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Board of Trustees

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Foreword

Hon. Rev. Dr. Jayme Mathias

This third volume of minutes of the Austin City Public Schools Board of Trustees, from 1901 to 1910, is no less fascinating than the first two volumes. In an era when only White men could vote—and when only White men ran for public office in many southern U.S. cities—male employees in Austin’s public schools were paid better than their female and “Colored” colleagues. In 1903, the Mothers’ Club at the Pease School raised money to erect and dedicate two drinking fountains in the yard of their (White) school, while the Board postponed repairs at the “Colored High School.” In 1904, 45 students graduated from the (White) Austin High School, while only two students graduated from the “Colored High School,” and (White) Austin citizens urged the relocation of the Robertson Hill (“Colored”) School “to someplace where no friction will be caused by the proximity of the White and Colored Schools.”

In 1903, vestiges of the continued reframing of the “War of Northern Aggression” were evident in an early release day in Austin for the dedication of the Confederate Soldiers Monument on the Texas State Capitol grounds, and the school board minutes of 1910 note the state holiday that commemorated the birth of Confederate President Jefferson Davis (June 3). Such pro-Confederacy sentiments are hardly surprising in a southern state, and even 40 years after the U.S. Civil War, the Austin school board named two of its facilities for Confederate soldiers: the John T. Allan Manual Training Building, for a man who generously supported the students of Austin after his death, and the Fulmore School, for Zachary Taylor Fulmore, the Travis County Judge (1880-1886) who presided over the school board for many years and often hosted school board meetings at his law office.

Many of these past events are now brought to light, thanks to Austin Independent School District Library Services, which allowed us to photograph and transcribe this third book of school board minutes. We are indebted to them for this work. I also share my gratitude for Carlos Alonso, who photographed these meeting minutes, and to Daniel Winkler, who provided the cover design.

This volume contains the same deciphering devices as previous volumes: Page numbers from the original book of minutes are contained in square brackets, penciled notes in margins—a primitive system of cataloging the contents of the minutes—are italicized in brackets, and signatures are expressed in braces (or “curly brackets”).

Now, step with me back in time, and enjoy this third volume of school board minutes from the public schools of Austin!

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Superintendent's Office
December 6, 1901

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members 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 November 1 and 4 were read and approved.

Mrs. Kauffman and Mrs. Graham, representing the Daughters of the Republic, asked the Board to make some arrangements by which a special day commemorating the life of Stephen F. Austin be observed in the Schools, on which day the school children should make contributions to the fund for placing a statue of Austin in the national Capitol. The President assured these ladies that this matter would be given due consideration later on in the meeting.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent made his regular statistical report and brought some other matters before the Board.

The Superintendent was authorized to follow the regular Rule in regard to the Christmas holidays, closing at noon the day before Christmas, and beginning school again on January 2.

[*South Austin (Colored)*] The Superintendent reported also that a house had been rented in South Austin, and that the Colored School had been open for two weeks with an enrollment of 21 and an average attendance of 18.4. Motion to give this school further trial, until the next meeting of the Board, was adopted.

[*High School building*] The Superintendent reported that electric fixtures had been put in the High School building, and that the cost was only a few dollars over the amount appropriated, although the electrician had had to do a great deal of unexpected work on account of four faults in the wiring of the building. The question of having some work done on the outside of the building, to protect the transformer in case of a storm, was referred to the [2] Building Committee, to investigate.

[*Baker*] The Superintendent was authorized to issue a warrant to M.M. Shipe for amount covering unearned portion of premium on Hyde Park School property, and for rent of the building for one month up to the time the Board purchased the property.

The Committee on Teachers was authorized to employ a teacher to fill the vacancy which the Superintendent reported would occur upon the resignation of one of the teachers before the first of the year.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase as many as ten dozen blackboard erasers at 45 cents per dozen from C.A. Bryant & Company of Dallas.

The Superintendent was authorized to admit the following children to school without tuition, under the modification of the Rule in regard to it admission of non-residents: Harry and George Pendleton, living with Mrs. L.H. Easton; Frank Clappart, living with Mrs. E.J. Bannerman; Virgil Bozeman, living with W.H. Naves; and Bessie Miller, living with J.H. Williamson.

