cost of same was referred to the Building Committee, to report back to the Board at the next regular meeting.

[*High School - Temporary Capitol*] Mr. Castleman moved that the Finance Committee be instructed to ascertain what arrangement can be made for renting the Temporary Capitol by the month, getting terms for the whole building and also for the part used by the Schools. This motion was adopted.

[*Policy*] The motion made at the previous meeting, that public school property be used for public school purposes only, was renewed. Mr. Johnson moved to amend This motion, so as to exclude the old First Ward School property, so far as Sunday services are concerned. After some discussion, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that inasmuch as two of the public school teachers have already organized schools in public school buildings, they be allowed to continue in the same for 60 days, or until the first of August, but that nobody else be allowed the use of public school buildings for any purpose.

[*Teachers*] Motion was made to reconsider the vote on Miss Nina Hill's name, inasmuch as there had been a misunderstanding in regard to the condition relating to her election. The matter was [351] reconsidered, and Miss Nina Hill was elected as regular teacher in the Schools.

The Board then adjourned, to meet Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.  
 { J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
June 9, 1899

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

[*Teachers*] As this meeting had been specially appointed for the election of a Principal of the North Austin School, the first thing called for was the report of the Committee on Teachers on this matter. Judge Fulmore reported for this Committee, recommending the election of Mr. V.R. Morris. Judge Fulmore and other members of the committee stated their reasons for selecting Mr. Morris out of all the list of applicants. Motion was made and seconded that Mr. Morris be elected. The motion carried, and Mr. Morris was declared elected. The question of the amount of salary to be paid Mr. Morris came up for discussion. Motion was made that the salary for this position be for this year \$850. A substitute to This motion was offered, fixing the salary at \$1,000. The substitute was adopted. Motion was then made to reconsider this matter. This motion carried, and the matter was then referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Johnson moved that Miss Mollie Dawson be reelected. The motion was seconded, and the question discussed. Action in the matter was then, on motion, postponed until the next regular meeting.

Mr. Johnson then moved that Mrs. Hunt be [352] reelected. The motion was seconded and adopted, and Mrs. Hunt was declared elected.

[*M.T. Janitor*] Judge Fulmore presented application of \_\_\_ to be janitor of the Manual Training School at a salary of not less than \$50 per month. The application was declined.

[*Teacher*] Communications from Mrs. Jackson, Miss McCulloch, and several applicants for positions in the Schools were referred to the Committee on Teachers.

[*High School - Temporary Capitol*] Report of rent collected for Temporary Capitol was read, received and filed.

The Finance Committee had no definite report to make in regard to the Temporary Capitol and were given more time to investigate this question, the result of their investigation to be reported back to the Board at a called meeting.

[*High School - Bond Issue*] Motion was made that a mass meeting be held at the courthouse on the night of the 17<sup>th</sup>, in the interest of the

High School bond issue, and that the Superintendent be authorized to advertise this meeting through circulars and otherwise.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 28, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board at 4:00 p.m., there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, W.J. Mathews.

[*High School - Temporary Capitol*] The first matter discussed was the necessity for making arrangements for re-leasing the Temporary Capitol until the new High School building could be completed. Motion was made to leave the matter with the Finance Committee, to make the best arrangement possible with Mr. Harlan. This motion was seconded and discussed. The matter was then postponed till a meeting appointed for the 29<sup>th</sup> *inst.*

Some general matters connected with the new High School building were then discussed. The question as to whether the Manual Training department should be under the same roof with the main High School was brought up, but no action was taken.

The Board adjourned to meet at 4:00 p.m., Thursday.

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Superintendent's Office

July 3, 1899

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, there were present the following members: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson.

[*Temporary Capitol - High School Building*] Report was made that, at an informal meeting of the Board on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, arrangements had been made to release the Temporary Capitol for eight months, beginning July 1, for \$1,000. After discussion in regard to the new High School building, the following points were decided: (1) that the High School proper and the Manual Training department are to be in one building, (2) that the building is to be of brick, with stone trimmings, (3) that the contractor's price shall not exceed \$45,000, (4) that \$1,000 shall be offered for plans and specifications, to be paid when contract is let, (5) that advertisement should shall be made in *Statesman*, *Houston Post*, *Galveston News* and *Dallas News*, architects to

be referred to Superintendent's office for information, (6) that plans shall be on uniform scale of one-eighth inch to the foot, (7) the plans shall be received up to noon, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

July 7, 1899

At a regular meeting of the School Board, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson.

The minutes of June 2, 3, 9, 28, and of July 3, were read and, after some correction, approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent's report was then called for. After the statistical report for the year had been given, action was taken in the following matters brought before the Board by the Superintendent.

[*High School Advertised*] The Superintendent reported that plans for a High School building had been advertised for in the *Dallas News*, the *Galveston News*, the *Houston Post*, and the *Austin Statesman*. This report was approved.

The Board decided to hold the next City examination August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The matter of purchasing necessary stationery for the office was referred to the Superintendent and the Committee on Supplies.

The Superintendent was authorized to have printed a school report and course of study at a cost not to exceed \$75.

The report of teachers in regard to change of textbooks was referred to the Committee on Textbooks, to report back at the next regular meeting of the Board.

[*High School Building*] The Superintendent read the circular letter prepared for architects and asked for any suggestions or changes that the Board might see fit to make. The Board decided to reconsider vote taken at last meeting, by which it was decided that the building should be of brick, and instructed the Superintendent to change the wording of the letter, making it read "of stone or of pressed brick, trimmed in stone." [356] The Board also decided that the building should face west. These two points were to be incorporated in the letter to architect.

[*High School Building*] Motion was made to locate the building in the center of the block. On this point, and on the method of heading to be employed, action was deferred.

The report of the Finance Committee, recommending salaries for the session 1899-1900, was adopted.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Castleman, as Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, reported a loan of \$1,100 to W.C. Goodwyn on 40 acres of land near Austin at 8% for five years. The report was adopted.

[*Gregorytown (Blackshear)*] The matter of opening bids for repairing the Gregorytown School building, which had fallen after the recent rains, was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*Teacher*] The question of reelecting Miss Mollie Dawson was, after some discussion, referred to a special Committee composed of Mr. Castleman and Mr. Graham, to report back to the Board at a called meeting.

[*High School Building*] Mr. Franklin addressed the Board briefly on the question of having the new High School a fireproof building. No action was taken in the matter.

Mr. A.O. Watson offered the following suggestion to the Board: that 3.5% of the cost of the new building be paid for plans and specifications, \$125 to be paid for second best plan, \$75 for third best, and the remainder of the 3.5% for the first plan on the one adopted. No action was taken in this matter.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

July 15, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, W.J. Mathews.

[*High School Building*] The meeting was called to discuss the form of High School bond ordinance prepared by the City Attorney, to be brought before the City Council. The ordinance was read by the Secretary and, after discussion, the following form was agreed upon:

[*Bond Ordinance*] An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Austin to the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting a Public Free High School building for said the City, and to provide as fund for payment of the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon.

Whereas it has been determined by the City Council of the City of Austin that said City is in need of an additional Public Free High School building and that the cost of said building will be an amount estimated at \$50,000; and

Whereas it will be necessary to issue the bonds of said city in order to secure the necessary funds to pay for said building; and

Whereas at an election held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1899, to determine whether or not said bonds should be issued more than two-thirds of the qualified voters in said City who pay taxes on property real or personal in said City consented to the issuance of said bonds;

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

Section 1. That the bonds of said City be called City of Austin Public Free High School bonds be issued under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and City Charter of said City for the purpose of erecting [358] a Public Free High School building within the limits of said City. Said bonds shall be numbered consecutively from 1 to 100 inclusive, and shall be of the denomination of \$500 each, aggregating \$50,000. They shall be dated the first day of August, 1899, and shall become due and payable 20 years from date, but may be redeemed at the pleasure of the City as follows: Numbers 1 to 30 inclusive at the option of the City, numbers 31 to 50 inclusive at the option of the City after five years, and numbers 51 to 100 inclusive at the option of the City after 10 years. They shall bear interest at the rate of 5% *per annum*, payable semiannually on the first days of January and July of each year. Principal and interest shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of bond on proper coupon in gold coin of the United States of America at its present standard of weight and fineness, at the banking house of S.M. Swenson & Sons in the city and state of New York. Said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor, countersigned by the City Clerk, and registered by the City Treasurer, and the names of the Mayor and Clerk may be lithographed on the coupons.

Section 2. That said bonds shall be sold and negotiated by the Mayor, under the direction of the City Board of School Trustees at such times and in such amounts as to them shall seem best for the prompt and efficient erection of the proposed High School building.

Section 3. That there shall be levied and collected annually a tax of 3.5 cents on each \$100 worth of property made taxable by the Charter of the City of Austin and the Constitution and laws of the State of

Texas, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of paying the interest and 2% from Sinking Fund annually on said bonds.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office

July 18, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, Z.T. Fulmore, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, W.J. Mathews.

[*Bond Ordinance*] The meeting was called in order that Judge Fulmore, who was absent from the city at the time of the last meeting, when action in regard to the bond ordinance was taken, might bring before the Board his views on this subject. Mr. Castleman moved to reconsider the action of the Board of last Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> *instant*, with reference to the bond ordinance. This motion carried. Judge Fulmore then read to the Board a paper he had prepared on this subject. The question was then generally discussed. Mr. Castleman then made motion that the ordinance, as it stands, be adopted. The motion was put and adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

July 25, 1899

At a special meeting of the Board at 4:00 p.m., the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman.

[*Bonds*] The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the question of having bonds printed or lithographed. Letters from lithographers were read, and samples of both printed and lithographed bonds were examined and discussed.

The question of the kind of bond and the form to be adopted was referred to the Finance Committee in connection with the Mayor.

[*Allan Fund*] A letter from L.N. Goldbeck, recommending the sale of a tract of land in Mason County, in which the Allan Fund held one-half interest, was read. Motion was made by Mr. Castleman that the recommendation be adopted. The motion was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.  
 {J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
 August 4, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board at 4:00 p.m., the following were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson.

The minutes of July 7, 15, 18 and 25 were read and approved.

There being no report from the Superintendent, reports from standing Committees were called for.

The Committee on Teachers asked that the special Committee appointed to investigate Miss Dawson's case report first. Accordingly, Mr. Castleman reported for this committee. Mr. Johnson then made motion that Miss Dawson be elected. There was no second to the motion.

The Treasurer having come in, his report was read, received and filed.

[*Bonds*] Mr. Castleman then reported for the Finance Committee, in regard to High School bonds, stating that arrangements had been made with the Maverick Clarke Litho. Company of San Antonio to lithograph bonds, and that advertisement of sale of bonds was to be made in the *New York Bond Buyer*. The report was accepted, and the action of the Committee endorsed.

[\$10,000 *High School Bonds Taken by City*] Mr. Castleman reported that the Mayor had stated that there was \$10,000 Sinking Fund, which might be used to purchase school time bonds. Mr. Castleman also reported a proposition for a loan of \$6,500 of the Allan Fund for five years at 7%. Action postponed till after September 1.

[*Building Plans*] At the request of two architects, the time for receiving plans was extended one week, or up to August 14, at 9:00 a.m.

[*Teachers*] Returning to the election of teachers, Mr. Johnson renewed his motion that Miss Dawson be reelected. The motion was seconded and lost.

The Committee on Teachers recommended that Miss Mary Carlisle and Miss Josephine Houston be elected as regular teachers, to fill the two vacancies remaining. The recommendation was [362] adopted.

The Committee recommended that Miss Eva Allen, Miss Eula Hill and Miss Mary Lu McCulloch be elected supernumerary teachers. These teachers were declared elected, and their names were placed in

the following order for assignments to regular places, in case of vacancies: Miss Eula Hill, Miss Eva Allen, Miss Mary Lu McCulloch.

Mr. Rufus Meroney and Miss Tennie Hardwell were elected as teachers in the Colored Schools, subject to assignment, when needed.

[*High School Temporary Capitol*] A request from J.B. Vinson, asking the Board to allow him to pay rent at end of month, instead of in advance, was presented. The Board instructed the Superintendent to collect rent in advance, according to the Rule, or to serve notice.

It was decided to postpone the report of principals and teachers on textbooks till the regular meeting in October.

[*Fulmore Resigns*] Judge Fulmore's resignation, dated July 18, was accepted by the Board. Dr. George P. Garrison was unanimously elected to fill the place on the Board thus made vacant.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

August 14, 1899

Board met at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, W.J. Mathews, G.P. Garrison.

Board decided to extend time for receiving plans to 2:00 p.m. of this day.

[*Arch Plans*] Mr. Riely Gordon presented and explained one of the plans offered by him and Mr. McDonald. This occupied the time till noon.

The Board met again at 2:00 p.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson.

[*Arch. Plans*] Mr. Gordon and McDonald occupied the time of the afternoon session, in discussing with the Board various questions in regard to specifications, cost, and character of different kinds of materials, etc.

Board met again at 8:30 p.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson.

[*Arch Plans*] Mr. H.M. Greene of Dallas presented and explained his plans and specifications.

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August 15, 1899

Board met at 9:00 a.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison.

[*Arch Plans*] Some time was spent by Board in considering plans sent from other places and not presented by architects in person. Mr. H.P. Bickler presented the plans and specifications of J.C. Newsom of Philadelphia. Mr. C.H. Page, Jr. presented his plans and specifications to the Board and explained them.

Board met at 2:00 p.m. Present: J.B. Rogers J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison.

[*Arch Plans*] Some outside plans were examined and discussed by the Board. Mr. A.O. Watson presented and explained his plans and specifications.

Board met at 8:30 p.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison.

[*Arch Plans*] Mr. J.L. O'Connor presented and explained his plans and specifications.

Some time was also spent in discussing the merits of some of the plans sent from other places.

The Board decided to adhere to former decision as to not receiving plans after 2:00 p.m. [on the] 14<sup>th</sup>.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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August 16, 1899

Board met at 8:30 a.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison.

Mr. McDonald presented and explained plans and specifications.

[*Plans-Site*] After discussion of merits of various plans, it was decided (1) to go in a body to the school lot and study carefully the topography of the grounds, and (2) to take up and consider again in detail the plans offered by the following five architects: Gordon, McDonald, Watson, O'Connor and Page.

The forenoon session was spent in this way.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Board met at 2:00 p.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison.

[*Plans Studied*] The Board continued the consideration of the five plans selected for the second examination, till 4:00 p.m. At this time, a vote on the adoption of a plan was taken by ballot and resulted as follows: the Gordon plan, 2; McDonald plan, 2; and the Watson plan, 1. After a brief discussion, another ballot was taken, which resulted in 3 votes for the Gordon plan, and 2 votes for the McDonald plan. The vote was made unanimous in favor of the Gordon plan. It was understood from the beginning that the plan spoken of as the Gordon and the ones spoken of as the McDonald plan were in fact both joint plans of Mr. McDonald and Gordon, associated architects

Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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August 19, 1899

Board met at 9:00 a.m. Full board present.

[*Conference with Arch*] The Board met to confer with Misters McDonald and Gordon as to some small changes in the minor details of plans. After a brief interview, Board adjourned till 8:30 p.m., at which time it was agreed that the architects would present to the Board a modification of the adopted plan, providing for more cloak room on second floor of building.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 p.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison.

[*Plans Discussion - Bids Advertised*] The architects, Misters McDonald and Gordon, presented suggestions as to such changes as they thought would furnish the additional amount of cloak room desired. Architects agreed to have the completed plans and working drawings of the building finished and ready for use of contractors by the 29<sup>th</sup> of August.

The Superintendent was accordingly instructed to insert in the *Dallas News*, the *Houston Post* and the *Austin Statesman* an appropriate notice to contractors, calling for bids for the erection of the High School building, and fixing 4:00 p.m., September 7, as the time for opening these bids.

Architects were instructed to ask for bids on the original plans and on those plans, as changed, to give additional cloakroom.

Board adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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August 13, 1899

The Board met at 4:00 p.m. The following were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, C.J. Johnson.

The meeting was for the purpose of conferring with the architects in regard to some minor details of the plans and specifications.

[*Teachers*] Before proceeding with this business, however, it was decided that some action should be taken in regard to the third place on the supernumerary lists to which Miss Mary Lu McCulloch had been elected. According to agreement, this place was declared vacant, as no message from Miss McCulloch, signifying her acceptance, has reached the ward by the time for the Board to meet. Accordingly, motion was made that Miss Hallie Walker be elected to fill the vacancy. This motion was adopted, and Miss Walker was declared elected.

[*Plans – Supervision-Contracts*] Proceeding with the regular business of the evening, it was decided that, in the plans and specifications where supervision was referred to, the reading should be “architect or superintendent.” It was decided that any expense for arbitration should be divided equally between the two parties, [and] that all copies should so read. It was decided that 90% should be paid on estimate of material and work in building, reserving 10% till building is completed, attention being called to the fact that the contractor would be required to guarantee his work for six months after completion of the building.

Inquiry was made as to whether bondsman would be held liable during these six months. The architect explained that the bond would be so drawn as to hold the bondsmen liable till the expiration of six months after the completion of the building,

The thickness of doors and the sash was changed, [368] from one and three-eighths inches, to one and three-fourths inches. It was decided to have inside doors all wood, instead of wood and glass.

There being no other changes suggested, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
September 1, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison, C.J. Johnson.

The minutes of August 4, 14, 15, 16, 19 and 30 were read and approved.

[*High School Temporary Capitol*] Report of rent collected on Temporary Capitol read and received.

Motion was made and adopted that the President of the Board be authorized to call the attention of the grand jury to the fact that T.L. Lynch had collected rents for rooms in the Temporary Capitol and had failed to turn them over to the Board.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent stated that the first copies of the annual report had just come from the hands of the printer, and that the cost of 1,000 copies would not exceed \$60.

September 11 was fixed as the time for the opening of schools.

[*Bond Bids Opened*] Mayor McCall then proceeded to open bids for the purchase of the High School bonds. The bids were opened in the following order.

1. A.J. Hays & Sons, Cleveland, Ohio, on \$35,000 of bonds: par premium of \$1,892 in accrued interest,
2. S.A. Kean, Chicago, Illinois, on \$35,000: par \$35,000, no certified check enclosed.
3. Mason, Lewis & Company, Chicago, Illinois on \$35,000: \$37,194.50 and accrued interest.
4. Feder, Holzman & Company, Cincinnati, Ohio on \$35,000: par and [369] premium of \$1,508 and accrued interest.
5. First National Bank of Austin, for L.A. Coquard of St Louis, Missouri, for bonds numbers 11 to 30 inclusive \$10,000, 101 flat for bonds numbers 31 to 50 inclusive \$10,000, 102 flat for bonds numbers 50 to 100 inclusive, \$25,000 103 flat.

[*Bond Bidder Accepted*] After discussing the matter thoroughly, the Board, on motion, decided to accept the bid of Mason, Lewis & Company of Chicago, and instructed the Mayor to furnish them with all necessary information in regard to the bond issue.

[*Policy*] Oran Kippenbrock came before the Board to ask to be reinstated, he having been suspended on account of unexcused

absence. The Board decided that they could not grant this request, as Orin had been suspended on the same charge several times before.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

September 7, 1899

The School Board met at 4:00 p.m. to open bids for the new High School building. The following members were present: J.B. Rogers, R.N. Castleman, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, C.J. Johnson.

[*High School - Arch-Bids*] On motion, Misters McDonald and Gordon were selected as supervising architects, with the understanding that a superintendent of construction be elected later.

Motion was then made to open and read bids. Motion carried, and the following bids were read by the Secretary on building:

1. Charles A Shurr
2. Fischer & Lambie
3. James Belger
4. Ledbetter & Wattinger

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On plumbing:

1. M. Damschke
2. W.A. Burke
3. Teagarden & Shumate
4. George A. Brush

On wiring:

1. Teagarden & Shumate
2. W.A. Burke

In order to give the members of the Board time to look over these bids carefully, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

September 9, 1899

The Board met at 4:00 p.m., all the members being present.

[*Arch to Supervise*] Mr. Johnson moved that Mr. Burt McDonald be appointed to personally superintend the work of building the High School. This motion was seconded and, after discussion, was adopted.

[*Brick*] Mr. Castleman moved that yellow brick be used. The motion was seconded and lost. Motion was then made that red brick be used. This motion carried.

[*Low Bidder*] Mr. Johnson then moved that the contract for building be let to the lowest bidders, with the understanding that, in the event the bonds are not sold, this arrangement does not stand and the Board is to be held to blameless. This motion was adopted.

Misters Ledbetter & Wattinger, the lowest bidders on building, then came before the Board and agreed to accept the contract with the conditions above named.

[*Plumbing Contract*] Motion was then made that the contract for plumbing be awarded W.A. Burke, the lowest bidder, subject to the conditions mentioned above. This motion was adopted.