[*Wooldridge & High School*] Mr. Brush reported for the Building Committee the sale of the bell belonging to the North Austin School, and also the old pipe from the High School grounds, presenting a check for \$15.40 as proceeds from the sales. He also reported amount of appropriation on hand from amount appropriated for repairs, and recommended further work to cover this balance.

Mr. Gracy reported that \$500 of the Allan Fund had been loaned to Mrs. Sarah A. Smith. Motion was moved and adopted that, in future, the Allan Fund Committee be authorized to close loans without consulting the Board, only reporting same to the Board.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Manual Training School be continued for the full nine scholastic months, even if it should be necessary to close the regular school session earlier. The motion carried.

A communication to Mr. W.G. Bell from the Aetna Insurance Company, in regard to the \$5,000 policy on the High School building, was read by the Secretary. The Finance Committee were authorized to dispose of this matter, according to their own judgment.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

January 3, 1902

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members were present: Jefferson Johnson, J.B. Rogers, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of December 6 were read and approved.

The Superintendent made his regular monthly statistical report and stated, in addition, that the South Austin Colored School had enrolled 22 pupils and had had an average attendance of 20. The Board authorized the Superintendent to have this school continued for another month, or until the next meeting of the Board.

Mrs. L. Hornsby's children were, on motion, allowed free tuition, as she had recently become a resident of the city and had presented a statement to the Board to that effect.

Motion was made and adopted that \$268.11, the regular amount paid by the Manual Training School for rent on space occupied in the High School, be transferred from the Allan Fund to the General Fund.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

Motion was made and adopted authorizing the Superintendent to fix one day on which teachers will receive voluntary offerings from the school children toward the fund being raised to place a marble bust of Stephen F. Austin in the national Capitol in Washington.

The Chairman of the Committee on Teachers reported the appointment of Miss Lu Emma Raymond to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Florence Worthy. This appointment was ratified by the Board.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the \$5,000 policy on the High School building had been transferred from the "Aetna" to the "Northern", and that the Committee had secured the lowest rate possible. This report was accepted.

The Superintendent was authorized to refund to Mrs. Bannerman the \$5 paid for tuition before it was decided by the Board that Frank Clapper was to be considered a resident.

A committee composed of the President of the Board [4] and the Superintendent was instructed to consult with the City Attorney and get from him an opinion in regard to the law as to what constitutes a resident, so that the Board could be sure that they were acting with proper authority in this matter.

It was moved and adopted that the Finance Committee approve bill for ladder tapes for venetian blinds, which had been ordered by the Building Committee, if the bill should run over the balance left from the appropriation for repairs.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

February 7, 1902

At the time for the meeting to be called to order, the following were present: J.B. Rogers, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson and G.A. Brush.

On motion of Mr. Brush, Mr. Rogers was elected temporary Chairman, the President and Vice President both being absent.

The Superintendent's regular monthly statistical report was made.

The Treasurer's report was read, received, and his report in regard to the Allan Fund was referred to that Committee.

Vice President Brenizer, arriving, took the Chair.

Mr. Coleman objected to his children being excluded from school on account of having been exposed to smallpox. The Superintendent stated that the children could go back to school on Monday, as 18 days had elapsed since their exposure.

Motion was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Gracy, that the teachers be allowed the use of the school buildings for one month of private school after the close of the eight months' public school, with the understanding that all formal closing exercises be held after the close of this month of private school. This motion carried.

[*High School*] On motion of Mr. Jackson, the Building Committee were authorized to have 10, 20, or 30 hackberry trees planted on the High School grounds.

[5] The Superintendent stated the case of Rosale Sjoberg, reading his letter to City Attorney Brooks, and Mr. Brooks' opinion, as follows.

Austin, Texas
January 23, 1902

Honorable V. L. Brooks, City Attorney
Dear Sir,

The City School Board has held that, under the laws of this State, the right to the privileges of the Public Free Schools is conditioned upon residence, or, in other words, that a child has a right to attend the public schools in the district in which the child resides. The correctness of this position has probably not been questioned, as the law on this point is clear, but where does a child "reside"? This question the Board has not always been able to answer easily. The Board has held, however, that, so far as public school privileges are concerned, the child's residence is at the place of residence of the parents. I have been instructed to ask your opinion as to whether this position is tenable. If, as a general proposition, this position is correct, then I have been instructed to ask your opinion as to whether a case coming under the facts stated below constitutes an exception to the general rule.