[*Discipline*] Milam Depew and his aunt, Mrs. Owen, came before the Board to get permission for Milam to be reinstated in school. After questioning Milam and getting him to promise that in the future he would try to give his teacher no trouble, the Board decided to reinstate him, transferring him to the East Austin School.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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September 22, 1899

The meeting was called in order that the Board might decide what course to pursue in communicating with Mason, Lewis & Company in regard to the sale of the bonds. The following were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison.

[*Policy*] Mr. Shelton presented a case to the Board at the request of Mr. Tannehill, in which the Board was to decide whether Mr. Tannehill's nephew should be considered a resident or a nonresident. After discussion, the Board decided that this boy should be considered a nonresident, and authorized the Superintendent to give Mr. Tannehill written statement of facts in regard to the case.

The Board decided that Altie Hill, living for the present with Mr. George T. Keeble, should be considered a nonresident, and authorized the Superintendent to furnish Mr. Keeble with a written statement of facts in regard to the case.

It was decided that Mr. Hilliard's niece should be considered a resident with right to free tuition.

[*High School*] Mr. Castleman moved that the President of the Board be authorized to notify Mayor McCall to communicate by telegram

with Mason, Lewis & Company to the effect that papers had been forwarded at certain date, that no answer had been received, and to ask whether any further information was desired. Motion seconded and carried.

[*Officer*] The President reminded the Board that no Vice President had been elected since Judge Fulmore's resignation. Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Castleman for this office, and Mr. Castleman was elected by acclamation.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 25, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board, the following members were present: R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, G.P. Garrison.

[*High School Bond Sales*] The meeting was called for the purpose of taking some action in regard to the communication from Mason, Lewis & Company, in which they refused to take the bonds, giving their reasons for so doing and enclosing the letter from their attorney in regard to the matter. Mr. Johnson made the following motion: that the matter be taken up by the Mayor, the City Attorney and the Superintendent of Schools, that Mason, Lewis & Company's letter be answered, and that this Committee correspond with the other bidders, furnishing them with a copy of letter from Mason, Lewis & Company and from their attorney, together with copy of letter sent to Mason, Lewis & Company, and with certified copies of all papers relating to bond issue. Mr. Castleman amended This motion by suggesting that the Committee ask further whether bidders are ready to stand by their former bids, and, if not, to make an offer. The motion, as amended, was adopted, after which the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 29, 1899

At a special meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson.

[*Contractors Bonds*] A proposition from the contractors, in regard to disposing of the bonds, was discussed, but no action was taken in the matter.

After discussing some other matters in a general way, the meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

October 2, 1899

[*High School*] At a meeting called to take some action toward arranging for new quarters for the High School, this action having been made necessary by the burning of the Temporary Capitol. the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, G.P. Garrison.

[*Policy*] It was decided that the Wilcox children should be admitted to the Schools as residents.

[*High School*] The Building Committee, with Dr. Garrison added, were authorized to select a building for the High School and to report back to the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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October 5, 1899

At a special meeting at 10:00 a.m., the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, G.P. Garrison.

[*High School - Smith Opera House*] The Board met to consider the leasing for use of the High School of the building known as the Smith Opera House building on West Sixth Street and belonging to Mr. J.B. Mitchell. It was agreed to take the entire building for eight months, beginning at date of lease, at \$125 per month, with the understanding (1) that Mr. John Dowell should be allowed to remain in the building as the tenant of the School Board, if he should choose to do so, (2) the Board is authorized to make such changes in rooms by removal of partitions, etc., as may be necessary to adapt the building to the needs of the school, provided that, at the termination of the lease, the building is to be restored to its present condition at the expense of the Board, (3) the Board will be authorized to make necessary additions to the building and remove the same at the expiration of the lease. The Building Committee was authorized to close contract with Mr. Mitchell, in accordance with the foregoing agreement.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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October 6, 1899

Regular meeting. Present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, G.P. Garrison.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with till the next regular meeting.

[*Bonds*] Mr. James R. Johnson being present, motion was made to consider the bond question first. Mr. Johnson asked the Board to wait until Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>, before taking any action in regard to disposing of the bonds, in order that he might have time to receive a communication from L.A. Coquard of St. Louis relative to a bid submitted by him. Action in the matter was accordingly postponed.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent made no statistical report, but brought some matters before the Board in order that some action relating thereto might be authorized by the Board.

The matter of contracting for fuel was referred to the Building and Supply Committee.

[*Palm*] This Committee was also authorized to make some necessary repairs at the Arsenal Block School.

The Superintendent was authorized to draw warrant payable to himself or to Mr. Pearce, for amount necessary to settle small accounts against the Schools for moving repairs, etc. occasioned by the fire. He was also authorized to draw a warrant on the Allan Fund, payable to Mr. Hunsdon, for amount necessary to cover expense to that fund.

[*Smith Opera House*] The question of making necessary repairs at the Smith office building, to fit it for a High School, was referred to the Building Committee, with the addition of Mr. Harris and Mr. Pearce.

[*M.T.*] Mr. Castleman moved that the Allan Manual Training machinery be insured for \$5,000, \$3,500 of this amount to be given to Miss Searight, and \$1,500 to Alfred Smith & Brother. The motion was adopted. It was also decided to insure the High School and office furniture and other property for \$1,000, this policy to be given to Mr. W.G. Bell [377]

[*Policy*] It was decided that Mr. Rosengren's nephew should be considered a nonresident and should be required to pay tuition.

[*High School Building*] The copy of the lease of the new High School building was read and approved by the Board, after which the Board adjourned, to meet on the 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

October 7, 1899

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

[*High School Bonds*] The matter of selling the High School bonds to L.A. Coquard of St. Louis was discussed at length, and the following motion was passed: That the offer made by L.A. Coquard in his letter of October 2 to James R. Johnson (see copy of letter below) for the High School bonds be accepted on condition that he furnish the Board a satisfactory guarantee that he will pay for the bonds by October 30, 1899. Mr. Graham was instructed to make known to Mr. Johnson the result of the meeting.

Board adjourned to meet Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.

Following is a copy of L.A. Coquard's letter:

L.A. Coquard Bonds, Stocks & Investment Securities  
St. Louis, Missouri

St. Louis  
October 2, 1899

Mr. James R. Johnson, President, Austin, Texas

[*High School Bonds Letter*] Dear Sir, I wired you today as follows: "Will give two premium ten twenties, one premium five twenties, both flat, to be deposited immediately American Exchange Bank, St. Louis, with instructions to deliver to me in amounts as I call for them, paying price agreed [378] upon. I agreed to take all up by October 20, same way I handled Dam Bonds. Answer quick," And, up to writing, have no reply.

Judge Clover has examined the papers quite carefully for the short time he had, but he concurs in the opinion of Mr. City Attorney Brooks.

The fact that these bonds have been published to the bond would that they were sold to Mason, Lewis & Company at a high price, and they turning them down for reasons will affect their saleability, but I'm willing to take the chance and risk my reputation as a bond seller and take the bonds as per my telegram. You know that I sold the Austin dam bonds under the most difficult circumstance. The City deposited the bonds with American Exchange Bank, St Louis, at price agreed upon flat, and I took them up in lots of \$1,000 or more, and I could sell them.

If I buy these school bonds, I want nothing said about it, for I do not want any of my opponents to know that I have bought the bonds, for, if they do, they will use their best endeavors to defeat the sale of them.

This is a good chance for the School Board, and I hope they will have the good sense to accept my proposition at once, for I will ask for every day they delay in accepting a day longer for absolute time of payment for the lot. I am very sanguine. I can sell the bonds in ten days.

I never made a mistake yet, and I will not now. As to the short bonds, I can probably handle them, but I would want them to come in at the last. I think I could handle them by November 5 at par flat.

Give this your prompt attention, and I will allow you a fair compensation for your services.

Respectfully,  
{L.A. Coquard}

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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October 9, 1899

Board met at 9:30 a.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson.

[*Letter (Bonds)*] The letter written by L.A. Coquard of St. Louis to James R. Johnson, October 7 (see copy of letter below), relative to purchase of High School bonds, was laid before the Board and considered. After a full discussion of the situation, it was moved and carried that the offer of L.A. Coquard, made in his letter of October 7 to James R. Johnson, be accepted, and that the bonds be forwarded to the American Exchange Bank of St. Louis upon receipt by James R. Johnson of L.A. Coquard's certified check for \$500, to be forfeited to the City in case he fails to pay for the bonds by October 30, 1899.

Copy of letter:

L.A. Coquard Bonds, Stocks & Investment Securities  
St. Louis, Missouri

St. Louis  
October 7, 1899

James R. Johnson, Esq., President, Austin, Texas

[*Letter (Bonds)*] Dear Sir, your telegraph of yesterday was received late last night, which was, as follows: "Board in session, can get bonds at two and one premium. Answer quick." and in consequence was not answered until this morning, which was, as follows: "Will take Austin's on condition stated in letter of 2<sup>nd</sup>. Answer quick."

In reply to same, I received your telegram as follows: "Board accepts, provided American Exchange Bank or some other reliable institution will guarantee that you will pay for bonds by October 13. Best I can do, as they have been here. Answer quick."

Again in reply, I wired you, as follows: "Telegram received. I buy Austin's as per letter of second, see today's letter about guarantee, all of which I now confirm."

The School Board is unreasonable in their [380] demands. You as a banker know that no bank will guarantee nor can they under their charters and individual contract. My bid is for the best one, and someone is endeavoring to undermine me by exacting a guarantee of the kind as designated in your telegram. Mr. McCall, Mayor of Austin, and the citizens of Austin generally know that I have kept my contracts and agreements to the letter. I sold for the City upwards of \$500,000 of bonds in face of the most adverse circumstances. I am entitled now to their credit. The City deposited their bonds with American Exchange Bank on the same terms practically that I proposed to the School Board through you. I am as sanguine of selling these bonds within the next ten days as I am that I live and breathe. To satisfy you or them, I will give you a check for \$500 duly certified, which is to be held by you until I have sold the bonds. I am to have until October 30 to complete sale in accordance with my letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> *inst.* Do not care who is bidding locally; they cannot sell the bonds. The surrounding circumstances will make them unsaleable, and they cannot be sold in any place outside of St. Louis, and I control the situation here for if I should say anything against them, which I can justly do, they would not sell. This readvertising and hawking the bonds has made it very hard for

me. Still I can sell them you can wire me Monday or Tuesday, and I will send check to you duly certified, and, as soon as check is received, you can forward bonds to American Exchange Bank with instructions to deliver upon payment in amounts in multiples of \$1,000 or more, either five twenties or ten twenties at the price agreed upon as I may sell them. This is the first time in 25 years' experience in my business that I was even asked to guarantee my contracts. I have for the first time to go back on one, and this you know, Mr. Johnson, as well as I do now. Do your best. I know you can close the trade on my terms. I will do by you as promised.

Respectfully,  
{L.A. Coquard}

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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October 28, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board, there were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

Mayor McCall, City Attorney Brooks and architect McDonald were present, at the request of the Board.

[*Bond Money Reid*] Mayor McCall reported to the Board that the money from the sale of the bonds is now in bank at St. Louis and will soon be available.

Mr. Castleman moved to proceed to make contact with Ledbetter & Wattinger for the erection of the High School building, in accordance with their bid. Carried.

Motion was made and carried too that the contract for wiring the High School building to W.A. Burke, under plan #2 in his bid, as explained, to include wiring of halls with the additional fixtures mentioned in propositions 5 and 6 of his bid.

[*High School Building*] Proposition 1 of Wattinger & Ledbetter was designated as the one adopted.

Motion was made and carried to leave out the so-called fireproof floor and to deduct \$560 from the bid of Wattinger & Ledbetter in consequence.

It was then moved and carried to make the extension of six feet in the length of the building, in order to provide additional cloakrooms at a cost of \$595.

Mr. Wattinger came before the Board and asked to be permitted to use, instead of Elgin pressed brick #3, any pressed brick as good as the Elgin. Mr. Garrison moved to reconsider action relating to the selection of the Elgin pressed brick. Carried. Mr. Castleman moved that the contractors be allowed to use, instead of brick specified in proposition 1 of Wattinger & Ledbetter's [382] bid any red pressed brick as good as #3 Elgin pressed brick for exterior work, and for interior work any brick as good as those designated in bid, the character of any such brick offered as substitutes to be determined by such tests as may be satisfactory to the Board. Carried.

Adjourned, to meet Monday afternoon the 30<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

October 30, 1899

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson. City Attorney Brooks and Burt McDonald were also present.

Specifications, as amended by action of the Board at meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>, approved by motion.

Motion carried to require the contract so drawn as to provide for the completion of the building by the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1900.

[*High School Building*] Motion made and carried authorizing the President of the Board to sign contract prepared by City Attorney.

Motion made and carried to accept bond offered by contractors, assigned by Joseph Nalle and A.F. Martin as sureties.

Moved and carried that the Water and Light Commission be requested to remove the electric light poles from the High School lot.

Moved and carried that the Board meet on High School lot at 8:00 tomorrow morning to locate the building.

Adjourned, to meet at Superintendent's office, Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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New High School Lot  
October 31, 1899

Board met at 8:00 a.m. to determine finally the location of the building on the lot. There were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

[*Building on Lot*] It was decided to place the center of the building 20 feet south of the center of the lot.

The Board then adjourned till Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> *inst.*  
{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
November 3, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson.

The minutes of September 1, 7, 9, 22, 25, 29 and of October 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 28, 30 and 31 were read and approved.

[*Policy*] The Board decided that Mr. Weaver should be considered a resident of Austin and that his daughter should be admitted to school free.

The Superintendent called the attention of the Board to the statistical report of the condition of the Schools.

[*Cash Check (Bonds)*] The matter of collecting certified check of Mason, Lewis & Company was referred to the City Attorney for attention.

[*Architect Contract*] Motion was made and carried that the City Attorney draw up contract with Burton McDonald and also with W.A. Burke. The President of the Board was authorized to sign same and present bonds to Board at the next meeting.

The Board postponed decision in Mr. Tisdale's case until further investigation could be made, but allowed his child to go to school until action is taken.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Castleman reported for Allan Fund Committee, recommending that the loan on Falls Company property be not made. Recommendation adopted. [384]

[*Allan Fund*] A communication from L.N. Goldbeck was read and referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with power to act.

[*Building Fund Establish*] Motion was made and carried that proceeds from sale of bonds constitute Building Fund and that checks be drawn on that fund to cover all amounts already paid out on account of building.

[*Paid Architect*] On necessary conditions having been complied with, the Board authorized the issuing of a check for \$1,000 payable to J. Riely Gordon and Burton McDonald for plans and specifications, to be paid out of Building Fund.

The Treasurer's report was read, approved and filed.

[*Bank Expenses (Bonds)*] Motion was made and adopted to allow First National Bank \$100 for expenses in handling bonds, to cover express charges, telegrams, exchange and commission.

[\$10,000 *High School Bonds sold to City*] Motion was made and carried to request the Mayor to draw warrant transferring funds from sale of bonds to Treasurer of Austin Schools, also to have the \$10,100 for bonds purchased by City transferred from City Treasury to School Treasury.

[*Policy*] It was decided that Mr. Dave Harrell's niece should be admitted to the Schools as a resident.

[*Policy*] Orin Kippenbrock was readmitted to the Schools, with the understanding that this is the last time that any such request from him will be considered by the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

December 1, 1899

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison.

The minutes of November 3 were read and approved.

[*High School Library*] The Superintendent, in addition to the statistical report, stated that the Principal of the High School had arranged to have ex-Governor Hubbard lecture in Austin for the benefit of the High School library. The Board approved and commended this plan.

[*Charity*] Upon suggestion from the Superintendent, that some action be taken in regard to a collection of gifts from the children of the Public Schools for the poor of the city, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that the collection of gifts for the poor from the children of the Public Schools, by whatever plan may commend itself to the teachers, be approved under the following conditions: (1) that all gifts shall be appropriated in accordance with the will of the givers, provided such will is expressed (2) that all gifts concerning

which there is no such direction shall be turned over to the German American Ladies Aid Society for distribution.

[*Bond Money*] Mr. Castleman moved that the Mayor be requested to transfer the money from the sale of bonds, now in the City Treasury to the School Treasury. Carried.

Money was appropriated to purchase 12 maps of the United States from Department of Interior at 80 cents apiece.

[*High School Bonds*] Motion was made and adopted that the Superintendent be instructed to communicate with S.M. Swenson and descends by December 15, remitting sufficient interest to take up coupons on \$35,000 High School bonds.

It was further adopted that the Superintendent arrange to take up coupons of \$10,000 bonds held by City Treasurer by January 1, 1900.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
December 8, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison.

[*Policy*] Frank and Littlepage Hill, suspended and referred to the Board, were reinstated on condition that they apologize to their teachers.

[*EL & PL Contract*] The contract with W.A. Burke, prepared by G.W. Allen, Acting City Attorney, was read by the Secretary. Mr. Burke's bond was fixed at \$1,500. Motion was adopted that Mr. Allen change contract so that it specify exactly what plumbing and wiring is to be done, according to specifications.

[*Architect Contract*] After discussing the form of the contract to be drawn up between Mr. Burton McDonald and the Board, the meeting adjourned, till 2:00 p.m. Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
December 9, 1899

Adjourned meeting. Present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison.

[*EL & PL contract Bond*] Mr. Burt McDonald's contract with the Board, prepared by G.W. Allen, was read and approved. The President was authorized to sign this contract.

The matter of approval of W.A. Burke's bond was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

Motion was adopted that the President be authorized to sign contract with W.A. Burke as soon as bond is approved.

[*Policy*] Joe Isherwood, suspended from the East Austin School, was, after some discussion of the matter, reinstated.

[*Vaccination*] A resolution was adopted requiring all persons in any way connected with the Austin Schools to be vaccinated.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

December 21, 1899

At a called meeting of the Board, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, G.P. Garrison.

[*Bonds Fund*] The meeting was called for the purpose of approving the bond of the Treasurer, covering funds received from sale of Austin High School bonds.

[*Allan Estate*] While waiting for the Treasurer to come in, a communication from L.N. Goldbeck relative to sale of G. Maetzki 320 acres in San Saba County, belonging jointly to Allan Fund and Geraldine C. Osborne, was read, and the sale was authorized by the Board.

[*School Treasurers Bond*] The bond of the Treasurer, William R. Hamby, prepared by the City Attorney, covering funds received from the sale of Austin Public Free High School bonds, was read by the Secretary and approved by the Board. The Secretary was authorized to notify the Mayor that the bond of the Treasurer had been approved.

[*M.T. Exhibit*] According to the ordinance passed at the City Council on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, a letter from Mr. J.G. Wooten, Superintendent of the Paris Schools, asking that an exhibit from the Manual Training School be sent to the meeting of the Southern Educational Association at Memphis, was read, and the Board authorized the sending of the exhibit.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
January 5, 1900

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, C.J. Johnson.

Minutes of December 1, 8, 9 and 21 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for the month of December and January were read, received and filed.

[*High School - Corner Stone*] Motion was made and adopted that \$75, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for a suitable cornerstone for the High School building. The Building Committee were authorized to attend to this matter.

After the Superintendent had made his report, some general matters were discussed, but no action was taken.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
January 22, 1900

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

[*High School Building*] Motion was made and adopted that black mortar, instead of red, be used in the pressed brick work of the new High School, and that the wording of the specifications be changed to comply with This motion.

[*Allan Est (Younger)*] Motion was made that upon payment of \$165, amount sufficient in addition to what has been paid in the last three months to make \$300, Mr. Younger be granted an extension of time on note that was due February 1, 1896, and that such necessary documents be drawn up by the City Attorney as will protect the interests of the Board, the notes to be extended 12 months. Mr. Castleman was instructed to look into the legal aspects of the case and to complete the transaction for the Board.

[*Faculty*] Motion was made and adopted that the amount deducted from Mr. Day's and from Mr. Morris' salary, for absence on account of death in their families, be refunded.

[*High School Chairs*] The Superintendent was authorized to purchase 15 or 20 chairs for the High School.

[*Corner Stone Date*] Motion was adopted that the cornerstone of the High School be laid on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30.

The meeting then adjourned.  
 {J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
 February 2, 1900

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, G.P. Garrison.

The minutes of January 5 and 22 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*John T. Allan by Goldbeck*] The Superintendent stated that Mr. L.N. Goldbeck had prepared a school account of the life of John T. Allen. This paper was ordered spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

[*Temporary Capitol*] The outhouse of the Temporary Capitol belonging to the Board was ordered moved to Wheatville, to take the place of the one burned on the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

[*Gregorytown*] The Building Committee was authorized to investigate the matter of the boundary line of the lots on which the Gregorytown School buildings are situated, and to report back to the Board.

[*Policy*] The Board decided to admit Mr. Morrall's niece as a resident.

[*Allan Fund*] The Board authorized the Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee to make a loan of \$75,000 to Mrs. Sutor on Austin real estate.