Statement of Facts

Oscar C. Sjoberg is in business at Manor and claims Manor is his residence. His daughter, Rosalie Sjoberg, ten years of age, has for six years lived and now lives in Austin with her uncle, Gus Broden. The father, Oscar Sjoburg, has not formally relinquished his parental control and authority over the child, and he says he pays her living expenses, buys her books, etc. The uncle, Gus Broden, does not claim that he has adopted the child or that he has been appointed her guardian. It is admitted, on the one hand, that the

father still retains the right to take the child to his home at any time, and, on the other, that as long as present conditions continue, the child will probably make its home with the family of Gus Broden.

[6] In order that you may know all the facts, and not because it has any bearing on the merits of the case, I mention the fact that this child's name was enrolled on the scholastic census list for Austin last May. The explanation of this is as follows.

Under the law, public school funds may be transferred from any district to any other in the same county, and hence from Manor to Austin. Persons living in Travis County and wishing to send their children to the Austin Schools have chosen and then permitted to enroll the names of their children on the Austin list, rather than to enroll them on a County list, and then transfer them to the City list. This is not in accord with the strict letter of the law, but it is a short and direct way of accomplishing the direct purpose of the law. But, at best, an illegal enrollment could not, I think, make a non-resident a resident. Hence, I attach no importance to this fact. I mention it only because it is set up by the other side as a basis of a claim of residence in Austin.

At your convenience, I shall be glad to have your opinion, as indicated.

Very respectfully,

{T.G. Harris}, Superintendent, Schools

January 25, 1902

Professor T.G. Harris, Austin, Texas

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd *inst.*, a copy of which is hereto attached and, in reply, to say that I think the first question therein propounded should be answered in the affirmative, and the second in the negative.

Section 89 of the General School Law enacted by the 23rd Legislature provides that, "Every child in this state of scholastic age shall be permitted to attend the Public Free Schools of the district or independent [7] district in which it resides at the time it applies for admission."

It will be noted that the Statute fixes the district of a child's residence as the district in which it is entitled to attend the public schools. Sections 87 and 88 of the Act before mentioned provided that, in certain contingencies, a child may be transferred from the district of its residence, to some other school district for the purpose of attending public school. This clearly shows that the Legislature

intended that, in the absence of a transfer procured in some manner authorized by the Statute, a child should only have the right to attend school in the district of its residence.

The material questions presented by the facts stated in your letter are therefore (1) What constitutes the residence of a minor child as a general rule, and (2) Do the facts stated with reference to the child Rosalie Sjoberg have in her case any exception to the general rule?

Mr. Webster defines the word "residence" as sometimes meaning the same as "domicile," and I think that it was used by the Legislature in this sense in enacting the Statute under consideration. In arriving at this conclusion, I have not been unmindful of the fact that, in construing many Statutes, the courts have distinguished between the meaning of the two words and have given to the word "residence" meaning much more restricted than to the word "domicile" (*American & English Encyclopedia of Law, Volume 21, page 124, and authorities there cited*). The authorities cited clearly show that, in determining the meaning of the words under consideration, the courts are generally guided by the legislative intent to be derived from the particular statute in which they are employed. In construing election statutes, the courts generally hold that the terms "residence" and "domicile" are synonymous. In construing attachment and conscription laws, they distinguish the two terms (*ex parte Blumer 27, Texas 734*). These differences of construction arise from consideration of the evident difference of the legislative intent in the [8] enactment of various Statutes.

The legislative policy of this State with reference to our public schools is and has always been to place the care management and support of the Schools of each particular locality in the hands of the taxpaying voters of such locality. The efficiency of schools in any particular district must, under our system, necessarily depend to a large extent upon the amount of money with which the taxpayers of such district are willing to expend for school purposes. If a parent in one district can obtain all the advantages of school for his children and escape the burden of taxation usually incident thereto by the simple expedient of sending such children to temporarily reside with a relative in some neighboring district, it is evident that our School Laws will work, or may easily be made to work, a great injustice to those taxpayers who reside in school districts which levy and collect the largest amounts of money for school purposes. In enacting the Statute under consideration, the Legislature

probably never intended to make such results possible. What it probably did intend was to give to each child of the State the right to attend school only in the district where its parents or legally-constituted guardians are domiciled, except in cases where such child is regularly transferred to some other district.

The domicile of a child is necessarily the same as the domicile of its parents or guardians. For the reason above indicated, I think that the word "residence," as used by the Statutes under consideration, was intended by the Legislature to be understood as synonymous with the word "domicile," and therefore that the residence of the child Rosalie Sjoberg is in the town of Manor.

Yours very truly,
{V.L. Brooks}

On motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board sustained the Superintendent in his construction of the law involved in this case, and gave instruction that the uncle of the child be notified to pay the tuition or to withdraw the child from school.

[9] Mr. Gracy, as Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, reported a loan from the fund of \$2,750 to W.H. Stacy, and also reported in regards to the Burleson and Younger loans. The report was received.

The resignation of Mrs. Eva S. Lyons, teacher in the Gregorytown Colored School, was read and accepted. The Committee on Teachers was authorized to fill this vacancy.

[*High School*] The Building Committee were instructed to have Mr. Burke repair defective wiring in High School building.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

February 27, 1902

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: Jefferson Johnson, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, G.A. Brush.

It was moved and carried that holiday be given Monday, March 3.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office
March 12, 1902

At the time for the regular monthly meeting, March 7, several members of the Board were absent from the city. The meeting was therefore ordered postponed until these members had returned at 5:00 on the above-mentioned date. The meeting was called to order. All the members were present.

The minutes of February 7 and 27 were read and approved.

The regular order of business was set aside, in order that the Board might discuss with the Principals the question of the amount of tuition to be charged for the month of paid school to follow the close of the free school term. After some discussion, it was, on motion, decided to defer action in this matter until the next meeting of the Board.

The Superintendent then made his regular statistical report and brought some other matters before the Board. He reported that the case of Rosalie Sjoberg had been carried up to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by Mr. Broden, appealing from the decision of the School Board. The Superintendent presented a request from County Superintendent W.P. Brady, stating that the Board grant him permission to hold a special meeting of the County Institute [on] Friday night, February 21, in the High School auditorium. This request was granted.

The Building Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. Brush, reported that some repairs were needed on the transoms and door of the West Austin Colored School, [*East Austin*] and that some pieces of lumber were needed to repair the janitor's house and fence at the East Austin School. This report was adopted, and the Superintendent was authorized to have these repairs made.

Mr. Brush's offer to fix the East Austin roof free of charge was accepted by the Board.

The following report of the Building Committee was read by the Secretary:

[11] To the Honorable School Board,

We suggest that the different school buildings be named after famous men of our city because, as they are now called, explanation as to West Austin, whether it be the White or Colored School; and the North Austin School, whether it be the Sixth Ward Hyde Park or Wheatville School that is referred to; and the Sixth Ward School is now located in the Fourth [Ward], and the Tenth Ward School in the Seventh Ward.

[*School Building Names*] There is a custom throughout the country to have all schools named, and we believe that names in honor of

some of our famous men would be most suitable: Hamilton, Pease, Baker, Lamar, Burleson, Grant and many other men have been advocates of education and have held high official offices in our city and state.

Governor E.M. Pease, who was governor of our state, and, by his wise suggestion to the Legislature, part of the Permanent Free School Fund was set apart, and to whose memory his wife has donated a public park to our city.

D.W.C Baker, a most scholarly gentleman, author of *Texas Scrapbook*, and who was the first superintendent of our public schools in our city and inspector of public schools in 1872.

Lamar, who, in 1841, urged a suitable appropriation of land for the purpose of general education.

Grant, the noted Methodist bishop who was one of our citizens, who was a great advocate of harmony between the Whites and Blacks, a big-hearted and brilliant Colored man, who has gained the distinction of being one of the greatest Colored men both in and out of the church that this country has ever known.

To these names, we believe you can associate many more that would honor our schools by being named after them.

Respectfully,

{George A. Brush}, Chairman, Building Committee

{D.B. Gracy}

[12] No action was taken, the matter being left for further consideration by the Board.