Mr. Castleman made a motion that the Allan Fund Committee be hereafter authorized to make loans where amount exceeds \$1,000 at 7%. This motion was adopted.

[*High School*] A petition from a committee of high school students, asking for a half-holiday on the 9<sup>th</sup> for field day, was, on motion, laid on the table.

[*Request*] A communication from E.P. Jordan, asking permission to photograph the pupils at the different school buildings, was read by the Secretary. The Board took no action in the matter.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

[391A] John T. Allan, the subject of this sketch, to whom the children of the City of Austin, Texas are indebted for the magnificent bequest donated to them for the purpose of establishing for their benefit a school where scientific principles as applied to labor should

be taught, was born in Edinburg, Scotland, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1821. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native city and in the town of Edinburgh, Scotland.

At the age of 21 years young, Allan, feeling the necessity of supporting himself, left his parental roof, to go to the West Indies, intending to locate at Kingston, Jamaica. On arrival of the vessel at that port, it was discovered that an epidemic of yellow fever was raging there. The captain of the schooner, fearing the fever, discharged what freight he had for the island in ligatures, and sailed for New Orleans, Louisiana, inducing young Allan to make the journey to that city and not risk his life by landing in Jamaica.

The expenses of his voyage from Scotland to America were defrayed from the proceeds of the sale of a large number of pet birds, such as linnets, thrush and other birds, which young Allan had educated while a boy in his spare time, mostly before breakfast, to be excellent singers, and for which he obtained a 30 pounds sterling.

Upon his arrival at New Orleans, Louisiana, the yellow fever was also prevailing in that city, and very soon after landing, the unacclimated youth fell victim to the fever.

It was at this time that he made the acquaintance of Mr. Daniel Clark Osborn and Dr. Warren Stone, both of whom became his warm friends and induced him, upon his recovery, to leave New Orleans and seek employment in St. Louis, Missouri. But as there was no boat going up the Mississippi for ten days, and a steamer was ready to leave New Orleans, to go up the river, he concluded to take the Red River boat and get out of the unhealthy city in short order.

Before his departure, young Allan was introduced by Mr. Osborn to a friend of his, who was making the journey on the same schooner, and it was through the kindness of this gentleman that he obtained employment as bookkeeper and clerk on a large cotton plantation above Alexandria.

From there, he went to Nacogdoches, Texas, into Little Rock, Arkansas, arriving in Austin, Texas in 1850, where he resided, working at his trade of cabinetmaker until June, 1863, when, owing to having received orders to report as conscript to an officer of the Confederacy, he left for Louisiana. He fought in the Teche campaign of Major General Ward's staff.

He studied law in 1864 and was appointed District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District of Louisiana in 1864, serving in that capacity until 1865, when he returned to Texas and remained there until

January 26, 1866. In 1867, he was appointed State Treasurer, upon the recommendation of Governor E.M. Pease, the Provisional Government of Texas, General Reynolds, Commander.

From that date to his death, his life as a citizen of Austin, without a spot to dark the same, lies open before a large number of surviving friends and acquaintances and is one worthy of emulation.

His strict honesty as a man and his sterling worth as a faithful officer was demonstrated when he repaid out of his own scanty means the sum of \$6,960 that had been stolen out of the State Treasury under his administration during Governor Pease's term.

His name should forever be endeared to the children of our city, whose future welfare was his great aim.

{L.N. Goldbeck}

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Superintendent's Office  
March 7, 1900

At the time for the regular meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was impossible to secure a quorum. Those present decided to adjourn till Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, there was no quorum. The President appointed Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., as the time for the meeting.

At this time the following were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, C.J. Johnson.

The minutes of February 2 were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Allan Fund*] A communication from R.H. Felter was read and referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with power to act.

[*High School Plans Changed*] Motion was made and adopted to so change plans and specifications that they call for eight light windows in third floor of High School building, instead of four light. This mistake had been made by a draftsman, and bids had been made on this basis. Motion was made and adopted that the President be authorized to fix his signature to this change.

The Building Committee were authorized to consult with the architect and decide upon wood finish, tint of walls, etc.

[*L.M.*] The Board authorized the payment of Van Broeckmann's bill for blank book for Treasurer's school account.

[*Policy*] Mr. Graham presented the case of Mr. Bond, who desired to be considered a resident of the city and to have a right to free School

privileges. Inasmuch as Mr. Bond's residence was just outside of the city line, the majority of the Board could not favor his request.

[*1<sup>st</sup> Ward (Garland School)*] A petition signed by a number of residents of the old First Ward was read by the Secretary, asking that the school in this ward be called the Garland School in honor of Judge Garland, the founder of it [392] and of Mrs. Garland, who had so long taught there. The petition was granted.

[*Gregorytown*] The City Attorney was instructed to investigate question of Gregorytown school line and to bring suit for the 20 feet of ground occupied by another party, provided there was nothing to indicate an unsuccessful termination to the suit.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

March 23, 1900

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson.

[*High School Building Agreement*] The President stated that he had called the meeting because the contractor had called upon him to sign contract, to pay a certain amount for the change in the High School windows, and because the motion made and adopted at the last meeting did not authorize him to do this. After discussion, motion was made and adopted that the President be authorized to sign his name to the agreement, that this change be made involving an additional cost to be paid Wattinger & Ledbetter of \$283, without stating who is to bear this extra expense.

[*Architect to task*] Motion was then adopted the Secretary of the Board write to Mr. J. Riely Gordon, telling him of this mistake in the plans, and stating that it is the opinion of the Board that the architect is responsible for this mistake, and asking to hear his opinion on the subject as soon as possible.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 26, 1900

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson.

[*Discipline*] Mr. Warmoth being present, the Board allowed him to state his business. First, he stated that his son, James, had been

suspended on account of truancy, and asked that the Board reinstate him. After questioning the boy, the Board decided to reinstate him with the understanding that this is the last time the Board will reinstate him and upon condition that he do not call upon them again.

[*High School Building Plans Changes*] The meeting was called to discuss a change in plans of High School, recommended by the Superintendent and the Principal. After discussion, motion was made and adopted that the partition between the library and reading room be left out, and that the large room thus formed be connected with the assembly hall by a double door to be cut in the back of the stage. The President was authorized to sign his name to agreement with the contractors embracing this change.

Motion was also made and adopted that Mr. McDonald make an estimate of the cost of the change, the amount to be deducted on account of doing away with the partition, and the additional amount for extra work, so that the Board may know the exact status of the case.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 6, 1900

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman. J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson.

The minutes of March 7, 23 and 26 were read and, after some correction, approved.

[*Policy*] Mr. Petri was present, and the regular order of business was set aside to take up his case. First, he asked that his son, Carl, be reinstated in the Schools, he having been suspended by Mr. Taff. After some discussion, the Board decided to reinstate Carl.

[*Request*] Mr. Jordan was present and renewed his request to photograph the schools. Motion was made to allow Mr. Jordan to photograph the schools if it could be done after school hours. This motion was seconded. A substitute was offered that the matter be indefinitely postponed. This substitute failed to carry. The original motion was put and lost.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent's report was the next thing in order.

[*South Austin Principal Request*] The Superintendent stated that Mr. Day, Principal of the South Austin School, wished the Board to grant

him a week's leave of absence, with the understanding that his salary be docked for that time. This request was granted.

[*Insurance*] The Superintendent suggested that the Board take out some insurance on the pianos and libraries at the different school buildings. Motion was made and adopted that valuation be made for each school owning libraries or pianos, and that one policy be made to cover all.

[*M.T. Exhibits*] Communications from the National Educational Association and from the Manual Training Association were read, asking that the Allan Manual Training School send exhibits to these two meetings. These two requests were declined. [395] The question of having an exhibition at the close of the school session was referred to the Superintendent and Mr. Hunsdon, to act as they thought best

[*Teacher*] Motion was adopted to refund the amount of Miss Clifton's salary, deducted on account of absence at the time of her brother's death.

[*Policy*] Mr. Castleman moved that Mr. Bond be allowed to send his daughter to school without paying tuition for the rest of this session. The motion was adopted.

[*Policy*] Mr. Fulton's niece was also admitted to the Schools as a resident for this session.

[*Vaccination*] A motion was made and adopted that the Board, through the press, officially call upon all parents to have children vaccinated, and that this request be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Board. Motion was also adopted, instructing the Superintendent to have each teacher make this request before her school room.

[*High School Hardware*] The question of selecting hardware for the High School was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 4, 1900

At a regular meeting of the School Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, Jefferson Johnson, W.J. Mathews, George P. Garrison.

The minutes of April 6 were read and approved.

[*Policy*] The Superintendent's report was next on the program. The Superintendent stated that Mr. Bond had applied for all tuition paid this year to be refunded, and he referred the matter to the Board, as he did not understand the motion made at the last meeting to include that the Board instructed Mr. Harris to find out from Mr. Taff whether this tuition was paid conditionally, and, if so, to refund this amount paid.

[*High School Contractor Extension Asked*] Mr. Wattinger came before the Board to ask for an extension of 60 days' time for the completion of the High School building. Motion was made and adopted that an extension of 60 days from May 26 be granted on condition that the basement be finished, so that the High School furniture and Manual Training School machinery can be moved in immediately after the close of the schools on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

[*High School Drainage*] The question of having drain pipes laid to drain water from around the High School building was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*High School - M.T.*] Suggestion was made by Mr. Hunsdon that the partition wall in drawing department be left out, throwing both rooms into one, and that the small store or office room on first floor in his department be done away with. Motion was made and adopted that these changes be made, that account be kept of any saving in expense by the change, and the President and Secretary were authorized to fix their signatures to change in contract. [397]

[*High School Building Changes*] The contractors agreed to finish up the offices on the first floor by the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, and it was agreed by the Board that one partition be left out, making a change in the arrangement of the offices. The President and Secretary were authorized, as above, to affix signatures to this change in contract.

[*High School Bonds*] Motion was adopted authorizing the Superintendent to turn over all High School bond coupons to the Mayor, taking his receipt for same and instructing him to cancel the uncancelled ones.

[*Allan Fund*] The Allan Fund Committee were authorized to make a loan of \$6,000 on Millet Opera House property and, if necessary, to sell enough notes held by that fund to make out the amount needed to make the loan.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
May 9 & 10, 1900

At a called meeting of the Board on the 9<sup>th</sup>, it was impossible to get a quorum. Accordingly, those present adjourned to meet on the 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. At this time, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, George P. Garrison, M.M. Smith, new member.

The meeting was called in order that the Board might settle some matters that could not wait over till the next regular meeting.

[*High School Principal Request*] The Superintendent stated that Mr. Pearce asked that the Board grant him leave of absence for a year to be spent in special study in France and Germany. Mr. Graham made motion that leave of absence be granted, provided the Board succeed in securing Mr. Magers of Houston, to take Mr. Pearce's place, and provided that Mr. Magers consult with Mr. Pearce and adopt his plans in regard to organizing the High School for the next year. This motion was adopted.

[*High School Commencement*] Motion was made and adopted that Mr. Pearce be authorized to secure the University auditorium, if possible, or some other suitable place for the High School commencement exercises, and to make arrangements for music. A Committee composed of Dr. Garrison, Mr. Harris and Mr. Pearce were authorized to select a speaker and to make other necessary arrangements. Motion was made and adopted that \$35, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to cover the expenses of the commencement exercises. The President and Secretary were authorized to sign diplomas issued to graduates of the High School.

[*Book Report*] Mr. Castleman made motion that the Superintendent call for a report from the teachers in all the grades in regard to all books used in the Schools, said report to state whether each book is satisfactory or unsatisfactory, and, if unsatisfactory, to recommend some book that should be adopted as better suited to the needs of the grade. This motion was adopted. [399]

One member of the Board stated that he had been told that the manufacturer of the drawing pencil used in the Schools would ship these pencils to only one dealer in the city. The Superintendent was instructed to investigate this matter and report back to the Board.

[*City Exams*] It was decided that the City examination would be held May 29, 30 and 31.

[*High School Move*] Motion was made and adopted that everything belonging to the High School be moved immediately after the close of the Schools, and that Mr. Harris notify Mr. Fiegel to put house in order as soon as possible, in order that it may be turned over to the owner at the expiration of the lease on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

[*Superintendent Reelected*] Motion was made by Dr. Garrison that Mr. Harris be reelected Superintendent for one year at the same salary. This motion was adopted, and Mr. Harris was declared elected.

[*High School Furniture*] Motion was made and adopted that the Superintendent communicate with different furniture houses for information in regard to styles and prices of furniture for the High School, this information to be turned over to the Supply Committee.

On motion, it was decided that the Board would meet on Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., to reorganize.

A communication from C.W. Ricker was read by the Secretary. Action in the matter was delayed till the Board take up the matter of electing janitors.

A request was presented to the Board by the judges and clerks of the Trustees election of May 5, for compensation for serving in that election. The following resolution introduced by Dr. Garrison was adopted by the Board:

[*Resolution – Trustee Election Holders*] Whereas the law, under which the election of May 5 for School Trustees was held, makes no provision for the payment of judges or clerks of said election, and

Whereas the absence of such provision indicates that the service of the judges and clerks was expected to be gratuitous as is that of the Trustees themselves and as is the case in the elections for Trustees in the county districts, and [400]

Whereas the practice of paying the judges and clerks out of the Public School Fund would entail a heavy and unnecessary draft upon that fund, therefore

[*Resolution*] Resolved that the School Board does not feel authorized to make any appropriation out of the second fund to pay the judges and clerks for said election of May 5.

[*Finance*] The Finance Committee were instructed to take necessary steps to have interest due on Bridge Bonds belonging to School Fund paid over to the Treasurer of the City Schools.

This committee was also instructed to get data relating to investment of County School Fund in bonds and to submit

information to Commissioners Court with view to having Court ask the opinion of the Attorney General as to whether these funds belong to the Permanent School Fund or to the available School Fund.

The Board then adjourned till May 18, at 4:00 p.m.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

[Grads] High School graduates: Lawrence David Brooks, Ima Shelton Culley, Walter Leo Ayres, Ilse Sophia Frischmeyer, Ada Hardeman Garrison, Artie Cordelia Hamer, Alice Harrison, Fred Hofstetter, Mary Peck Jones, Mona Cordelia McCombs, Julius Collins McLaurin, Alice Novella Meyer, Addie May Roy, Jessie Bertha Roy, Lucy Mary Sappington, Louise Augusta Thomas.

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Superintendent's Office

May 18, 1900

At a special meeting appointed for the reorganization of the Board, all the members were present. The new Board is composed of the following: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, W.J. Mathews, George P. Garrison, M.M. Smith.

Mr. Castleman, made a motion that Mr. Rogers be elected President. The motion was seconded, and Mr. Rogers was unanimously elected.

Motion was made that Mr. Graham be reelected secretary. This motion carried unanimously.

General Hamby was reelected Treasurer.

Mr. Castleman was reelected Vice President.

In case some question arise in regard to the action of the Board at the last meeting, because the Board had not reorganized at that time, Mr. Johnson moved that the action of that meeting be ratified and confirmed. This motion was seconded. As a substitute, Mr. Castleman moved to reconsider that part of the action of the last meeting fixing the salary of the Superintendent for the next year, stating that it was his opinion that this matter should not be settled until the Finance Committee were ready to report on the salaries of all the employees of the Board. Mr. Castleman's substitute was seconded and, after discussion, when put to the vote, failed to carry. Mr. Johnson's original motion was then voted on and was adopted.

The Board then proceeded to draw for the long and short term of office. Mr. Rogers, Mr. Johnson and Dr. Mathews drew the long term.

Mr. Castleman, Mr. Graham, Dr. Garrison and Dr. Smith drew the short term.

[*Teacher Request*] A communication from Mrs. Garland, asking that she be allowed the use of her school building for several weeks during vacation, to finish up the [402] work of some of her pupils who had had to go to the country during the latter part of the school term, was read by the Secretary. The request was granted.

Communications from several applicants for the position of janitor in the new High School were read by the Secretary. Action was postponed until the regular time for the election of janitors.

Bills from judges and clerks of the election of May 5 were presented to the Board. Motion was made and adopted to receive and file all these applications.

[*High School Hardware*] A special Committee, composed of the members of the old Building Committee, were requested to take up the matter of selecting hardware for the High School building, and settle it at their earliest convenience.

[*High School Principalship Declined*] The Superintendent stated that Mr. Magers had declined the offer of High School principalship during Mr. Pearce's absence. After some discussion, motion was made and adopted that Mr. Pearce be granted the leave of absence unconditionally and that the selection of his successor be postponed until the next meeting or until a called meeting of the Board.

[*High School Principal Elected*] Motion was then made to reconsider that part of motion relating to the time of the election of Mr. Pearce's successor. This motion carried. Mr. Castleman then moved that Mr. C.S. Potts be elected for one year in Mr. Pearce's place. This motion was seconded and, after a general discussion, Mr. Potts was elected.

[*Scholastic Census*] The Superintendent recommended that the Board pay the census takers a premium of 25 cents *per capita* on all enrolled over and above last year's enrollment. Motion was made to adopt this recommendation, and the motion was seconded. In the discussion which followed, several members of the Board expressed their belief that the teachers who were taking the census this year for the first time would make a thorough canvass of the city without the offer of any additional pay for extra names. The motion was then withdrawn.

The meeting adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 1, 1900

The Board met at 4:00 p.m., all the members being present.

The minutes of May 4, 10 and 18 were read and approved.

There was no regular statistical report from the Superintendent. The reports from the principals not having come in.

[*Policy*] The Superintendent stated that he had requests from several principals and teachers, asking that the Board allow them the use of rooms in the different schools to teach classes during the summer. After discussion, it was decided that the Rule adopted by the Board in regard to the use of school property should be enforced.

[*Tuition Refund*] Mr. Harris stated that the tuition paid by Mr. Bond this session had, according to Mr. Taff's statement, been paid conditionally, and the amount paid have therefore been refunded.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*High School Hardware*] The Committee appointed to select hardware for the High School building reported that the contract had been awarded Mr. Walter Tips, that the amount expended would be \$160, \$100 of this to be paid by the contractors and \$60 by the Board.

[*High School Drainage*] The Building Committee reported that the matter of having drain pipes laid at the High School building had been attended to.

[*Sanitation*] The following resolution, introduced by Dr. Smith, was adopted: Whereas the sanitary and hygienic arrangements of our Public Schools as regards ventilation, light, drainage, sewerage, etc., have the greatest importance since their strict observance is highly preventive of disease in its manifold forms, therefore, be it resolved that a Committee of three be appointed by the President of the Board, who shall examine into and report at the next [404] regular meeting of the Board upon any defects they may find in the drainage, ventilation, lighting, heating, sewerage and any other matters they deem necessary to correct the sanitary and hygienic arrangements of the City Schools, and make such recommendations as they deem proper for their correction. The President appointed on this committee Dr. Smith, Dr. Mathews and Mr. Castleman.

[*High School Building Changes*] The contractors of the High School building were present and asked the Board whether it was their desire to have the well hole between the basement and first floor left, according to the plans of the building, or floored over. The Board

decided to have a called meeting at the High School building on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., to settle this question.

[*Teacher Elected*] The Committee on Teachers reported, through their Chairman, recommending the reelection of all the White teachers except Miss Gertrude Whitis and Mrs. Z.L. Hunt, whose resignations were before the Board, and of all the Colored teachers, with the exception of Mrs. Lashwah, Mrs. Hubbard, Miss Hamilton and Miss Hardwell, the election of teachers to fill these places to be delayed till the Board can determine whether any better material is available.

Mr. Castleman moved that the special teachers of music and writing be dropped. This motion received no second. Mr. Johnson moved that the report of the Committee be adopted. This motion was seconded. Mr. Castleman moved to amend the motion by adding that a teacher of music be elected for the Colored Schools. This motion received no second. The original motion, that the report of the Committee be adopted, was put and carried.

The teachers elected are as follows:

Principal Charles S. Potts, previously elected, Alfred Freshney, Miss Nannie Dawson, Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Mary Decherd, Miss Helen Hornsby, N.S. Hunsdon, E.E. Goodell.

Principal J.L. Taff, Miss Anna Ellis, Miss Margaret Reilley, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Ada Blackburn, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, [405] Miss Florence Worthy, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Emma Puckett.

Principal T.A. Brown, Miss Jessie Sayers, Miss Octavia Clifton, Miss Annie Blanton, Miss Clovie Hill, Miss Lula Bewley, Miss Lucile James, Miss Lucille Byers, Mrs. Annie D. Pickrell, Miss Lillie Webb, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Emily Numbers.

Principal J.H. Day, Daisy Warren, Miss Agnes Brady, Miss Corelia Whitten, Miss W.R. Smith, Miss Mary Lowry.

Mrs. E.M.E. Garland, Miss Edla Moody.

Principal Miss F.R. Brooke, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Annie Jary, Miss Nina Hill, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss Effie Graves, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Katie Eanes.

Principal V.R. Morris, Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Nellie Hall, Miss Maggie Gilmer, Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Kittie Carlisle.