The Chairman of the Committee on Teachers, Mr. J.B. Rogers, reported that Mrs. F.A. Harrell had been elected to serve in the Colored Schools, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. E.S. Lyons. The report was received, and the election ratified by the Board.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

[*High School*] The Chairman of the Building Committee reported that 35 trees had been set out on the High School grounds, [and] that pipe had been laid and hose bought so that the trees could be properly watered. The report of the Committee was received, and the Board expressed themselves as satisfied with the work done.

Two papers were read by the Secretary, one addressed to the City Council, and one addressed to the citizens of Austin, stating the position of the Board in regard to the necessity for increasing the rate of city school tax. These papers were adopted by the Board as expressing this position. On this question, the President was authorized to be at the next

meeting of the Council, to present the paper and to have ready any facts and figures necessary to properly place the matter before that body.

Motion was made and adopted that no reduction be made in Mr. Pearce's salary on account of absence at the time of the death of his wife. It was also adopted that no deduction be made in the Clerk's salary, for absence at the same time.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary.

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Superintendent's Office

April 4, 1902

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members were present: Jefferson Johnson, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, George A. Brush.

The minutes of March 12 were read and approved.

[(Brackenridge) *South Austin (Colored)*] The Superintendent reported that several times during the last few months someone had broken into the South Austin Colored School and damaged and destroyed furniture and other school property. He stated that he had not only done what he could to find the guilty party, but that he had referred the matter to the Police Department and later, on suggestion of the President, to the Mayor, but that none of these efforts had been successful in finding or stopping the work of the guilty party. Motion was made and adopted that the Secretary lay this matter before the Mayor, asking protection for this property in the future.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

Action on a request from Mr. Hunsdon, for permission to teach a class of teachers Manual Training during the summer, was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Superintendent made his regular statistical report. He then presented to the Board a communication which he suggested it might be well for the Board to send out to the patrons of the Schools, explaining to them the present situation, in the need for the increase in the school tax rate. After discussing the communication and amending Section 4 thereof, the Board authorized the Superintendent to have the communication, as amended, printed, and copies sent out by the children to every patron of the Schools.

The Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee reported two loans from that fund, stating that both had been approved by the Committee and passed [14] on by the City Attorney. One of these was to R.H. Felter for

\$1,000 at 7%. The other to W.P. Smart for \$2,000 at 8%. This report was approved.

[*East Austin, South Austin*] The Chairman of the Building Committee reported that new tapes were needed for some of the East Austin School window shades, and that the South Austin School needed to be braced and also needed two panes of glass. He stated that the janitor had offered to do the work at South Austin for \$4, if the lumber and glass were furnished. The Superintendent was authorized to have the work done, as recommended by the Committee.

The Superintendent was also authorized to have a small portion of the East Austin School roof painted.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, Mr. Kippenbrock's salary, deducted for absence on account of sickness, was ordered refunded to him.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Brush, recommending names for the different school buildings. On motion, this matter was referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the President, to consider and report back to the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

April 23, 1902

At a called meeting of the Board, the following were present: Jefferson Johnson, N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, G.A. Brush.

A communication from the principal and teachers of the High School, in regard to the commencement exercises, was read and discussed. No action was taken in the matter.

Mr. Rogers moved to reconsider the previous action of the Board, allowing the teachers the use of the buildings for one month of private school after the close of the free term. This motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Rogers then moved that the free term be continued until June 6. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gracy. After discussion, the question was put and failed to carry. Dr. Brenizer then moved that the free term close May 9, and that the teachers be allowed the use of the buildings for the month of private school ending June 6. This motion was seconded, and, after discussion, was adopted, Mr. Brush voting no.

The election proclamation, ordering the election of three School Trustees on Saturday, May 3, was read. The proclamation, and all therein set forth, was approved and ordered issued, according to the law governing this matter.

The question of the amount to be paid to the scholastic census takers was brought before the Board. After a general discussion of the question, and after several motions, which failed to carry, it was finally decided to pay six cents per *caput*, to the number enrolled last year, and 25 cents extra for each name over last year's enrollment.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary.

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Superintendent's Office

May 2, 1902

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following were present: Jefferson Johnson, N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, W.J. Mathews, J.B. Rogers, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of April 4 and 23 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Superintendent made a brief report in regard to the condition of the Schools, and stated that there were some other matters that should come before the Board after the reorganization.

The Allan Fund Committee recommended that the Board grant the request presented by Mr. Hunsdon, for permission to teach a normal class in the Manual Training Department during the summer. On motion, the recommendation of this Committee was adopted.

[*High School Commencement*] A communication from the graduating class of the High School, requesting that the Board hold the commencement exercises at night and in the opera house, was read by the Secretary. After some discussion, it was decided to hold public exercises at night, and \$85 or as much thereof as may be necessary to cover all expenses was appropriated. Dr. Brenizer and Mr. Brush were appointed as a committee to see upon what terms the opera house could be gotten for this occasion.

The meeting then adjourned until 4:30, Monday the 5th, at which time the returns of the Trustee election would be canvassed and all other business before the Board attended to.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

List of Graduates

Allan Casper, Irene Clarkson, Ruth Cloud, Olaf J.S. Ellington, Herbert Finch, Herman Fox, May Harris, Lolly Isle, Otis Jackson, Katherine Johnson, Hugo Kuehne, John LaPrelle, Jr., Minnie McKaughan, Ollie Peterson, Mary Louise Rogers, Elsie Rutledge, Alvina Schutze, Mabel Ida Smith, Eula Pearl Vickrey, Irving Addison Walker, James Gathings

Walker, Lillian Jessie Walker, Charles Weyerman, Luther Emanuel Widen.

Colored Graduates

James Mark Richardson, Addie May Clements, Savannah Givens

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Superintendent's Office

May 5, 1902

At the adjourned meeting of the Board at 4:30, the following—the entire Board—were present: Jefferson Johnson, N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, J.B. Rogers, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Brush.

The returns of the School Trustee election held Saturday, May 3 were canvassed. President Johnson appointed Dr. Brenizer and Mr. Gracy tellers. The votes stood as follows: Fulmore 941, Bull 782, Mathews 666, Johnson 643, Horton 609, Ramsey 568. Judge Fulmore, Mr. Bull and Dr. Mathews were accordingly declared elected.

The President appointed the following Committee to consult together and report back to the Board, recommending names for the school buildings: Mr. Brush, Mr. Jackson and Judge Fulmore.

[*High School Commencement*] Dr. Brenizer reported that arrangements had been made to rent the opera house for the High School commencement exercises for \$35, this price covering all expenses connected with the house. This report was approved.

Motions were made and adopted, expressing the appreciation of the Board for the fidelity and earnest work done in behalf of the Austin Schools by the retiring members, Misters Johnson and Rogers. These members responded, thanking the Board for their appreciation and expressing the wish that the Board might go forward to greater success and usefulness in their work.

The Board then adjourned to meet Tuesday the 6th *instant*, at 4:30 p.m., at which time the new members would qualify and be duly installed.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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May 6, 1902

At the appointed time, all the members of the old Board were present, and the two new members, Judge Fulmore and Mr. Bull.

The meeting was called to order by President Jefferson Johnson.

The oath of office for Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Dr. W.J. Mathews and Mr. R.P. Bull were presented and approved.

The old Board, on motion, adjourned.

The new Board proceeded to organize. Mr. Gracy was, on motion, made Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Brush nominated Dr. Brenizer for President. This motion was seconded. Dr. Mathews nominated Judge Fulmore. At Judge Fulmore's request, his name was withdrawn, and Dr. Brenizer was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Bull nominated Judge Fulmore for Vice President. Mr. Jackson nominated Dr. Mathews. At Judge Fulmore's request, his name was withdrawn, and Dr. Mathews was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Jackson placed in nomination for Secretary Mr. Gracy. Mr. Gracy was elected by acclamation.

Dr. Mathews nominated for Treasurer General Hamby. Dr. Brenizer nominated Mr. Will Folts. The ballot stood Hamby 4, Folts 3. General Hamby was declared elected Treasurer.

Mr. Jackson moved to elect the Superintendent. Judge Fulmore moved, as a substitute, to postpone this election until the regular meeting in June. After discussion, Judge Fulmore's substitute carried.

Miss Andrews was elected Clerk.

After a general discussion on the question of having the free term continued for another month, a motion to meet on Friday the 9th *instant* at 4:30, to discuss this question, carried.

[*Hyde Park*] Mr. Shipe presented a petition from citizens of Hyde Park, asking the Board to consider the matter of having better school accommodations at Hyde Park, and asking the Board to visit the Hyde Park School, to see for themselves the condition of the building.