Supernumeraries Miss Eula Hill, Miss Eva Allen, Miss Hallie Walker.

Special Teachers: Music, Miss Mary S. Butler; Writing and Drawing, L.W. George.

In the Colored Schools:

Principal L.C. Anderson, C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard.

Principal W.H. Passon, L.B. Kinchion, W.T. McCall, Mrs. F.E. Harrell.

Principal G.W. Norman, Miss A.L. Evans, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, R.M. Meroney, Mrs. L.E. Lee, Mrs. E.S. Lyons.

Principal A. Jackson, Jr.

The Superintendent recommended that all pupils from seventh and eighth grades from all over the city be transferred to the High School building and stated reasons why he made this recommendation. After a general discussion of the question, the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Teachers then recommended that the following teachers be transferred to the High School building, to teach the seventh and eighth grades: [406] Misses Jessie Sayers, Anna Ellis, Nina Hill, Annie Blanton, Effie Graves and Willie Smith. This recommendation was adopted.

A communication from Mr. Hunsdon was referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

[*Bond Interest*] The Superintendent was instructed to remit interest due on High School bonds to New York City by the first of July, and to pay to City Treasurer the interest due on bonds held by City.

The Board then adjourned, to meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

New High School Building  
Superintendent's Office  
June 6, 1900

According to agreement, the Board met at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, M.M. Smith.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the matter of closing the well hole between the basement and first story.

[*High School*] Mr. George Brush was present and desired to explain to the Board the construction of a new heating stove, the Grossius, which he recommended for the High School. Therefore, This motion was taken up first. After explanation and discussion, motion was made that this matter be referred to a Committee, to investigate and

report back to the Board at the next meeting. A substitute motion was offered, that this matter be referred to a Committee composed of the Building Committee and the special Committee appointed at the last meeting to look into the sanitary conditions of the Schools, this Committee to investigate and report back at next meeting of the Board. The substitute motion was adopted.

[*Teachers*] A special report was made by the Committee on Teachers, recommending the employment of an additional teacher in the High School. This recommendation was adopted.

The Committee then recommended [407] that Miss Nina Hill be given this place. This recommendation was also adopted.

The Committee then recommended that Miss Margaret Reilley be given the place as teacher of seventh and eighth grades made vacant by the advance of Miss Nina Hill, and that Miss Eula Hill be advanced from the supernumerary list, to take the place thus made vacant on the list of regular teachers. These recommendations were adopted.

[*High School Building Change*] The Board then decided to floor over the well hole between the basement and first floor, and the President and Secretary were authorized to affix their signatures to this change in contract.

[*Bid Call Chairs & Desk*] A circular letter to furniture factories, calling for bids on chairs and desks for High School, was read by the Superintendent and authorized by the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 22, 1900

At a meeting appointed to open bids on furniture for High School, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, G.P. Garrison, M.M. Smith.

[*Teachers*] Before taking up the regular business of the meeting, the Committee on Teachers made a special report, through their Chairman, recommending that Miss Mary Lowry be made Principal of the Hyde Park School, and that, in order to fill several places still vacant in the Colored Schools and one supernumerary position in the White Schools, another examination of teachers be held July 31, August 1 and 2. The report of the Committee was adopted.

[*Bids (Furniture)*] Bids on furniture were then opened by the Secretary. On motion, the Board referred the matter of selecting and

contracting for the furniture needed, to the Committee on Supplies, in connection with the Superintendent, with power to act.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

[409A] [*Award*] The Supply Committee reported that the contract for High School furniture had been awarded Van Broeckmann Publishing Company, representing the A.H. Andrews Company: 320 adjustable desks, 200 tablet arm chairs, together with 15 f.d., f.w. desks, tables, one r.t. desk, \$1,741 [409B].

July 6, 1900

Board met at 4:00 p.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, W.J. Mathews, M.M. Smith.

Minutes of proceeding meeting read and approved.

[*Objectionable Persons*] A petition signed by a considerable number of citizens was presented by a committee of citizens, asking the Board to use its influence to remove objectionable characters from the vicinity of the High School and the East Austin School. A motion was made and carried, appointing Mr. Castleman and Mr. Rogers as a Committee to present the petition to the Police Commission and to urge the Commission to carry out the wishes of the petitioners.

[*Transfer of Pupils (Hyde Park (Baker), North Austin (Wooldridge))*] The Superintendent explained to the Board that the plan of transferring the pupils of the fifth and sixth grades from the Hyde Park School to the North Austin School was proposed for the purpose of giving these pupils a better room, and also of putting them in rooms where there would be fewer classes and where they would therefore have more of the teachers' time. He stated further that these grades could be taught at Hyde Park without any additional expense, if the people preferred it. The matter was left open till the wishes of the people concerned could be ascertained.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Ruling Finance*] An opinion from County Attorney Calhoun was read, stating that, after consulting with the Attorney General, he had decided that money received as rents on County School lands belongs to the available School Fund and not to the Permanent School Fund. Misters Castleman and Graham were appointed to see the County Treasurer in regard to getting this money paid over to the Treasurer of the School Board. [410]

The Finance Committee made the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools  
Gentlemen, we your Finance Committee, beg leave to report as follows.

[*Finance*] 1. Having carefully considered the sources of revenue available for the support of the Schools for the year 1900-1901, and having estimated as accurately as possible the amount of money that will be received from each source, we have concluded that the Schools can be maintained the ensuing year for nine months, and all the usual expenses, including interest on High School bonds, can be met with the funds that will be at the command of the Board, without any reduction in the present schedule of salaries.

2. We think the surplus now on hand sufficient to justify the Board in retiring \$5,000 in High School bonds, and we recommend that this be done.

3. We recommend that, in the main, this schedule of salaries, that has been maintained here for some years, be adopted for the ensuing year.

4. In accordance with the last preceding recommendation, we have arranged a list of names of all employees and places, opposite each name is the salary to be paid next year, the same amount as was paid last year, with the following exceptions: (1) Where teachers are entitled to an increase in salary under your Rules, by virtue of length of tenure of office, we have in each case fixed the increase in accordance with the Rule governing in such cases. (2) We recommend that the salary of the Principal of the High School be placed at \$1,200 for the year during which Mr. Pearce will be away on a leave of absence. (3) We recommend that the salary of the Principal of the Gregorytown School Colored be increased from [411] \$60 to \$67 per month, we recommend that the salary of the new Principal of the Hyde Park School, Miss Lowry, be the same as that of her predecessor, Miss Smith, namely \$70 per month. (4) With these exceptions, we recommend that all salaries remain exactly as they were last year. (5) We beg leave now to call your attention to a change, which we think should be made in the method of paying salaries. While most of the teachers receive a fixed amount per month during the session of the Schools and then receive no

compensation during vacation, certain principals and special teachers are paid a fixed amount for each of the 12 months in the year. We see no reason for continuing this difference in method of payment. On the other hand, we do see that this plan might lead to confusion and dissatisfaction, if not to injustice, even in case it should in future become necessary from any cause, either to shorten the school term or to make a general reduction in salaries. Hence, we think a uniform method of paying all employees, except to the Superintendent, the Clerk, and the High School janitor, should be adopted at this time. While we do not favor a reduction in the total annual compensation of any of the employees hitherto paid by the year, we believe that it is wise to pay this whole amount in equal monthly installments during the session of the Schools. We therefore recommend that the Superintendent, Clerk and High School janitor be employed by the year, and that their annual salaries be paid in 12 equal installments, and we further recommend that all other employees be engaged only for the length of the school session each year, and that they be so paid for this year. We recommend that the monthly compensation of these employees be calculated on the basis of a session of nine scholastic months or [412] eight and a half calendar months.

Respectfully submitted,

{Jefferson Johnson}, {R.M. Castleman}, {J.W. Graham}

Finance Committee

[*Pupil Transfer Protest*] Mr. Shipe stated that, in his opinion, the patrons of the Hyde Park School having children in the fifth and sixth grades would prefer to have them remain at Hyde Park, but he stated that he would see the people in person and present a signed petition to the Board later. He then presented his reasons for thinking the Board should build a new school house at Hyde Park. Mr. Shipe also stated that he believed steps should now be taken to raise the city school tax from 33.5 cents to 50 cents. In view of a threatened reduction of the taxable values in Austin, Mr. Sidon Harris also presented to the Board his views relating to the Schools, concurring in the main with Mr. Shipe's opinions. No action was taken by the Board in regard to this matter, but it was apparent from informal discussion that the Board intends to build a school house at Hyde Park as soon as possible.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Castleman, explained the condition of the Allan Fund, giving count in different kinds of investments and revenue derived from each source and explained that the income was not sufficient to enable the Board to employ a teacher for the seventh and eighth grades in Manual Training.

[*Teacher Salary*] Dr. Mathews presented a letter from Mr. Day, asking the Board to increase his salary. The letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

[*Smith Opera High School*] Postmaster Brush's communication, asking for use of all rooms in former High School building in which to hold civil service examination, was presented. The Superintendent was instructed to notify Mr. Brush that the Board has no further right in the said building, their lease having expired June 6.

[*Finance*] Mr. Castleman moved to instruct the Treasurer to transfer \$5,000 from General Fund to High School [413] Building Fund, and that the Secretary be instructed to ask the Mayor to cancel \$5,000 in High School bonds. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

July 26, 1900

10:00 a.m.

Board met, with all members present, except Dr. Mathews.

[*High School Building Complete*] Mr. Graham, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that the Committee had found building completed satisfactorily, except the blackboards and the floor in the basement, the blackboards appearing to be too rough, and the floor seeming not to be hard enough. Mr. Graham further explained that the ceiling over the north gymnasium had not been whitewashed on account of the fact that the furniture had been stored in this room.

Mr. McDonald presented his final report, as follows.

Austin, Texas

July 26, 1900

Austin Public School Board

Gentlemen,

[*Architect's Report*] I have the honor to report that the contractors, viz., Wattinger & Ledbetter, contractors for the entire work, except plumbing and wiring, and W.A. Burke for

plumbing and wiring, have completed their work in accordance with the plans and specifications, with the exception of a few changes authorized by the Board in writing by supplementary contracts. Also, with the exception of some whitewashing and some repairs to the asphaltting in the basement, it being impossible to do this work until the room occupied by furniture is empty, I would respectfully recommend the acceptance and retention of the building, retaining an [414] amount sufficient to complete the minor deficiencies which have been left unavoidably incomplete up to this time. The extended time for the completion of the contract, as per agreement in writing, expires today. I herewith enclose final estimate, leaving the amount retained in blank.

Very respectfully,  
 {Burt McDonald}

Estimate

[*High School Building Estimate (Final)*] Board of Trustees Public Free Schools, Austin, Texas, to Wattinger & Ledbetter:

Original contract price \$41,966

Extra, as agreed, \$283,

[minus] deduction, as per contract \$36 = \$247

Total amount of contract \$42,213

Entire amount paid by Board \$37,471.95

Amount of final estimate \$4,741.05

Amount retained for whitewashing, etc. \$250

Amount retained for hardware, as per specifications \$100

Amount due at this time \$4,391.05

[*High School Building Accepted*] Mr. Johnson asked if the Building Committee would make a written report in regard to accepting the building. Mr. Graham stated that the Committee would report in writing in a short time, after a short recess, during which the members of the Board inspected the building.

Mr. Graham submitted the following, which, after some discussion, was adopted:

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that, after a thorough inspection of the High School building, and finding everything done in accordance with the plans and specifications as far as we are capable of judging, we would recommend that the said High School building be accepted by this Board, and

that the contractors be paid the amount due them, less amount necessary to properly finish one room in basement now used as a storeroom for furniture. We also recommend that this Board enter into contract with Wattinger [415] & Ledbetter to guarantee the proper hardening of basement floor, and to do whatever is necessary to put it in first-class condition, and that \$250 be retained for 30 days, to guarantee said work, and also to guarantee the full completion of the building in every way, according to contract.

{J.W. Graham}, {R.M. Castleman} {M.M. Smith}  
Building Committee

The report of Mr. McDonald was then accepted and ordered entered in the minutes

[*Insurance*] Dr. Smith moved that the Finance Committee be instructed to advertise for bids for insuring the High School building for \$15,000 for three years. After discussion, the motion was carried.

The Finance Committee was authorized to settle with the contractors, in accordance with Mr. McDonald's report.

Mr. Garrison presented the following report:

J.B. Rogers, Esquire, President, School Board

[*Text Book Report*] Dear Sir, your Committee on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations has considered the reports of the teachers relative to the books now in use in the Austin Schools and would report as follows. There appears from the statements of the teachers to be no demand on their part for a change in any textbook, except the geographies. As to these, while there is a majority in favor of a change, there is not a majority in favor of any one series, and a considerable proportion is in favor of retaining the geography now in use. Your Committee would therefore recommend no change.

Respectfully submitted,  
George P. Garrison, Chairman

The report was adopted.  
The Board then adjourned.  
{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
August 3, 1900

Board met at 4:00 p.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, M.M. Smith.

Minutes of meetings for July 6 and 26 were read and adopted.

General Hamby made his report, which was read, received and filed.

The following communication from Mr. W.H. Stacy was read:

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools  
Gentlemen,

[*Insurance*] Assuming that you have completed your transaction with Mr. W.G. Bell, and that you have received his policies to the amount of \$15,000 covering the High School building for five years.

[*Insurance Proposition*] I now make the following business proposition, viz., I will deliver to you policies to the amount of \$17,500, written in companies certified by the Insurance Commissioner of Texas, to be as good as any authorized to do business in this state, insuring the High School building against loss by fire for the term of five years, and will accept in full payment for said \$17,500 insurance a simple assignment of novel policies.

Respectfully,  
William H. Stacy

No action was taken in regard to the matter at this meeting.

[*Schools Opening*] On motion, the Board decided to open the Schools on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

The following communication from Mr. Goldbeck was read:

Austin, Texas  
July 27, 1900

To the Honorable Board of the Austin Public Schools, Austin, Texas

[*Presents John T. Allan Picture*] Gentlemen, being convinced by your labor and the high appreciation of our citizens and their children [417] of the success of the Allan Manual Training School in this city, I beg to present to you a picture of Mr. John T. Allan, in order that the same may be accorded a suitable place on the wall of the new High School building and thereby enable the

beneficiaries of his bequest to view the same and revere the memory of him who had their future welfare so much at heart.

Trusting that you will accept the gift, I remain,  
Respectfully yours,

L.N. Goldbeck, Agent, Estate John T. Allan, deceased

The Board, by resolution, accepted the portrait with thanks, ordered that it be hung in an appropriate place in the assembly room, and instructed the Secretary to express to Mr. Goldbeck the Board's high appreciation of Mr. Goldbeck's generous gift.

[*Response*] It was agreed that, in response to the wishes of the people of Hyde Park, the pupils in the Fifth and Sixth Wards be allowed to remain at that building.

The Superintendent was instructed to have broken desks repaired.

The Superintendent was granted a leave of absence for ten days during the month of August.

[*M.T. Chairs*] Mr. Castleman moved that the Superintendent be authorized to buy 20 chairs for the Manual Training School. Motion carried.

[*M.T.*] Mr. Castleman moved that Mr. Hunsdon be allowed the use of the small room west of the boys' gymnasium, to be used as a washroom for the boys coming from the workshop. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hamby's new bond was presented and approved.

Mr. Graham submitted the following report, for the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc.

August 3, 1900

To the Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools

Gentlemen, we, your Committee on Teachers, Textbooks [418] and Examinations, beg leave to report as follows.

[*Teachers*] 1. We recommend that Miss Hattie Hofstetter be elected a supernumerary teacher, to fill the place now vacant on that list.

2. We recommend that the name of Mrs. Mary B. Jackson be placed on the list as forth supernumerary, with the understanding that she will not be required to serve as such and will receive no salary, but that she will be eligible to a position as a regular teacher when the fourth vacancy occurs, on the same terms and conditions as other supernumerary teachers.

3. We recommend that Mrs. A.O. Hubbard, Miss F.S. Hamilton and Miss Tennie Hardwell be reelected to places in the

Colored Schools and that Miss Adelaide G. Schwien be elected to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. L.E. Lashwah.

4. Before recommending anyone to succeed Mr. George as Supervisor of Writing and Drawing, we ask the Board, as a whole, to consider the advisability of leaving that position vacant for the present.

Dr. Smith moved to adopt the report, with the exception of Article 2. This motion carried.

The Board then adjourned, till 9:00 a.m., Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> *inst.*  
{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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August 4, 1900

Board met at 9:00 a.m. Present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, M.M. Smith.

[*Text Books*] Motion carried to adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc., made in previous meeting, to dispense with special teacher of writing and drawing.

Mr. Castleman moved that the proposition made by Mr. W.H. Stacy, relating to insuring the High School building, be not accepted. This motion was adopted.

[*High School Building Insurance Accepted*] The Finance Committee reported that Mr. G.W. Bell's proposition to insure the High School building for five years for \$15,000 for \$186.25 had been accepted, and a policy had been written on these terms. On motion, the report was accepted.

[*M.T. Teacher*] On recommendation of Mr. Hunsdon, Mr. O.A. Hanszen was elected at a salary of \$800 per year, to succeed Mr. Goodell as teacher in Manual Training School.

A communication from E.S. Munroe, in regard to doing sanitary work in the Schools, was read and filed.

It was agreed to postpone the matter of selecting an assistant janitor at the High School.

[*Health Sanitation*] Dr. Smith's report, from the special Committee appointed to look after the sanitary conditions of the school buildings, was read, received and ordered entered in the minutes.

Austin, Texas  
August 4, 1900

Report of Committee appointed to look into the hygiene and sanitary arrangements of the City Public School buildings.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees of the City Schools

Gentlemen, we are a special Committee appointed to examine into the question of heating, ventilation, drainage, sewerage, etc. of the City School buildings, and to make such recommendations as we [420] deem necessary, beg leave to say that we have visited all the City Public School buildings and desire to make a preliminary report, reserving the right of making a full and complete report at some future time, which can only be done intelligently after a very thorough and exhaustive study of each of the buildings and grounds of the entire system.

We find many buildings badly in need of repairs, and one or two are being ruined because of defective roofs.

A large number of them have broken window panes and are in need of wire screens for the protection of the glass.

The drainage is bad at some of the schools.

Most of them need gravel around the buildings and in the yards, and they all need to gravel walks leading to the closets.

The greatest defect found, and one demanding immediate attention, is the condition of the water closets. These must be repaired and put in condition before the opening of school, with the exception of the new High School and the West and South Austin buildings. The entire closet system of the Schools is unsanitary, dangerous, and not in keeping with our school system. Many repairs are necessary in order to make them fit for use. All closets not connected with the sewers should have strong upground boxes made to order, so that they can be thoroughly and efficiently cleansed and disinfected, and some good scavenger, who understands his business and is prepared to do such work, should have a yearly contract to clean and disinfect these boxes as well as around the closets at least every two weeks during the entire school session.

We cannot impress upon this honorable Board too strongly the necessity and wisdom of making sewerage connection with

every school building in the neighborhood of the sewers. The only cost necessary to accomplish this recommendation is to make the connection to the main sewer and the erection of suitable closets for the same. There is no sewerage rental for any of [421] the city's public buildings. Therefore, the money saved in scavenger's bills will, in a few years, pay for the entire cost. By connecting with the sewers, you have a perfect sanitary arrangement, and one least likely to produce disease and offering the greatest comfort and protection to the school children.

Suitable heating apparatus, with ventilating attachments, should be introduced into all the City Schools as soon as feasible. The average single chamber coal stove will necessarily allow the escape of much carbon monoxide gas, which is poisonous and causes headaches, anemia and other troubles of children who breathe much of it.

Measurements should be made of each school room and the number of cubic feet of airspace calculated, so as not to have overcrowding in any one room.

The arrangement of the benches in order to get the best light for study is most important for the protection of the eyes, the most important and necessary sense of the student.

The introduction of the individual drinking cup into the Schools is most important and can be accomplished with very little expense, and thereby prevent the spread of many contagious diseases.

Printed rules as to the management of all infectious and contagious diseases, the proper isolation of all children exposed, and rules for their disinfection are highly important.

Shade trees planted judiciously about the grounds should be encouraged. Plain, substantial seats, arranged about in the nooks and corners of the buildings and under the shade trees, are needed at most of the schools. The Manual Training School might make these from time to time in the carpentry shop.

We might mention many other things tending to make our excellent school system more perfect, but space will not permit at this time.

Enumeration of repairs absolutely necessary, [422] to be made before the Schools open:

Hyde Park School: More gravel is needed on the east side of the building, with good gravel walks to the closets. New water closets for both the boys and girls, and strips on the partition wall. It can be easily done. We advise raising the ceiling of the entire building above six feet, so as to get more in space and more light from the upper set of windows. This should at least be attempted in the middle room, where the light is so badly needed.

North Austin Sixth Ward: Everything is in fair repair about the building, except a little portion of the fence and the gates. The greatest need at this school is sewerage connection for the closets. The drainage around this building is worse than in any of the City Schools excepting possibly the one in Hyde Park. The sewage passes by the building and should be utilized here because the low flat ground here makes the water stand under some of the closets. In addition, a few strips along the partition wall will make this school very comfortable for the children.

West Austin: This building is splendidly drained and only needs some repairs on the roof and plastering. This building can boast of the only first-class water closets in the Schools, excepting the High School, and we would only recommend the upper ground boxes for them.

Tenth Ward: Some little repairs needed for the closets with the box system. Additional gravel is needed for the yard, and walks of gravel to the closets. The fence is in bad condition and would indicate that someone has been using it for wood. This should be repaired, and the janitor should be required to look after it closely.

East Austin: The roof of this splendid building needs immediate attention, for the protection of the walls and school property. The closets, especially on the boys' side, are in bad condition and should be largely rebuilt with suitable accessories.

South Austin: Splendid drainage, but entire yard needs gravel, with gravel walks to the closets, which needs some repairs and which are the only closets in the entire School that have any upground boxes, and [423] these are inadequate.

Robertson Hill Colored: The closets should all be rebuilt. Many window panes need replacing, and wire screens are needed for their protection. The drainage is good.

Gregorytown Colored: The buildings are in need of many repairs. Window glass has been broken in large quantities, demanding wire screens for windows. The closets should be rebuilt. The drainage is perfect.

West Austin Colored: The ground surrounding the entire building needs gravel, with walks of the same to the closets. Here we found the most unhealthy closets in the entire system. The old-time pits are in use. They should be thoroughly disinfected and filled up with soil and suitable ground. Closets should be used in their place.

Wheatville Colored: Gravel is needed around this building, and walks of the same to the closets. Here we found the black mud, which calls for plenty of gravel. The closets need repairing, and the pit now in use should be dispensed with, as indicated in the preceding school.

First Ward Mexican: This little school is in splendid condition and well kept, but needs the pits under the closets filled and upground boxes in their places.

Respectfully submitted,

{M.M. Smith}, Chairman, {R.N. Castleman}, {W.J. Mathews}

Mr. Johnson moved that the Building Committee be instructed to make the repairs and improvements suggested in the report, so far as available means will permit. Motion carried.

[*High School Grading*] Mr. Johnson moved that \$500, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be expended in grading the High School grounds, that estimates being made as to the amount of earth to be moved and grades be established, that bids be asked for by the Board for doing this work, and that the work be supervised by Superintendent Harris. Motion carried. [424]

Dr. Smith moved that \$5 be charged J.D. Bouton on account of breaking desks in hauling. Carried.

Meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
August 14, 1900

At a meeting called to open bids on grading High School grounds, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, C.J. Johnson, M.M. Smith.

[*High School Grading Bids*] The following bids were opened and read by the Secretary:

A. Brunson, \$391

W.H. Sowder, \$267.50

J.R. Powell, south and west side at 12 cents per yard, or the whole for \$200

William Jackson, \$315

Pat Rail, \$340

Motion was made and adopted that the contract be awarded J.R. Powell, whose bid of \$200 was the lowest made.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 7, 1900

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.N. Castleman, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison and M.M. Smith.

Minutes of August 3, 4 and 14 were read and approved.

[*Bust for Schools*] Mr. Shumate, of the firm of Teagarden & Shumate, was present, and the Board set aside the regular order of business in order to hear what he had to say. Mr. Shumate stated that the bust of General Sam Houston, made by Miss Elisabet Ney and purchased for the High School, was ready to be delivered whenever the Board were ready to receive it.

Motion was made and adopted that a Committee be appointed to confer with Mrs. Rebecca Fisher, President of the Daughters of the Republic, and, with Misters Teagarden and Shumate, to arrange exercises suitable to the formal acceptance of the gift. The President appointed on this Committee Dr. Smith, Mr. Graham and Mr. Castleman.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Teacher*] The Superintendent reported that Miss Edla Moody had sent in her resignation and stated that Miss Johanna Blinka would probably be an applicant for the place, but that she did not wish the Board to take definitive action toward electing her as she had not been

released from her contract with the Missionary Board. Miss Moody's resignation was accepted.

[*Salary-Policy*] The Finance Committee referred to the Board the question of paying the salaries of Mr. George and Mr. Goodell, whose resignations had been handed in during the month of July. Dr. Smith made a motion that the Board authorize the paying of Mr. George's salary for the remaining five months of the school year. This motion received no [426] second. Mr. Castleman then moved that neither Mr. George nor Mr. Goodell be paid for the time after they had resigned their positions here. This motion was seconded and carried.

[*Non-resident Pupils*] Mr. Shelton presented a request from a number of nonresident patrons of the City Schools, asking that the Rule in regard to the admission of nonresident pupils be changed. Motion was made to refer the matter to a Committee of two, to confer with the Attorney General and find out the legal status of the case.

Dr. Garrison came in at this time.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations recommended a change, making the Rule on this subject read as follows:

Section IV, Paragraph 4.

[*Rule*] Scholastic Pupils Residing Beyond the Corporate Limits. Scholastic pupils residing beyond the corporate limits of the City of Austin, who have their State and County School Funds transferred to the City, may attend the City Schools for such length of time as the State and County School Fund will run the City Schools, which time may be found by dividing the amount of money received by the City from the State and County for Public School purposes by the average monthly expenses of the City Schools. This Rule shall apply to those pupils who are nonresidents of the city but who board in the city, and to those who board in the city temporarily for the benefit of the Public Schools. When the Schools are overcrowded, the children of permanent residents shall be preferred in assigning seats, above those transferred under this Rule.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

[*High School Soft Floor*] The question of accepting the cement floor in the basement of the High School building and paying the balance due on the building was referred to the Building Committee, to report back to the Board at a called meeting to be held next week.

[*High School Fire Hose*] The Superintendent was authorized to purchase 200 feet of hose for the fire plugs in the High School building. [427]

[*High School Furniture*] The Superintendent stated that the furniture for the High School had come, but that it would be impossible for the workmen to get it set up by Monday. The Board therefore decided to postpone the opening of the High School until everything could be gotten in readiness and authorized the Superintendent to make this announcement in the papers.

[*Teacher*] A request from Miss A.L. Evans, teacher in the Gregorytown Colored School, for a year's leave of absence, was presented by the Superintendent. The Board, after discussion, decided that they could not well get along without Miss Evans at this time, and permission was not granted.

[*Colored School Opening Postponed*] In view of the fact that so many of the Negroes are in the cotton fields, the Board decided to postpone the opening of the Colored Schools for one month, with the understanding that these schools run one month later in the summer.

[*Request Science*] A communication from Mr. Alfred Freshney, asking that the Board appropriate about \$36 to buy two microscopes from the University, where they could be gotten at a bargain, was read by the Superintendent, and the Board made the appropriation.

[*High School - M.T.*] Mr. Castleman reported, for the Allan Fund Committee, that a motor costing \$281 had been purchased, and that he had authorized the laying of wires to furnish power to the Manual Training School at a cost of about \$50. The report was approved.

The Building Committee reported that some necessary repairs had been made at the different buildings.

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

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
September 10, 1900

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, M.M. Smith, W.J. Mathews, G.P. Garrison.

[*Chairs for High School*] The President stated that the meeting had been called in order that the Board might examine the chairs sent for use in the recitation rooms of the High School. He stated that the Board had ordered 200 chairs, like sample furnished, and that the chairs had come to be set up in sections, four chairs to a section. Mr. C.H. Meyers, the agent for the furniture company, made a statement to the Board, explaining the case from his standpoint. The Board

examined the chairs. Mr. Graham then made motion that the agent with whom the Board had made the contract be made to comply with contract. The motion was seconded and adopted.

[*Request (Rules)*] Mr. Phillipps requested the Board to change the Rule fixing the age at which children may be admitted to the Schools, so that children six years and six months old may be admitted to the Schools by paying tuition for six months. This matter was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

[*Basement Floor Accepted*] The Building Committee recommended that the floors in the basement be accepted, and that the amount held back on this account be paid the contractors. This recommendation was adopted.

[*High School repairs*] Mr. Ledbetter was instructed to replace shutters in High School broken by the storm.

[*High School Chairs*] The Superintendent was authorized to rent 200 chairs, to be used in the recitation rooms until tablet arm chairs can be set up.

[*Desk Inspection*] The Superintendent was authorized to inspect the desks and reject any that are imperfectly set up, and to instruct the agent to have them gone over again.

[*Colored Principal Request*] The Colored Principals came before the Board and asked that the question of postponing the [429] opening of the Colored Schools be reconsidered, and that the Board decide to open them at the earliest day possible. Dr. Smith moved to reconsider the action of the Board at the previous meeting. Motion carried. Motion to open the Colored Schools [on] Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> *instant* was made. After general discussion, the schools were ordered to open on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Board then adjourned, to meet Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

September 11, 1900

Adjourned meeting. Present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, M.M. Smith, C.J. Johnson, G.P. Garrison.

[*High School Desks & Chairs*] The Superintendent stated that the desks were not ready for inspection, and that the Schools could not open before Thursday. He also stated that he had arranged to rent chairs for recitation rooms.

[*Policy*] Mr. Johnson stated that his son, living in the North Austin district, had been sent to the Hyde Park School, and asked that he be

allowed to remain at North Austin. The Superintendent had had no opportunity to look into the matter, so it was turned over to him, for investigation.

[*High School Janitor*] The applications for the position of assistant janitor in the High School were considered. The Superintendent recommended that Peter Angermiller be elected at a salary of \$30 per month. Adopted.

[*Request (Miss Brooke)*] Miss Brooke wished the Board to give their opinion as to the advisability of getting up a concert in her school for the benefit of the Galveston flood sufferers. It was the sense of the Board that it would take too much time from regular school work to practice for an entertainment.

The Board then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 5, 1900

At a regular meeting of the Board held at 4:00 p.m., all the members were present.

The minutes of September 7, 10 and 11 were read and, after some correction, approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The following cases involving the question of residence and right to tuition were brought before the Board.

[*Policy*] Mrs. Underhill stated that her three grandchildren were living with her, that their mother was dead, and that their father had found it necessary to go elsewhere for employment, and asked that these children be considered residents with rights to free tuition.

Miss \_\_\_ stated that her mother had living with her a nephew, the boy's mother being dead, and the father living elsewhere, and she asked the same privilege.

[*Policy*] Worth Maxwell stated that he lived with his grandmother in Austin, that his father lived in the country, that his mother was dead, and asked that he be considered a resident.

[*Policy*] The cases of Captain Faulkner's niece, Mary Parker, living with him and supported by him, and of Mr. Rosengren's nephew, similarly situated, and of Mr. J.B. Moore's nephew, Allan Nealy, who wished to attend the Public Schools while his uncle, Mr. Moore, attended the University, were all brought before the Board.

[*Policy*] The Board discussed all of these cases, and the Rule involved, at length. Dr. Garrison moved that all of these children, excepting Mr. Moore's nephew, be admitted to the Schools as residents. Mr. Johnson moved, as a substitute, that the Rule involved would be amended before any action is taken in these cases. It was therefore decided that decision in these cases would be postponed until after the Committee on Rules had brought in a recommendation.

[*West Austin (Pease)*] The matter of putting a canvas covering over the stair railing at the West Austin School was referred to the Building Committee. [431]

[*Policy*] The case of Amanda Ellingson, over school age but who wishes to continue in the High School without paying tuition until she had completed her course, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

[*High School Building*] The Superintendent's report was then called for. Report was made of the number enrolled and belonging at the different buildings. The Superintendent stated that Mr. Powell had quit work on the High School grounds and had left town, leaving a number of his hands with orders on the Board, amounting to more than was due him for work done. He further states that Mr. Sowder had agreed to finish the contract for \$40, and that all the men holding orders against Powell had agreed to waive their claims in favor of this \$40 claim of Mr. Sowder, in order to have the job finished, so that they could collect their *pro rata* of the amount due them. Mr. Sowder had accordingly undertaken to finish the work, but had found it more of a job than he expected and had already lost money on his contract, still without finishing the work. Mr. Castleman suggested that the matter be referred to the Building Committee, authorizing them to have Mr. Sowder so grade grounds on northeast corner that water will drain off, then to release him from his contract and to pay him the amount specified in his contract. Mr. Johnson moved that this suggestion be adopted. This motion carried.

[*Galveston Storm*] The Superintendent read a letter from Mr. J.H. Hopkins, Superintendent of the Galveston Schools, asking for a contribution from the Austin School children to help rebuild the Galveston School houses. The matter was referred to the Superintendent, to have the attention of the school children called to it in such a way as to secure only voluntary offerings, and so as not to embarrass any who could not contribute.

[*Tuition*] The Superintendent stated that calculation had shown that three months' free tuition could be given children who had had

their State and County School Funds transferred to the City, that the amount of money received from the State would run the City Schools for three months. The report was received and adopted. [432]

The Board ordered that the Colored teachers be paid for the number of days they had actually taught.

The Committee on Supplies were authorized to call for bids on fuel.

[*Teacher*] The Superintendent stated that Miss Johanna Blinka had applied for the place in the First Ward or Garland School, and he recommended that the Board elect her. The Board unanimously elected Miss Blinka to this place.

[*High School Building*] The matter of having picture molding put around the recitation rooms in the High School building was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*Teacher*] Mr. Graham move to reconsider action in regard to Miss L.A. Evans' leave of absence. Motion carried. A letter containing the resignation of Miss Evans and a later telegram withdrawing the resignation, if the Board decided to grant the leave of absence, were read by the Secretary. Mr. Johnson moved to accept resignation. Motion carried.

[*Teacher Salaries*] A communication from Misses Eva Allen and Hallie Walker was presented, asking that the Board increase their salary, as they had served a whole year as supernumeraries and were still left on the supernumerary list. The Committee on Teachers recommended that these two teachers be paid \$35 per month. This recommendation was adopted.

[*Policy*] The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Carl Mayer, asking that his daughter be allowed to attend the High School for only two periods a day, stating that her health would not permit her to be confined in the school room for a longer time. The request was granted on condition that a written statement from a physician be furnished, showing that this irregularity is a necessity.

[*Rules*] A communication from J.E. Martin was read and referred to the Committee on Rules.

[*Finance*] The opinion of the Attorney General, in regard to using as available fund money received as rents on County School lands, was read by the Secretary. This communication was referred to the County Commissioners Court.

[*High School Grounds*] The bill from City of Austin Power Company was referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with power to act.

The bill of Mr. Burton McDonald, for making out specifications for grading High School grounds, was referred to the Building Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

November 2, 1900

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, C.J. Johnson, M.M. Smith.

The minutes of October 5 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent gave a statistical report of the condition of the Schools and called the attention of the Board to some matters that needed their attention.

[*High School Hardware*] The bill from Walter Tips, for hardware for the High School, was referred to the Building Committee.

[*High School Insurance*] The matter of deciding the amount of insurance necessary to cover the furniture in the High School building was referred to the Finance Committee.

[*Supplies*] The Committee on Buildings and Supplies were instructed to communicate with the Van Broeckmann Company, to find out when the Board might expect the extra castings necessary to set up the tablet arm chairs in the High School recitation rooms.

[*Supplies*] The Superintendent was authorized to buy the needed number of waste baskets and feather dusters.

[*High School - M.T.*] The Superintendent recommended that the motor in the forge room be moved from the ceiling to the floor, because of the vibration caused in the recitation room above. This matter was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*Teacher*] The Committee on Teachers recommended that Mrs. Marie Jackson be elected as teacher in the Colored Schools, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss A.L. Evans, with the understanding that Mrs. Jackson is to be assigned to duty when needed. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

[*High School Grounds*] The matter of further work on the High [434] School grounds, having rocks raked off and the ground rolled, was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*High School Roof*] The Superintendent stated that the roof of the High School building leaked in several places. This matter was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*High School Dedication*] Dr. Smith reported for the special Committee appointed to arrange for special exercises at the High School, that arrangements had been completed and that the exercises will be held on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m.

[*Rules*] The Committee on Rules asked for further time in which to consider the matters referred to that Committee at the last meeting. The request was granted.

[*High School Grounds*] The Building Committee reported that they were not in favor of paying the bill presented by Mr. Burt McDonald for making out specifications for grading High school grounds. The report was received.

[*Finance*] Mr. Williams and Major W.M. Brown, two of the officers who served at the election of School Trustees last spring, were present and asked to make a statement to the Board in regard to bills presented for services rendered. The request was granted, and, after Major Brown had presented the case to the Board, it was decided unanimously that the Board ought not to pay these bills.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

December 7, 1900

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, M.M. Smith, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of November 2 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent made a historical report and a general report in regard to the condition of the Schools.

[*High School - M.T. - Policy*] Mr. Castleman moved that, in as much as the Manual Training School occupies, according to estimate, 5/21 of the floorspace of the High School building, the Allan Fund be taxed 5/21 of the interest due on the High School bonds, that this amount be drawn in favor of the General Fund, and that one warrant then be drawn on the General Fund to cover the entire amount of interest due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. This motion carried.

The Superintendent was authorized to remit to New York City the amount of interest due there, and to pay to the City Treasurer the amount due on bonds held by the City.

The Committee on Rules offered the following:

J.B. Rogers, President, and Members, Board of Trustees

[*Christmas*] We, your Committee on Rules and Regulations, beg leave to make a special report. That for the year 1900, the Christmas holidays extend from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of December inclusive.

{W.J. Mathews}, {M.M. Smith}, {George P. Garrison}

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Rules then presented the following report.

J.B. Rogers, Esquire, President, School Board

[*Rules*] Dear Sir, your Committee on Rules and Regulations [436] would respectfully recommend the adoption of the Rules and Regulations now in force, with the following amendments:

1. Amend Rule 2, Section 4, by adding these words: "and provided further that, in case the person with whom the child may be living in the city is its virtual, though not its legal guardian, and pays its expenses, and satisfactory evidence is furnished of the inability or refusal of the legal guardian to pay tuition for the child, the tuition may be remitted by a vote of the Board."

2. Amend Rule 4, Section 7, by changing three to two, and \$20 to \$40, so that the Rule will read: "There shall be kept in the employment of the Board at least two supernumerary teachers, each of whom shall be paid a salary of \$40 per month."

Respectfully submitted,

Signed {W.J. Mathews}, {M.M. Smith}, {George P. Garrison}

The report was considered by sections. Motion was made that Section 1 of the report be adopted. After general discussion, this Section was adopted. Motion was then made and seconded that Section 2 of the report be adopted. A substitute was offered, moving that action in this manner be postponed until the main meeting. The substitute received no second, and the original motion carried.

[*Policy*] The case of the pupil in the High School, Miss Amanda Ellingson, over school age, was referred back to the Committee on Rules, to report at the next meeting of the Board.

[*High School Bill*] The Board authorized the payment of W.A. Burke's bill for gas pipe in the High School building.

[*Board*] Motion was made and adopted that the Superintendent be instructed to buy a good lamp and have it filled and in readiness for these prolonged sessions of the Board.

Motion was made and adopted that the Superintendent be excused from the office on the afternoon of the meetings of the Mothers Club at the North [437] Austin School.

[*Salary*] Major W.M. Brown presented the claims of L.W. George, for salary from July 11 to September 11. It being already so late, the matter was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

December 19, 1900

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, M.M. Smith.

[*Galveston Disaster*] The meeting was called to consider a letter from Superintendent J.W. Hopkins of Galveston, asking the Public School teachers and pupils of Austin [to] help the Galveston Schools by selling copies of the book, *Galveston in 1900*, written by Clarence Ousley and being sold over the state for the benefit of the Galveston Schools. Motion was made and adopted that the teachers and pupils of Austin be authorized to do what they could to help in this work. Details of the arrangement were left to the Superintendent, and he was authorized to remit to Galveston the money received from the sale of the books.

December 31, 1900

[*Holidays*] The meeting was called for 10:00 a.m. The following were present: R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, G.P. Garrison, M.M. Smith. Meeting was called for the purpose of reconsidering the vote by which the holidays were fixed. Mr. Graham moved that this vote be reconsidered. Carried. Motion was then made and adopted that holiday be given on New Year's Day, Mr. Castleman voting no.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
January 8, 1901

At the time for the regular meeting on the fourth *instant*, it was impossible to get a quorum together. Those present: Misters Rogers and Castleman and Dr. Smith. Adjourned, to meet again when a quorum could be gotten.

The Board accordingly met at 4:00 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup>, with the following present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, M.M. Smith, Jefferson Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of December 7, 19 and 31 were read and approved.

The next thing in order was the report of the Superintendent.

After making a short report in regards to the condition of the Schools, the Superintendent brought some other matters before the Board, for their consideration.

The Finance Committee were authorized to issue a duplicate warrant to Miss Eva Allen, to take the place of the one issued last month and lost before it reached Miss Allen.