It was decided to hold the City Examination of [19] teachers June 17, 18 and 19.

Motion was made and adopted that the matter of arranging the program of the High School commencement exercises, and making other necessary arrangements, be referred to the Superintendent, the High School Principal, and the High School teachers.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

May 9, 1902

At the special meeting of the Board, appointed for 4:30, all of the members were present, except Mr. Gracy.

Judge Fulmore read a paper, setting forth his views of the financial condition of the Schools, and of the prospective income. This paper was discussed at length by all the members present. The President outlined a policy for the Board to consider, along the line of retrenchment, in order to make the nine-months' term possible.

Judge Fulmore moved to continue the Schools as free schools for another month. This motion was seconded. Mr. Brush offered a substitute: that the Schools continue as free schools for this length of time, provided the retrenchment measures suggested by the President be adopted for next year. The substitute was withdrawn. The original motion was put and failed to carry. Motion was then made to continue the free schools for one week longer. This motion carried. It was decided to have a meeting at the end of this week, Friday, at 4:30, to further consider the financial outlook, before deciding what arrangement to make for the remaining three weeks of the term.

The Board therefore adjourned, until Friday the 16th, at 4:30.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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May 14, 1902

The time of the meeting was changed by agreement of the Board, from Friday the 16th, at 4:30, to Wednesday the 14th, at 3:00. At this time, all members of the Board were present.

Dr. Mathews moved that the free term be extended for three weeks longer, thus making out the full nine-month session. This motion was seconded, and, after discussion, was adopted, the President of the Board alone voting against it.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office
June 6, 1902

At a regular meeting of the Board, all the members were present.

The minutes of May 2, 5, 6, 9 and 14 were read and approved.

Judge Fulmore was appointed by President Brenizer to serve on the Committee selected to report to the Board recommending names for the school buildings.

The Treasurer's report was read, approved and ordered filed.

General Hamby reported in regard to the note for \$9,000 held by J.K. Quinn, stating that this note would mature June 25, and that Mr. Quinn wished to have an extension granted with the rate changed to 7%. On motion, the Allan Fund Committee were authorized to attend to this matter, and also to any other business of this kind that may come up, reporting these matters to the Board.

The Superintendent stated that no statistical report could be made at this meeting as the Schools closed on this date, and it was impossible for Principals to get reports in in time for the meeting.

[*High School*] The Superintendent recommended that during the summer, the High School grounds be terraced and sodded. He also recommended that a new copy of the Course of Study and Rules & Regulations be gotten out this summer. This report was, on motion, received, action [21] on the recommendations being postponed until later.

[*High School*] The Chairman of the Building Committee reported that the roof of the High School building and the goddess on the dome needed some repairs. This Committee was authorized to have these repairs made.

[*Manual Training*] A communication from Mr. Hunsdon, Principal of the Manual Training Department, recommending certain repairs in the Manual Training Department, was referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with power to act.

[*Hyde Park*] The President then read a paper, recommending some necessary repairs on buildings, and also the remodeling of the Hyde Park School.

[*East Austin*] He also recommended that the Board consider the question of purchasing a new lot and putting up a new building for the East Austin district, using the East Austin building for a Colored High School. This matter was referred to the Building Committee, to make special investigation and report back to the Board at a meeting, Wednesday the 11th, at 5:00 p.m.

It was moved and adopted [that] the amount of salary deducted from Miss Brooke's, Miss Whitten's, Mrs. Hill's and Mrs. Lee's regular

monthly pay, on account of death in their immediate families, be refunded to them.

Motion by Judge Fulmore, authorizing the Superintendent to have the Annual Report printed, according to his suggestion, carried.

A communication from a committee of the North Austin Mothers' Club, asking that a course in Manual Training be started for the girls of the High School, was read and referred to the Allan Fund Committee, to investigate and report back to the Board later.

Dr. Mathews moved to proceed to the election of Superintendent. The motion carried. Dr. Mathews nominated Mr. Harris. Mr. Jackson seconded the nomination. The vote by ballot was as follows: T.G. Harris, 5 votes; T.A. Brown, 2 votes. Mr. Harris was declared [22] elected.

Motion was made and adopted that by Wednesday, the 11th, the Finance Committee and the