[*Policy*] According to the late ruling of the School Board, in regard to nonresident pupils staying in Austin with their virtual guardians, Eleanor McHenry, living with Mr. John K. Donnan's family, and Allan Neely, living with his uncle, Mr. J.B. Moore, were admitted to the Schools without tuition.

The case of Senator Wilson's son was left over till the next regular meeting of the Board, so that Senator Wilson could meet with the Board

[*Ruling*] It was decided that Mr. Thorburn's son should be admitted as a resident.

[*Ruling*] Motion was made and adopted that, when Mr. Rosengren has furnished the necessary statement, sharing that he is the virtual guardian of his nephew, the boy is to be admitted to the Schools without tuition.

[*Supplies High School Building Fund*] The Superintendent was authorized to buy [439] three maps for the seventh and eighth grades at the High School building and have same charged to High School Building Fund.

[*High School Janitor*] The resignation of Louis Phillipp, janitor at the High School, was read and accepted. The Superintendent stated that he had employed Booker Hancock to fill the place at a salary of \$30 per month. This appointment of janitor and the amount of salary to be paid were approved by the Board.

[*High School Academy Block*] Some discussion was held in regard to the possibility of securing possession of the block of ground known as Academy Block, and situated just north of the West Austin School. The matter was referred to the Building Committee, authorizing them to make investigation and then to take such steps as they may deem best in the premises.

[*Text Books*] The Committee on Textbooks, Etc., presented the following recommendation of the Superintendent, approved by all three members of the Committee:

Dr. G.P. Garrison, Chairman, Committee Textbooks, Etc.

[*Report – Course of Study*] Since last summer, Miss Smith and I have been considering and discussing the revision of the course of reading for the seventh and eighth grades. We thought it advisable to defer definite action until we had time to see the new plan of work in operation. We are now ready to report to you the results, in order that you may have the whole matter before you in compact form. I will say that, at present, this is the course in reading in these grades: Low Seventh *Enoch Andrew* and *Miles Standish*, High Seventh *Little Nell*, Low Eighth *Gray's Elegy*, High Eighth *Evangeline*. Under the old plan, the Texas history was made a part of the reading for high seventh grade and U.S. history for the eighth grade. Teachers found it not practicable to do [440] more reading in a profitable way. Now, however, Miss Smith, as you of course know, gives all her time to the study of literature, under the name of reading, she finds that she can use profitably a large quantity of reading matter. She thinks that she should have two of these small works for each half year, or eight in all for the two years. She and I together have agreed upon the following as the course that we should like to try for this next term: Low Seventh *Miles Standish* and *Tales of a Grandfather*, High Seventh *Little Nell* and *Enoch Andrews*, Low Eighth *Gray's Elegy* and *Tales of the White Hills*, High Eighth *Evangeline* and *The Alhambra*. You will see that we add to the list of five books formerly used these three: *Tales of a Grandfather*, *Tales of the White Hills*, and *The Alhambra*. I submit copies of these three. As you will observe, they are in a cheap form, but they are classic literature. These changes will not increase the book bill of any one pupil more than 15 cents a term. We shall be glad to have your Committee consider these recommendations at once,

and, if you approve them, make a favorable report to the Board tomorrow afternoon, in order that the books may go into use at the beginning of the next term, January 21.

Respectfully submitted,

{T.G. Harris}, Superintendent of Schools

Approved,

{G.P. Garrison}, {J.W. Graham}, {Jefferson Johnson}

Committee on Textbooks

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

[*School Tax*] Dr. Smith made motion that a Committee from the Board be appointed to request the City Council to submit to the taxpaying voters of the city the proposition to increase the school tax to 50 cents on the \$100. The motion was seconded and discussed Mr. Johnson moved that the question [441] be left open for discussion at a meeting to be held especially for this purpose at 4:00 p.m., Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Board accordingly adjourned until that time.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

January 11, 1901

[*School Tax*] At a special meeting to discuss the advisability of petitioning the City Council to submit to the taxpaying voters of the city a proposition to increase the rate of school tax, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, Jefferson Johnson, George P. Garrison.

[*School Tax*] Dr. Smith's motion of the previous meeting was taken up for discussion. Mr. Johnson stated the situation in a few words, showing that the school revenues had been so cut short on account of the decreased evaluations in city property, that to offset this cut and in order to make it possible to continue the Schools for nine months' term, it would be necessary to have the rate of city tax for school purposes increased to at least 42 cents of the \$100. The question was discussed at length by all the members present and by Judge T.B. Cochran and Mr. V.L. Brooks, who had been invited to meet with the Board. After this discussion, Mr. Johnson moved to amend Dr. Smith's motion of the last meeting, so that the Board shall request the Council to submit to the people the proposition to increase the school tax rate not to exceed 10 cents. This motion was seconded and

discussed. Another amendment was then offered by Mr. Johnson, requesting the City Council to submit to the people the proposition to increase the rate eight and two-thirds cents, making it 42 cents on the \$100 valuation. This amendment was unanimously [442] adopted, on motion Mr. Castleman and Mr. Graham were appointed as a Committee to present the matter to the City Council at its next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.  
 {J.W. Graham}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
 February 1, 1901

At the regular monthly meeting, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, Jefferson Johnson, G.P. Garrison and M.M. Smith.

The minutes of January 8 and 11 were read and, after some correction, approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Policy*] The regular order of business was set aside in order that two gentlemen who were present might bring some matters before the Board without delay. Mr. Hammond asked that his son, Paul, who had been suspended for truancy, might be reinstated. After discussion, the Board decided to grant this request on condition that Mr. Hammond be notified by Paul's teacher as soon as he is absent one day, and that Mr. Hammond then take up the matter and deal with it himself.

[*Policy*] Senator Wilson was present to state to the Board reasons why he thought his son should be allowed free school privileges in Austin. The Board agreed unanimously that this boy was a nonresident and should therefore pay tuition.

The Superintendent called the attention of the Board to the statistical report of the Schools.

He then stated that he and the High School Principal had arranged, without calling on the Board, for any money to supply the seventh and eighth grades with three unabridged dictionaries, and that the Board could get three more for these grades by paying \$27. This amount was appropriated [443] to buy the three dictionaries.

[*High School Auditorium Request*] Ashley Denton of the High School presented a request to the Board for use of the High School assembly hall for a W.C.T. [illegible] gold medal contest. On account of the Rule

regulating the use of public school property, this request was not granted.

[*Salary – Teacher*] Mr. W.M. Brown asked that the Board allow him the privilege of presenting some points relating to the payment of Mr. L.W. George's salary for two months, from July 10 to September 10. Mr. Castleman moved that the previous action of the Board in regard to this matter be reconsidered. Motion carried. Dr. Smith then renewed his motion, made at the previous meeting, that the Board pay Mr. George's salary for these two months. This motion was seconded. Mr. Brown then read to the Board a paper prepared to set forth Mr. George's side of the case. After discussion, the question was put, and the motion to pay Mr. George for these two months carried.

[*Allan Fund*] The following action in regard to the Younger notes was authorized by the Board: The notes are to be extended for two years, with the understanding that Mr. Younger pay half of back interest and interest accrued, the other half to be paid half the first year, and half the second year, so that, at the end of the second year, nothing will be due except the face of the notes.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Goldbeck, in regard to the sale of 160 acres of land in Llano County, owned jointly by Miss Osborne and the Allan Fund. On motion, the sale of the land was authorized.

The Board authorized the Allan Fund Committee to pay to Mr. Castleman \$1.10, the amount paid out by him for advertising for Allan Fund loans in *Statesman*.

[*Mistletoe on Trees*] The Superintendent was authorized to instruct [444] all janitors do get rid of mistletoe on all trees on school grounds and to further trim trees as he may.

[*High School Furniture*] Communication from C.H. Meyers & Company of Houston, asking that the Board sign a statement in regard to freight rates on High School furniture, was read by the Secretary. The Superintendent was instructed to write Mr. Meyers that this is a matter that the Board knows nothing about.

[*Vaccination*] Dr. Smith made a motion that the Superintendent instruct teachers to set forth to the school children once a week for four weeks the importance of being vaccinated, stating that nothing will be accepted in lieu of vaccination, and that, at the end of that time, the Board may find it necessary to take some more rigorous measures. Motion carried. The Superintendent was authorized to put notice in the papers, stating officially that all children must be vaccinated.

[*High School – M.T.*] The Superintendent was authorized to issue a special invitation to the members of the Legislature, to visit the Manual Training department.

[*Text Books*] Action on the communication from the Dallas School Board, in regard to the Uniform Textbook Bill, now before the Legislature, was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

{J.W. Graham}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 4, 1901

At the regular time for the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, there was no quorum present. The President and Vice President adjourned to meet on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. At this time, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, J.W. Graham, G.P. Garrison, M.M. Smith.

The minutes of February 1 were read and approved.

[*Vaccination*] In connection with the regular statistical report, the Superintendent made a report of the number of children at each school building who had not been successfully vaccinated within the time required by the Board.

Dr. Morrow's communication to the Board, in regard to homeopathic treatment in place of vaccination, was read and ordered filed. Dr. Smith move that all children who have not been vaccinated successfully within five years and who have not brought a statement to that effect be required to be vaccinated within five weeks, or to quit school. This motion was seconded and adopted. The Superintendent was authorized to put a notice in the papers to this effect.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Teacher*] The resignation of Miss Lula Bewley was read and accepted by the Board. The Superintendent was instructed to write to Miss Bewley, expressing the regret felt by the Board at the necessity for her resignation, and the hope that she might speedily recover. The matter of appointing someone to fill this place was referred to the Committee on Teachers and the Superintendent, with instructions to report to the Board at the next meeting, for approval or ratification.

[*Salary Refund*] The Board authorized the refunding to Mr. Taff of the amount of salary deducted last month on account of absence at the time [446] of the death of his baby.

[*School Tax*] A paper prepared to present to the people, through the press, the position of the Board in regard to the increase in the school tax rate was read, and motion was made that the entire Board sign this paper, and that the Superintendent give it to the papers for publication.

The meeting then adjourned.

Superintendent's Office

March 16, 1901

The meeting was called by the President to reconsider the compulsory vaccination resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board. The following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, G.P. Garrison, M.M. Smith, Jefferson Johnson, W.J. Mathews.

[*Vaccination*] The resolution, as adopted at the last meeting, was read. Motion to reconsider was adopted. Dr. Smith renewed the motion adopted at the last meeting. Dr. Mathews seconded this motion. Dr. Morrow presented a petition signed by a large number of citizens, protesting against compulsory vaccination. The question was discussed at length by all the members present and Dr. Morrow and Mr. Eilers. Various substitute motions were offered, but failed to carry. Dr. Mathews moved an amendment to Dr. Smith's original motion, extending the time and making it read as follows: Resolved that all children who have not been successfully vaccinated within 10 years, and who have not brought a written statement to that effect from a physician or from the head of the family, be required to be vaccinated within two weeks, or to quit school. This motion was adopted, Mr. Castleman and Mr. Johnson voting no.

[*Teachers*] The Superintendent presented two resignations to the Board: Miss A.G. Schwien, teacher in the Gregorytown Colored School, and Peter Angermiller, [447] High School janitor. The Superintendent was instructed to fill these places with the best applicants available and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The application of Miss Celestine Madison was read and referred to the Committee on Teachers.

The meeting then adjourned.

## Superintendent's Office

April 5, 1901

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, Jefferson Johnson, M.M. Smith.

The minutes of March 4 and 16 were read and approved.

[*Discipline*] Mrs. Weedig asked the Board to reinstate her son, Edgar Hendricks, who had been suspended. She stated the situation, as she understood it, to the Board. The Superintendent stated that the boy had been suspended at the request of all seven of the teachers of the seventh and eighth grades, because his behavior was so bad that they felt that he should not be allowed to remain longer in school. Dr. Smith moved that the action of these seven teachers be sustained by the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. After discussion, the motion was put and failed to carry. After further discussion, motion was made and adopted that Edgar be readmitted on condition that he make up his mind to behave properly and with the understanding that as soon as he fails to behave properly, he has to be sent home for the remainder of the term.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Superintendent's Report*] The Superintendent made a statistical report of the condition of the Schools.

Report was made that R.G. Purcell had been appointed to [448] take the place in the Colored Schools made vacant by the resignation of Miss A.G. Schwien, and that Booker Hancock's wife had been appointed as assistant janitor at the High School.

[*High School - M.T.*] The Superintendent stated that the boys in the Manual Training department had been making a number of useful articles and decided to have a sale of them to purchase some books for that department, that would be of special use to them in connection with their work. The Board authorized the carrying out of this plan.

[*Teacher*] The Chairman of the Committee on Teachers was not present, and no formal report of this Committee was made, but motion was made and adopted that Miss Hallie Walker continue to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Bewley, until the end of the session.

[*High School Furniture Bill*] The bill from the Van Broeckmann Publishing Company for High School furniture was referred to a Committee composed of Mr. Castleman, Dr. Smith and

Superintendent Harris, to confer with the City Attorney and ascertain the rights of the School Board in settling this bill. The Committee was authorized to make a final settlement with the Van Broeckmann Company.

[*High School Commencement*] Motion was made and adopted that the commencement exercises of the High School be held in the High School assembly hall in the daytime. The matter of arranging the program was left to the Superintendent and High School Principal, with the understanding that the program be composed entirely of exercises by the graduating class and school officials.

[*Holiday*] Motion was made and adopted that the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April be a holiday. The school authorities were authorized to arrange appropriate and acceptable exercises to celebrate the reunion of the veterans on that day.

[*High School Insurance Rebate*] The Superintendent was authorized to collect rebate on insurance on High School building, according to rebate made on one policy after removal [449] to the new building.

[*Rules*] The Committee on Rules recommended a change in Section 19, Article 1 of the Rules and Regulations, making this section read as follows: Public school buildings, furniture, apparatus and other school property belonging to the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools shall be used exclusively for school purposes. This recommendation was adopted.

[*High School for Summer Normal*] A communication from the County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. W.P. Brady, and others was read, asking permission to use the High School building for a summer normal. The request was granted on condition that the conductors of the normal be held responsible for the condition of the building and school property.

A request from one of the principals for the use of one of the ward schools for a summer school was granted, with the same condition.

[*Teacher*] Applications from Mrs. L.O. Chilton and Miss Lizzie Waterston for positions in the Austin Schools were referred to the Committee on Teachers.

[*Vaccination*] Mr. Johnson moved to reconsider the former action of the Board relating to the matter on compulsory vaccination of pupils. This motion was not carried. Mr. Johnson then moved to extend indefinitely the time in which pupils may be vaccinated. Dr. Smith moved to table Mr. Johnson's motion, and, on Dr. Smith's motion, the vote stood at three and three, and the motion was lost. The vote was

then taken on Mr. Johnson's motion for an indefinite extension of time, and resulted in a tie: three voting for and three against, and hence the motion was lost.

The meeting then adjourned.

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April 9, 1901

The meeting was called for the purpose of giving the Superintendent explicit instructions for carrying out the wishes of the Board in regard to the compulsory vaccination resolution adopted at a previous meeting. The following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, G.P. Garrison and M.M. Smith.

The minutes of April 5, relating to the consideration of the vaccination question, were read, corrected and adopted.

[*Vaccination*] An explanation of the action of the Board at the last meeting, Dr. Smith introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: All pupils of the Austin Schools shall be required to furnish by April 5, 1901 certificates signed by a reputable physician or by the parent or guardian of the pupil, of successful vaccination within 10 years, or a vaccination during the current scholastic year. The Superintendent is directed to exclude from the Schools those who fail to furnish such certificates.

[*Trustee Election*] Mr. Castleman moved that the President of the Board, according to the law regulating the election of School Trustees, issue the election proclamation, fix voting places, appoint officers of election, and make all necessary arrangements for the election to be held on the first Saturday in May. This motion carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office

May 7, 1901

The regular meeting was postponed from the third *inst.* until the 7<sup>th</sup>. At this time, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, R.M. Castleman, J.W. Graham, W.J. Mathews, Jefferson Johnson and M.M. Smith.

The minutes of April 5 and 9 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent's report was the next thing on the program. Statistical report of the condition of the Schools was made.

[*High School Insurance Rebate*] The Superintendent also reported that the insurance companies had agreed to make rebate on premiums paid on insurance on furniture and machinery at the High School building, at the same rate previously agreed upon by the company making first rebate. This report was accepted.

[*Commencement*] Arrangements for music and other details of the High School commencement exercises were, on motion of Dr. Smith, left over for the newly-organized Board to decide upon.

[*High School Furniture*] Mr. Castleman reported for the special Committee appointed to settle with the Van Broeckmann Company for High School furniture. He stated that that settlement had been made by deducting from the original bill of \$1,741 the following items: \$312 for loss of time while the furniture was being placed, \$27 for rent of chairs, \$49.80 for damaged furniture, making a total deduction of \$388.80 and leaving the amount due the Van Broeckmann Company \$1,352.20. This amount was paid and receipt in full of all demands was received. It was further understood that the portion of the contract relating to the supplying of all broken parts of the furniture was left in force. This report was accepted, and the Committee was discharged.

[452] [*Finance*] Mr. Castleman then moved that the amount of \$388.80 be transferred from the High School Building Fund to the General Fund, because this amount loss had been sustained by the General Fund. This motion was adopted.

[*Trustee Election*] The returns of the School Trustee election held on May 4 were then canvassed. The returns showed the following vote:

George A. Brush, 1,266

J.A. Jackson, 1,020

D.B. Gracy, 927

N.O. Brenizer, 851

M.M. Smith, 818

W.H. Stacy, 664

T.R. Pettway, 541

W.G. Bell, 3

Motion was made and adopted that the four receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected. Misterys G.A. Brush, J.A. Jackson, D.B. Gracy and Dr. N.O. Brenizer were accordingly declared elected.

The meeting then adjourned.

After this meeting had adjourned, Dr. Brenizer, Mr. Brush and Mr. Gracy came in, and the President agreed to call the meeting to

reorganize the Board [for] Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., before which time the new members were to qualify.

[*Board Organized*] At the time specified, all the members of the Board were present, except Mr. J.A. Jackson, who was out of the city. Mr. J.B. Rogers was elected temporary Chairman. The Board decided to postpone organization until Mr. Jackson's return and fixed 5:00 p.m., Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>, as the time for the meeting.

[*High School Commencement*] A Committee from the High School graduating class requested the Board to hold the commencement exercises at night. The Board accordingly decided to call for bids for lighting the High School assembly room temporarily for this occasion.

[*Blackboards*] Mr. A.F. Parshall requested the Board to go with him and look at the blackboards in the High School building, and to compare them with the boards in one room which he had reslated for a sample of the work he wished to do for the Board. The Board examined the work, but took no action in the matter.

The Board then adjourned, to meet at the time above specified.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 13, 1901

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m., with Mr. J.B. Rogers, Temporary Chairman, presiding. At the time the meeting was called to order, the following members were present: J.B. Rogers, Jefferson Johnson, N.O. Brenizer, George A. Brush, D.B. Gracy.

[*Board Reorganized*] Mr. Brush at once put a nomination for President of the Board: Dr. N.O. Brenizer. This nomination was seconded by Mr. Gracy. The Chairman suggested that the Board postpone organization until Dr. Mathews, who is on his way to the meeting, could be present. Dr. Brush insisted that the question be put before the Board without delay. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Johnson left the room, breaking the quorum. When Dr. Mathews reached the building, the Board reassembled. Dr. Brenizer moved that the Board postpone organization until Mr. Jackson, the seventh member of the Board had returned. This motion carried.

[*High School Commencement*] There were some matters relating to the High School commencement which could not wait over until the permanent organization of the Board, so the Board decided to take action on them at this meeting. It was moved and adopted that the commencement exercises be held at night, instead of in the daytime,

as had been decided at a previous meeting. Dr. Brenizer, Dr. Mathews and Mr. Brush were appointed a Committee to open the bids on lighting the assembly room on the nights of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The bids were as follows:

Austin Electric Supply Company, \$18.75, or with electricity, \$22.75

W.A. Burke, \$44

E.W. Felter, \$32.50

On motion, the bid of the Austin Electric Supply Company was accepted.

Mr. Brush and Dr. Mathews were appointed a Committee to find out whether the Water and Light Commission would furnish [454] the power and connection to the building. It was moved and adopted that \$40 be appropriated for the commencement exercises for music, decorations and programs. Mr. Brush move that all desks be moved from the assembly room of the High School, and that a sufficient number of chairs to seal the entire room upstairs and down be rented.

[*High School Auditorium*] Suggestion was made that the Board could probably rent the opera house for less than it would cost to make these contemplated changes. Dr. Brenizer therefore moved, as a substitute, that a Committee be appointed to find out at what price the opera house could be gotten for the night. This motion was adopted, and Dr. Brenizer and Mr. Brush were appointed a Committee to make inquiry in the matter and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

[*Graduation Exercises*] It was moved and adopted that the Superintendent and Mr. Potts, who had these exercises in charge, be instructed to have them begin promptly on time, to have the orchestra on hand at 8:00, and to have a policeman to keep the door and see that the doors are closed during the numbers on the program. The Superintendent was authorized to have the necessary lettering done on the diplomas.

The Board then adjourned, until Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 14, 1901

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, Jefferson Johnson, W.J. Mathews, N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, G.A. Brush.

[*Commencement*]The Committee appointed to see what arrangements could be made for the opera house reported that Mr.

Walker had offered the house for the night of the 24<sup>th</sup>, with the privilege of previous rehearsal, for \$25. The report was adopted, and the Committee were authorized to close contract with Mr. Walker.

The Board authorized the Superintendent to pay for an extra policeman to keep the door and see that the door is closed during the different numbers on the program.

[*Discipline*] Mr. Brush presented the case of Benny Isherwood, who had been suspended from school for repeated truancy and moved that Benny and all other suspended pupils be reinstated. Mr. Brush's motion received no second.

[*Temporary Chairman*] Mr. Gracy moved that the temporary Chairman be authorized to sign vouchers for teachers and other school employees, so that they need not wait until the permanent organization of the Board for their money. This motion carried.

Motion was then adopted that the Board meet at 5:30 on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, when it was hoped that all members could be present, to effect a permanent organization of the Board.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 17, 1901

When the meeting was called to order by the Temporary Chairman, Mr. J.B. Rogers, all the members were present.

[*Reorganized*] The organization to the Board was at once taken up. Dr. Mathews nominated for President Mr. J.B. Rogers. Mr. Brush nominated Dr. Brenizer. The first ballot stood Rogers three, Brenizer three, Johnson one. Second ballot: Rogers three, Brenizer three, Johnson one. Third ballot: Roger three, Brenizer three, Johnson one. Fourth ballot: Rogers three, Johnson four. Mr. Johnson was declared elected.

[*Board*] Mr. Brush nominated Dr. Brenizer as Vice President. Dr. Brenizer was elected by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Brush nominated Mr. Gracy for Secretary. Mr. Gracy nominated Dr. Mathews. Dr. Mathews withdrew in favor of Mr. Gracy, and Mr. Gracy was elected unanimously.

Dr. Brenizer nominated Mr. Jackson for Treasurer. Dr. Mathews nominated General Hamby. Mr. Jackson asked that his name be withdrawn, as he could not serve in this capacity. Mr. Jackson's name was accordingly withdrawn, and General Hamby was elected Treasurer.

[*Superintendent Reelected*] Dr. Mathews moved that Mr. Harris be reelected Superintendent for the next scholastic year. This motion carried unanimously, and Mr. Harris was declared elected.

Miss Fanny Andrews was elected Clerk for the next year.

[*Commencement Arrangements*] Dr. Brenizer reported that he had completed arrangements with Mr. Walker, the manager of the opera house, for the night of the 24<sup>th</sup> and stated that it would be necessary to pay \$2 extra for janitor's service for the extra rehearsal. The Board authorized the payment of this extra sum.

Mr. Brush reported that he had the promise of the necessary police service for the commencement exercises, without any cost to the Board.

Mr. Brush also asked that the Superintendent [457] instruct teachers to give all the extra help possible to those children who were excluded from school on account of non-vaccination, in order that they might make up the time lost. The Superintendent stated that, as far as possible, the teachers were doing this already.

[*Teacher Exams*] Dr. Mathews moved that the regular examination of teachers be set for the time that best suits those teachers who expect to take the examination. Mr. Harris stated that these teachers had met and had just decided to ask that the examination be held June 6, 7 and 8. Accordingly, this date was set for the examinations.

[*Graduate List*] The Board authorized the President and Secretary to sign diplomas for the following list of graduates: Edward Stuart Blackburn, Vivian Brenizer, Edna Ruth Caraway, Walter Lee Carruth, Edward Loomis Christian, Catherine Louise Harris, Temple Harris, Lizzie Marie C. Hegel, Clyde Walton Hill, May Agnes Hopkins, Alice Adele Johnson, Charles Ernest Linden, Johnny Mildred Megers, Mary Lena Megers, Helen Augustine Nag\_, Clara Ella Newton, Clara Lois Pace, Mary Nalle Sheldon, Viva Slaughter, Louise Teagarden, P. Boyd Wells.

[*Board Rule*] Mr. Brush moved that the Board meet every Friday at 4:00, until further action is taken. Dr. Brenizer seconded this motion, with the suggestion that the time be fixed at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Brush accepted this suggestion. Mr. Gracy moved, as a substitute, that meetings be held according to the old rule of the Board. The President ruled that a change could be made only through a recommendation of the Committee on Rules.

[*Teacher*] The Superintendent stated that Miss Gilmer, teacher in the Hyde Park School, would not be able to continue her work in the

school on account of sickness, and he recommended that the [458] promotions be made a week in advance in this room, and that the room be closed for the term, as there was no substitute available who could carry on the work for this last week. The recommendation of the Superintendent was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

June 8, 1901

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members were present: Jefferson Johnson, N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews, George A. Brush.

The minutes of May 7, 13, 14 and 17 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and ordered filed.

The new bond of the Treasurer was also read and accepted by the Board.

[*School for Church*] Mr. Velazquez was present and asked the Board to allow him to rent the Garland School for church services for the Mexicans and others of that neighborhood for the summer months. Motion was made that this request be granted for the time mentioned, and that the Board charge Mr. Velazquez \$5 per month. This motion was seconded and, after discussion, adopted.

[*Superintendent's Report*] The Superintendent made a statistical report of the Schools for the last month and for the year just closed, comparing this report with that of the previous year. He also presented some facts to the Board in regard to the financial condition of the Schools.

[*M.T.*] Motion was made and adopted that Mr. Hanszen be authorized to use the Manual Training rooms for some weeks during the summer, to give instruction in this line of work [459] to the principal of the Devine Schools.

A letter from the superintendent of the Waterworks and City Power Plant, asking that the Board pay for power used in the Manual Training School for the session just closed, was read and referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

A communication from Mr. N.S. Hunsdon, Principal of the Manual Training department, was read and referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

A communication from Miss Nina Hill, and one from the teacher of the seventh and eighth grades, were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[*Bill (High School Commencement)*] A bill for \$5 from Joe Griffith, for work at the opera house at the High School commencement exercises, was presented. Dr. Brenizer stated that Mr. Walker had presented a bill to him for \$27 for the use of the house and for janitor's services, and that he had paid it. The special Committee appointed to make arrangements for the renting of the opera house was authorized to find out from Mr. Walker whether this bill of \$5 was for extra work, or whether it was included in the bill for \$27.

[*Teachers*] Motion was made and adopted that as soon as the Committee on Teachers, Etc. and the Finance Committee are ready to report, the President call a meeting of the Board to elect teachers and to determine, as far as possible, the financial status of the Schools for the next year.

The meeting then adjourned.  
{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
June 21, 1901

At a called meeting of the Board, all members were present, except Dr. Brenizer, who was out of the city.

The minutes of the June 8 meeting were read and approved.

[*1st Ward - School Abolishment Protest*] Mrs. Vredenburgh, Sydnor and Bell came before the Board, to protest against the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Committee on Teachers to abolish the Garland School. Mrs. Vredenburgh read a paper, which she had prepared to convince the Board of the necessity for keeping up this school. A vote of thanks was moved to these ladies for the interest they had shown in this matter. Discussion by the Board was left over until the matter should come up under the head of Committee Reports.

The Committee on Teachers, Etc. made the following report, through their Chairman, Mr. J.B. Rogers:

To the Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools  
Gentlemen, we, your Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc., beg leave to submit the following report on teachers.

[*Teachers*] 1. The following teachers have given formal notice that they do not wish to retain their positions in the Schools, Mr. V.R. Morris and Misses Annie Blanton, Janie Warren, Lucille Byers, Lillie Webb, and Eva Allen. We therefore recommend that the names of these teachers be omitted from the list.

2. Having joined with the Finance Committee in recommending that the Garland School be closed, that the employment of a special teacher of vocal music in the Schools be discontinued, and that no supernumerary teachers be employed, we recommend that these positions be left vacant. This will dispense with the services of Mrs. Garland and Miss Butler. We recommend that Miss Hofstetter, who has been acting as [461] supernumerary, and Miss Blinka, who has taught in the Garland School, be employed as regular teachers, provided they secure the required certificates prior to the opening of the Schools.

3. We recommend the election of Mr. B.F. Sisk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Blanton, as teacher of grammar in the seventh and eighth grades.

4. We recommend that Miss Mary E. Johnson be made Principal of the North Austin School, instead of Mr. V.R. Morris, resigned.

5. We recommend that Miss Gilmer's position be left open for the present, in order that the condition of her health may be ascertained before final action be taken in regard to her case.

6. With the foregoing exceptions, we recommend the entire list of teachers and principals for the White Schools. As revised, this list of principals is as follows: High School, J.E. Pearce; East Austin, J.L. Taff; West Austin, T.A. Brown; Arsenal Block, Miss F.R. Brooke; North Austin, Miss Mary Johnson; Hyde Park, Miss Mary Lowry; South Austin, J.H. Day. The revised list of teachers is as follows: Alfred Freshney, Mrs. Nannie Dawson, Fannie Ottley, Mary Decherd, Helen Hornsby, Nina Hill, Mr. B.F. Sisk, Misses Anna Ellis, Effie Graves, Margaret Reilly, Jessie Sayers, Willie R. Smith, Ada Blackburn, Agnes Brady, Lucy Read, Elfrieda, Jessen, Florence Worthy, Laura Allison, Josephine Houston, Mary Downie, Emma Puckett, Clovie Hill, Octavia Clifton, Hallie Walker, Lucile James, Mrs. Annie D. Pickrell, Misses Minnie Dill, Emily Numbers, Annie Jary, Ellen Cooke, Ellen Maddox, Mary Carlisle, Pauline Trueblood, Kate Eanes, Nellie Hall, Mary Lee Horton, Kittie Carlisle, Eula Hill, H.A.

McCrillis, Daisy Warren, Corelia Whitten, Johanna Blinka, Hettie Hofstetter.

7. We recommend that Mr. N.S. Hunsdon [462] and Mr. Hanszen be reelected as teachers in the Manual Training department.

8. We recommend the election of the following principals from the Colored Schools: Robertson Hill, L.C. Anderson; Gregorytown, G.W. Norman; West Austin, W.H. Passon; Wheatville, A. Jackson, Jr.

9. We recommend the election of the following Colored teachers, subject to assignment, when needed: C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, R.M. Meroney, Mrs. L.E. Lee, Mrs. E.S. Lyons, Miss F.S. Hamilton, Miss Tennie Hardwell, R.G. Purcell, L.B. Kinchion, W.T. McCall, Mrs. F.E. Harrell, Mrs. A.O. Hubbard, Mrs. Marie P. Jackson.

10. We recommend the election of the following janitors: High School, Booker Hancock, Martha Hancock; East Austin, George Danner; West Austin, H. Kippenbrock; Arsenal Block, G. Schwarzer; North Austin, Frank Strain.

Respectfully submitted,

{J.B. Rogers}, {J.A. Jackson}, {W.J. Mathews}

Committee on Teachers, Etc.

[*Garland School*] The Board then discussed at length the question of closing the Garland School. A petition from a number of patrons of this school, asking that the school be continued, was read by the Secretary. A communication from Dr. Brenizer, setting forth his views in this matter and also in regard to other recommendations of the Committee, was read. It was finally moved and adopted that decision in this matter be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The report of the Committee on Teachers, with the exception of this one item, was, on motion, adopted.

Mr. Jackson reported as follows for the Finance Committee:

To the Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools

Gentlemen, we, our Finance Committee, beg leave to submit the following report

[*Finance*] 1. In view of the threatened shortage in available [463] school revenues for the ensuing year, we join your Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc. in recommending that

the Garland School be closed, that the employment of a special teacher in vocal music be discontinued, and that the services of supernumerary teachers be dispensed with.

2. We recommend that the salary of the Principal of the North Austin School be made the same as that of the Arsenal Block School, namely at \$88.23 per month.

3. We recommend that the salary of B.F. Sisk be fixed at \$85 per month.

4. We recommend that the salaries of Miss Nina Hill and all the lady teachers of the seventh and eighth grades be placed at \$70 per month.

5. We recommend that, with the foregoing exceptions, the schedule of salaries for next year be made the same as for last year, subject to such changes as are provided for under the Rules in consequence of length of service.

Respectfully submitted,

{J.A. Jackson}, {D.B. Gracy}, {J.B. Rogers}

Finance Committee

[*Garland School*] On motion, the report was adopted, with the exception of that part relating to the Garland School, which was left over until the next regular meeting of the Board.

[*Insurance Wheatville*] The Finance Committee were authorized to insure the Wheatville School for what they may decide to be the proper amount.

Mr. Gracy reported, as follows, for the Allan Fund Committee.

To the Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools

[*M.T.*] Gentlemen, We, your Allan Fund Committee, having carefully considered the communication from Mr. Hunsdon, calling for certain additional machinery, beg leave to recommend that he be authorized to purchase a drill grinder at about [464] \$75, a center grinder at about [464] \$40, a hacksaw at \$30, and a trimmer at \$50. We also recommend that he be authorized to publish a catalogue of the Manual Training School at a cost not to exceed about \$50.

Respectfully submitted,

{D.B. Gracy}, {J.B. Rogers}, {W.J. Mathews}

Allan Fund Committee

The report, as a whole, was adopted.

Mr. Brush presented the following report of the Building Committee:

To the Honorable President and Members of the School Board  
*[Baker (Hyde Park)]* Gentlemen, we, the Committee on School Buildings, beg leave to report the following to your honorable body, and, with our suggestions as to improvements and necessities, we beg leave to say that we believe that the school grounds can be greatly improved by the janitors if given tools and the attention and work that we believe to be their duty in the services expected of them.

We also recommend to you that, in our judgment, the purchase of Hyde Park School would be a great saving annually, and that under the terms secured by us from Mr. M.M. Shipe, we should buy this property, first, because it can be done without extra expense above our present rent account on this school, second, because it will not require any investment and, at the expiration of five years, we will make a net gain of, at the very least, a school property valued at \$1,000 or more. The terms secured from Mr. Shipe are the following: He will sell us the grounds, which are about 145 times 267 feet, which are now well graded and will be improved with the building situated thereon, which is constructed of very heavy and strong timbers, the roof is covered with a good grade roof, all for the sum of \$1,000 on five years' time at 6%, made into five notes payable on or before one, two, three, four and five years, with \$200 cash paid down. On such terms, we can save the rent of \$250 per year, which, in four [465] years, will amount to \$1,000 and, at the end of five years, we will acquire this property. We recommend the purchase, as we believe the situation to be a good one for a school, and the building good enough to be added to, as it becomes necessary. Hereto we attach an estimate of the cost of this property, amount of purchase \$1,000, less amount rent, and paid in advance.

First year:

\$250 total, \$750 [balance]

Insurance first year \$10

6% interest first year on \$750 = \$45

Total \$805, less amount paid in advance.

Second year:

\$250 total; \$555 [balance]

Insurance second year \$10

6% interest second year on \$555 = \$33.30

Total \$598.30, less amount paid in advance.

Third year:

\$250 total, \$348.30 [balance]

Insurance third year \$10

6% interest third year on \$348.30 = \$20.89

Total \$379.19, less amount paid in advance.

Fourth year:

\$250 total, \$129.19 [balance]

Insurance fourth year \$10

6% interest seven months on \$129.19 = \$3.85

Total \$142.94, less rent for months in advance

Beginning fifth year:

Per month \$20.84 = \$145.88, which leads to our credit at the beginning of fifth year: \$2.94 and the title to above-named property.

{George A. Brush}, {N.O. Brenizer}, {D.B. Gracy}

Building Committee

[*Palm*] Tenth Ward School. All of the blinds need repairing. Need new ladders and some new slats. The blackboards in Miss Maddox's room need attention. Also, the glass is broken in some of the windows. The roof needs repairing in several places. The hot water heater [466] needs a new grate, also some hot water pipes above the fire. The brick in the front are loose and need replacing and setting with fire clay cement. The cistern should have an overflow pipe attached to it and run to the ground. Also, the supply pipe to the cistern needs repairing. The janitor's house should have a new ceiling put in his main sitting room. Also, the walls should be plastered in several places. The back gallery has decayed so much that we think it's best to take it away altogether and put up a small gallery, with steps leading to the ground. The east room, which is not occupied, leaks badly. We think the roof should be repaired with shingles. There are quite a number of extra blackboards at this school, which could be used at other schools, if needed. The closet boxes should be emptied oftener than three times in nine months. The boys

should have a urinal placed in the closet yard. A small corrugated iron roof should be placed over the entrance to the cellar, to keep the rain from running into it.

[(*Blackshear*) *Gregorytown*] Gregorytown School. The windows need quite a number of new glass put in, and all the windows need new shades. The glass in lower sash should be painted, so as to keep the children from looking out at every passerby. The blackboards need painting. The roof leaks badly. The floors need repairing at the west wall, where it fell down some time ago. Put up blackboards that are now standing on the floor. Fix the floor in the northeast room. Locks and keys are needed on the doors. The boys' closets are in a bad condition and should be cleaned oftener. The girls' closets are in the same condition and should be emptied oftener than they are. The rooms should have locks on the doors. The hydrant needs a new faucet.

[(*Robertson Hill*)] Robertson Hill School. The roof needs repairing. The windows need new glass and new shades. The boys' and girls' closets should be removed from where they are, [467] as they are east of the building and close to it. Boys' urinals should be put in. The glass and the lower sash of the windows should be painted, so as to keep the children from looking out at every passerby. The gallery to Professor Anderson's room on the north side should be repaired.

[(*East Austin (Bickler)*)] East Austin School. The shades need repairing. Also, a few glass should be put in the windows. The wainscoting in the southwest room upstairs should be repaired. The roof leaks badly. The cellar should have a corrugated iron roof put over it, to keep the rain water from running in. The cellar should be cleaned out and kept clean. The hot water boiler needs new nipples on top and lightening up of pipes. The roof needs painting badly. The seals in the yard should be repaired and a few more put in. The janitor's roof should be repaired, as it leaks. The boys' closet roof should be repaired and seats kept clean. They also need urinals put in. The conductor on the southwest side should be continued to the ground about four feet and run eight or ten feet out from the school building with earthen pipe. The brick arches over the windows need repairing, as some of the brick are loose and liable to fall. The grounds should be cleaned up. Each janitor should be provided with a rake shovel and wheelbarrow. The stables give the grounds a

very ugly appearance and should be removed from the grounds. Also, all chickens, livestock and dogs. The front entrance should have the sidewalk laid off and should be properly graveled, as well as the sidewalks in front of the gates, which, during wet weather, get quite muddy.

[*Hyde Parker (Barker)*] Hyde Park School. The door locks need repairing, and keys furnished the same. New glass should be put in the windows. The front gallery should be removed. Transitions should be put on lifts. [468] Ventilators should be put in the foundation. Wall ventilators should be put in the east and west end of the middle room, just below the ceiling, so as to ventilate the room. The boys' closet needs a new roof. A coal and wood house should be built.

[*6<sup>th</sup> Ward (Wooldridge)*] Sixth Ward School. There are several window lights needed. The barrels and boxes in the hall should be taken out, and a proper box should be put in the yard for wastepaper, etc. The closets in the yard should be washed oftener and kept clean, and opening should be made in the fence for the boys to enter their closets. Half of the double gates on the north side need replacing. The closet boxes should have.

[*Wheatville*] Wheatville School. Blackboards are needed. We think the blackboards from the Tenth Ward School, not in use, should be put in at this school. The glass in the lower half of the window sash should be painted. Some window lights need putting in. The floor needs repairing. New shades are needed. The stoves need legs. The closets should be cleaned oftener. The brick pillars in the south side of the schoolhouse have given way and should be replaced.

[*West Austin (Pease)*] West Austin Grade School. The entrance to the basement should be cemented, as the water stands in front of the door. Trees should be planted in this yard. Some window glass should be put in. Shelves or baskets should be placed outside of each classroom, in the hall. The roof leaks badly and should be repaired. The plastering in five rooms should be replaced with wooden ceiling, as it is liable to fall at any time. There is a vacant classroom in this school, which should be utilized if East Austin is crowded. The doorframes in the basement at the rear need attention, as they are liable to fall out at any time. The floor of boys' closet needs repairing. Urinals should be put in for boys. The fence needs repairing, also the

[469] gates. A suggestion by Professor Brown we think to be a very good one: "that several faucets be put on either side of the rear fence and turned on by one stopcock, which should be done by the janitor at recess time, and each faucet provided with a dipper, so that five or so girls or boys can drink at one time." The cistern enter hole should be closed up. The conductor on the south side of the building should be continued to the ground and carried out about ten feet in earthen pipe. The cesspool also. The "cistern" in the yard should be closed up tight. More seats should be provided around the trees, and a notice should be placed in school grounds that "No one is permitted on these grounds during school hours, excepting school children." The fence around the boys' closet needs repairing and whitewashing. The girls' closet roof needs repairing.

[*West Austin Colored (Clarksville)*] West Austin Colored. The roof leaks badly in several places. Several desk seats need repairing also. The wire cloth on some of the windows needs repairing. The glass in the lower half of the window sashes should be painted. Shades are needed for the windows. One room needs three more desk seats. There is a spare room in this school that could be utilized, if necessary. Several loads of gravel are needed at the entrances. The conductor pipe on the west side should be continued to the ground and carried out ten feet from the building. The boys' and girls' closets are not sufficient. There should be as many more as there are now. Urinals should be provided for the boys. The boxes should be cleaned oftener. Also, the closets seats should be provided. On the playground for the boys and girls, a fence should be constructed around this school building, and trees should be set out. The rear and front door need new glass in the transoms. The coal house needs attention. [470]

[*South Austin (Fulmore)*] South Austin. Chimney needs flashing on northwest side. Repair roof around belfry. Patch shingles or put on new roof. Primary roof needs repairing. Needs urinals for boys. Needs new rear steps, two chimney hoods, and one six-inch cap. Need new steps. Southeast angle of school room needs window glass and repair flew. Three shades for Professor Day. Repair door and cut off doors at bottom of girls' closets, and put three loads of gravel in closet yard, and a few loads where water dropping off of the eaves is washing dirt

away on south side of the school. Seats under trees for girls and boys. Shelves for baskets and some hooks for hats. Whitewash closets and fence. Entrance platform to east should be new. Set out trees. They have an extra school room.

Our estimate to do above work amounts to \$1,300.

Action on this report was postponed until the Board could further consider the recommendations of the Committee.

[*Hyde Park - Request Building*] Judge Townes asked, through a member of the Board, that the Board rent him two rooms in the North Austin School building in which to hold a law school during the summer months. Mr. Brush moved to amend the Rules, so that this request could be granted. This motion was seconded, but failed to carry.

[*Teacher Exams*] On motion, the Board fixed August 6, 7 and 8 as the time to hold the second examination of teachers.

[*Interest on High School Bonds*] Motion to adjourn was then made. Mr. Gracy moved that the Board pay interest on High School bonds due July 1. This motion received no second, and the motion to adjourn carried.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

July 5, 1901

At a regular meeting of the Board on the above-mentioned date, all the members were present.

The minutes of June 21 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Teachers*] The Secretary read the resignation of Miss Nannie Dawson as teacher of English in the High School. This resignation was, on motion, accepted. The Committee on Teachers recommended that Miss Maud Smith be elected to fill this vacancy. After discussing the different applicants and reading some of the testimonials submitted, the Board decided, on motion of Mr. Gracy, seconded by Dr. Brenizer, to adopt the report of the Committee, and Miss Maud Smith was declared elected.

[*Garland School*] That part of the report of the Finance Committee and of the Teachers Committee referring to the closing of the Garland School, which had been left over for decision until this meeting, was then taken up for consideration. After the Board had discussed the

matter, Mr. Gracy moved that the recommendation of these Committees be adopted. Mr. Brush moved that the recommendation be not adopted. This motion received no second. The question of adopting the recommendation of the Committee was put and carried.

[*Request Building (Palm)*] A communication from Mr. Lyman J. Bailey, asking for the use of a room in the Arsenal Block School, in which to hold a free school for boys and young men after business hours, was read by the Secretary. The request was granted by the Board on condition that Mr. Bailey be held responsible for the condition of the room.

[*Report*] The report of the Building Committee, made at the last meeting of the Board, was then taken up. After discussing the different items of this report, in connection with a report made by the Superintendent, showing the financial condition of the Schools, motion was made and adopted that the [472] Building Committee, in connection with Mr. Harris, go over the report and check off the repairs that are absolutely necessary, and that \$500 be appropriated for this work.

[*Hyde Park (Baker)*] Motion was made and adopted that the proposition for the purpose of the Hyde Park School property, which was set forth in the report of the Building Committee, be accepted. A committee composed of Mr. Gracy and the City Attorney was appointed to draw up the necessary papers and to protect the rights of the Board in this purchase.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

July 20, 1901

At a called meeting of the Board, the following members were present: Jefferson Johnson, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Brush.

[*Interest on High School Bonds*] The President stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of determining what action the Board would take in regard to paying interest on the High School bonds. Motion was made and adopted that a warrant for \$268.11 be drawn on the General Fund in favor of the City Treasurer, and that the Superintendent be instructed to turn this one over to the City Treasurer at once.

[*Allan Fund*] It was moved and adopted that a warrant to be drawn on the Allan Fund in favor of the General Fund for \$268.11, amount

due for rent of 5/21 of High School building used by the Manual Training School.

The meeting then adjourned.  
 {D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
 August 2, 1901

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m., the following members being present: Jefferson Johnson, N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of July 5 and 20 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Schools Opening*] Motion was made to open the Schools September 13. This motion failed to carry. Motion to open the Schools September 23. Carried.

Motion to open the Colored School September 23 also carried.

[*East Austin (Bickler)*] The resignation of George Danner, as janitor of the East Austin School, was read and accepted. The Superintendent was instructed to request Mrs. Danner to vacate the house occupied by the janitor.

[*Janitor*] The Board transferred G. Schwarzer, formerly janitor at the Arsenal Block School, to East Austin. Gustav Gissel was elected janitor at the Arsenal Block School.

The meeting then adjourned.  
 {D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office  
 August 13, 1901

At a meeting called to fill the remaining vacancies on the list of teachers, the following were present: Jefferson Johnson, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, J.A. Jackson.

[*Teachers*] The Committee on Teachers, through its Chairman, Mr. Rogers, recommended: First, that Misses Louise Thomas, Gilbert Cone and Pattie Mays be elected as regular teachers. Second, that Miss Margaret Gilmer be reelected, provided the Committee composed of Doctors Brenizer and Mathews report favorably in regard to the condition of her health. And third, that in case the report of this Committee is unfavorable, Miss Annie Hill be elected to fill the vacancy this caused. The recommendations of the Committee were voted on separately. On motion, the first recommendation was

adopted, and Misses Louise Thomas, Gilbert Cone and Pattie Mays were declared elected. The second recommendation was then, on motion, adopted, and Miss Margaret Gilmer was thus elected conditionally. The third recommendation was then adopted, and Miss Annie Hill was elected, provided Miss Gilmer's case was not reported unfavorably.

[*Policy on Pupils*] Motion was made instructing the Superintendent to notify the County Superintendent that the children living in that portion of the city which had recently been cut out of the city limits can, according to the Rule already established by the Board, by transferring their State School Funds, be allowed three months' tuition. This motion was adopted.

[*Allan Fund*] A communication from Mr. Goldbeck, recommending the sale of some land belonging to the Allan Fund, was presented. On motion of Mr. Rogers, Mr. Gracy was instructed to make such inquiry as will give fuller information in regard to the value of this land, and report back to the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

September 6, 1901

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members were present: Jefferson Johnson, N.O. Brenizer, J.B. Rogers, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of August 2 and 13 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*Teacher*] The Superintendent stated that a favorable report had been made in regard to the condition of Miss Gilmer's health, and that she was therefore elected, and had been notified of her election.

[*Janitors*] The Superintendent was authorized to put the janitors to work at the school buildings long enough before the opening of Schools to have everything in order for the opening.

[*Bids on Scavenger Work*] The Superintendent was authorized to call for bids on scavenger work for the Schools, to open bids, and to enter into contract for this work.

[*Phones*] The Building Committee were authorized to make an effort to get a number of telephones for the Schools, out of the number to be given for City use by the new Telephone Company.

[*Superintendent Leave of Absence*] The Superintendent was granted a leave of absence for as long a time as he may wish, to be out of the city before the opening of the Schools.

[*Repairs*] Mr. Brush reported, for the Building Committee, that the \$500 appropriated for repairs had all been expended, or that contracts had been made covering the whole amount, and he asked that the Board allow this Committee \$200 or \$300 more to finish up the work, as it should be done. Motion was made and adopted that \$300, or as much of as may be needed, be set aside [476] for the use of the Building Committee, to complete the necessary repairs.

[*Rules*] Dr. Brenizer, as Chairman of the Committee on Rules, recommended the following changes in Rules:

- Section 6, Article 1: In first line after "high school teachers," insert "teachers of the seventh and eighth grades."
- Section 6, Article 2: In fifth line from bottom of page, strike out "mental science" and "moral science," and insert "general history."
- Section 6, Article 10, second line from top of page: Strike out the words "valid for four years."
- [*Salaries*] Section 7, Article 2, this paragraph should be made to read as follows: "The salaries of the Superintendent, Principals, High School teachers, and teachers of the seventh and eighth grades shall be fixed annually. The salary of other teachers holding first grade City certificates shall be \$60 per month after the first year's service in the Schools. After five years' service, the salary of such teachers shall be increased 5%. After 10 years' service, 5% additional. The teacher holding only a second grade City certificate shall not be paid more than \$40 per month."
- [*Rules Changes*] Section 7, Article 3, in first line, after the words "departments," insert the words "holding first grade City certificates."
- Section 7, Article 3: Strike out the words "inexperienced teachers may be paid" and substitute these words, "teachers holding other legal certificates may be employed."
- Section 7: Strike out Article 4.
- Section 7, Article 5 should be made to read as follows: "Regularly employed teachers who are absent less than five consecutive days on account of sickness shall lose half the amount of their salaries for the time lost, but, when absent for a

longer period than five days, they shall receive no pay after the expiration of five days [477] until the resumption of duty as teacher."

- Add the following to Section 8, Article 16: "to employ substitute teachers when practicable and advisable, to fill the place of regular teachers temporarily absent, provided that no substitute teacher shall be paid more than \$2 per day."
- Strike out Sections 12 and 13.
- Strike out Article 7 of Section 20.

The changes recommended were voted on, section by section, and were adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
September 20, 1901

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: N.O. Brenizer, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Brush.

[*High School Teacher*] Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Teachers, stated that the meeting had been called to consider three resignations which had been sent in to this Committee: Mr. Alfred Freshney, teacher of science in the High School; Miss Agnes Brady, teacher in the East Austin School; and Mrs. F.A. Harrell, teacher in the West Austin Colored School. These resignations were considered separately.

[*High School Teacher*] Mr. Freshney's resignation was accepted, with the understanding that he help in the organization of the High School until his services are needed at the University, thus giving the Board a longer time to look for someone to fill his place. Motion was made and adopted that this Board offer a resolution, expressing their appreciation of Mr. Freshney's work in the Schools, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Freshney.

[*Teachers*] Miss Brady's resignation was in the form of a request for a year's leave of absence, stating [478] that her health would not permit her to teach during this year. Motion was made and adopted that this request be granted.

Mrs. Harrell's resignation was, on motion, accepted. Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Teachers, recommended that Mrs. L.E. Morton be elected to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Harrell. Mr. Brush stated that he thought that no married woman

should be given a place in the Schools. The recommendation of the Committee, after some discussion, was adopted, Dr. Brenizer and Mr. Brush voting no.

[*Miss Dill*] The Committee on Teachers, Etc. further recommended that Miss Dill's little book, *Footprints of Texas History*, be adopted for use in the low second grade, in place of the supplementary reader tables and folk stories, two volumes. This recommendation was adopted.

[*Rule (Age Change)*] A request was presented to the Board, that children six years and six months of age be permitted to enter the Schools upon payment of tuition, until they are seven. Motion was made that the Rule will be changed, so that children six years and six months of age be allowed to enter school, provided that tuition be paid for six months, and provided that no children of regular school age be crowded out of school by the admission of these children under age. This motion was adopted.

[*M.T.*] The matter of having power furnished for the Manual Training department, together with the claim presented by the City, for pay for power furnished during the last year, was referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with power to act.

[*Supplies*] The Committee on Supplies were authorized to call for bids on fuel and to enter into contract for both coal and wood.

[*North Austin (Baker)*] The Building Committee were authorized to have the bell at the North Austin School taken down and to sell it to the best advantage possible, repairing the tower where it has hung.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 4, 1901

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: Jefferson Johnson, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of September 6 and 20 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*North Austin (Baker)*] The regular order of business was suspended, and a committee from the North Austin Improvement Club was given audience. Major Carruth, representing this organization, read a paper protesting against some of the conditions at the Hyde Park School: the crowded condition of the school, the lack of light and ventilation, the necessity for having only one division of

a grade taught in the school, etc. He presented some suggestions to the Board for remedying these conditions. Mr. Shipe spoke along the same lines. Mr. Harris then explained the situation to the Board, from the standpoint of one who understands the school situation throughout the city. The committee then retired, and the regular order of business was reassumed.

[*High School Science*] The Superintendent stated that, because of the decreased enrollment in the High School, Mr. Pearce, the Principal, had arranged to have the science work done by the teachers of the other departments for this session, this doing away with the necessity of electing someone to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Freshney.

[*Robertson Hill*] He also set before the Board some figures showing the small enrollment in the higher grades in the Robertson Hill Colored School and explained the difficulty and the necessary expense of teaching so few pupils in so many grades. Motion was made that these higher grades in this school be closed until enough pupils are enrolled in each grade to justify the Superintendent in putting on another teacher. This motion was amended, authorizing the Superintendent to have these higher classes taught when as many as six [480] students are enrolled in each class. The amendment was adopted.

[*Palm Arsenal Block*] An invitation from Miss Brooke, Principal of the Arsenal Block School, to an ice cream festival at her building, was read and accepted with thanks.

[*M.T.*] The Allan Fund Committee were authorized to spend sufficient money to further equip the Manual Training School, so that the eighth grade can have the benefit of lessons in this department. The action of the Superintendent and the Principal of the Manual Training School, in extending this work to the eighth grade, was endorsed by the Board.

[*Holiday (Circus)*] On motion, it was decided to give holiday on October 10, on account of the circus.

[*Repairs*] Mr. Brush, for the Building Committee, reported that the work of making necessary repairs was still going on, and asked that \$200, or as much thereof as may be needed, to finish up this work be appropriated by the Board, in addition to the amount previously appropriated. On motion, this request was granted, and the amount appropriated.

[*North Austin Bell (Wooldridge)*] Mr. Brush reported that the North Austin School bell had been disposed of and that the Board would realize about \$10 from the sale.

[*M.T.*] The Allan Fund Committee asked for more time in which to see the Water and Light Commission, in regard to power for the Manual Training School. The request was granted.

[*North Austin (Baker)*] Motion was made and adopted that the Superintendent formulate a reply to the North Austin Improvement Club, stating reasons why it is impossible for the Board to act on the suggestions of this club in regard to the Hyde Park School at this time, and that this reply be submitted to the Board at a called meeting to be held at 4:30, Monday, October 7.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

October 7, 1901

At an adjourned meeting of the Board at 4:30 p.m., every member was present.

[*North Austin (Baker)*] The paper prepared by the Superintendent, replying to the communication from the North Austin Improvement Club, was read and, after some change, approved, and the Superintendent was authorized to mail a copy to the Chairman of the committee.

[*M.T. Elect Power*] The Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee reported that the Committee had interviewed the Water and Light Commission, and that the Commission had agreed to cancel the bill presented for power for last year, and had also agreed to furnish power free for the Manual Training School for the future. The Superintendent was instructed to write a letter to the President of the Water and Light Commission, expressing the thanks of the School Board for this kindness.

[*Allan Fund*] The question of increasing the amount of money loaned to Mrs. S.A. Smith from the Allan Fund, on land located at Hornsby Bend, was referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with instructions to look into the matter, thoroughly ascertaining whether the title is perfect, and whether all other conditions favor the further loan of \$500.

[*High School Insurance*] Mr. Jackson, as Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that a change had been made in the insurance

policy covering the new High School building: that \$5,000 had been cancelled by the Imperial, and the same amount had been transferred to the Aetna. It was moved and adopted that the \$15,000 policy in the Imperial be returned to Mr. W. Bell in exchange for the two sent.

[*Robertson Hill*] Mr. L.C. Anderson, Principal of the Robertson Hill School, and Mr. Campbell came before the Board, to ask that the Board reconsider the action of the last meeting in closing the high grade in the Robertson Hill School for the present or until as many as six be enrolled in each grade. [482] After lengthy discussion of the question, motion to reconsider was carried, and the grades were therefore ordered continued as hereto.

[*High School Building Fund*] \$5 was appropriated from the High School Building Fund, for yard benches for the High School grounds. The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

Superintendent's office  
November 1, 1901

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: Jefferson Johnson, N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of October 4 and 7 were read and approved.

[*Religion*] The regular order of business was set aside, to give Dr. Bradfield and Mr. Southall the privilege of bringing some matter before the Board. These gentlemen, as a committee from the Austin Ministerial Association, asked that the Board make investigation of certain charges against Mr. Pearce for having, in his High School classes, given his own interpretation of certain passages in the Bible. The matter was left over, to come up later in the meeting, and the regular order of business was resumed.

The Superintendent made a statistical report of the condition of the Schools.

[*Discipline*] Mrs. Stebbins and her son, Erwin, came in, and the regular order of business was again interrupted. Erwin had been suspended for going to a fire without permission, and he came to ask that the Board reinstate him. After questioning Erwin and getting his promise for good behavior in the future, the Board reinstated him.

[*Discipline*] Benny Isherwood, who had been suspended from the East Austin School, asked the Board to reinstate him. After discussing the matter and trying to get Benny to see the error of his ways, the

Board decided to give him another trial, transferring him to the West Austin School for this term, provided [483] there was room for him in his grade at the building.

[*High School Piano*] The Superintendent took up his report again. He stated that the High School students had [illegible] a plan by giving a series of entertainments, to buy a piano, and possibly to make some additions to their library. To do this, they needed lights in the High School assembly room. The students offered to contribute \$50 toward putting in the fixtures, if the Board would do the rest. The Board appropriated the \$49.14 left in the High School Building Fund, for this purpose.

[*Janitor (Pease) West Austin*] The Superintendent presented a request from H. Kippenbrock, janitor at the West Austin School, asking that the Board allow him to live in an unused school room in the building. No action was taken in the matter.

[*Policy*] Mr. Harris stated that Amanda Ellingson in the High School was over age and therefore ineligible for tuition, but that Mr. Pearce had suggested that he could give her enough work in the High School library to pay for her tuition. This plan was endorsed by the Board.

[*High School Janitor*] The Superintendent stated that Martha Hancock had resigned her position as janitor in the High School, and that, at the suggestion of Booker Hancock, he had put George Murray in her place. This appointment was ratified by the Board.

[*Religion*] It was moved into adopted that Mr. Pearce come before the Board at the next meeting and state his position in regard to the matters spoken of by the members of the Ministerial Association.

[*Rule*] The Superintendent was instructed by a unanimous vote of the Board not to allow dancing in any of the School buildings.

[*Teachers*] Mr. Rogers, for the Committee on Teachers, stated that R.G. Purcell, teacher in the Gregorytown School, had resigned his position. The Committee recommended that Miss L.C.W. Rhambo be elected to fill this vacancy. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted. [484]

The Board adjourned, to meet and finish up regular business on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office  
November 4, 1901

At the adjourned meeting, the following were present: Jefferson Johnson, N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Brush.

[*Religion*] Mr. Pearce was present, and he explained fully his position and the statements that he had made to his classes in regard to the points brought before the Board by the committee from the Ministerial Association at the last meeting. When Mr. Pearce had finished, Dr. Brenizer moved that Mr. Pearce's statement and explanation be accepted as entirely satisfactory to the Board, and that the discussion be closed. This motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee recommended that the Board authorize that Committee to extend the time of the J.W. Burluson loan and to increase the amount loaned to Mrs. Sarah A. Smith \$500, interest 7%. Adopted.

[*High School*] The Building Committee was authorized to dispose of pipe on High School grounds to the best advantage.

[*South Austin Colored*] Motion was made and adopted that, if as many as 20 Colored children living on the south side of the river make it known to the Superintendent that they intend to attend school, and if a suitable building can be secured on the south side, the Board authorize the Superintendent to make all arrangements necessary for opening the school.

[*High School Dancing*] A communication from the senior class of the High School was read, asking that the Board reconsider their action in regard to dancing in the Schools. Motion was made and adopted that the sense of the Board in this matter be expressed by the Superintendent in a letter to this class.

[*Policy*] The following resolution, presented by Mr. Rogers, was adopted by the unanimous vote of those present: Resolved that it is the sense of this Board that no member of it should be interested either directly or indirectly in any contract with said Board.

[*Policy*] It was decided that the Doughty children should be considered as residents with rights to free tuition. [485]

[*Hyde Park (Baker)*] It was moved and adopted that Mr. Shipe be reimbursed for unearned portion of premium on Hyde Park School policy.

The meeting then adjourned.  
{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary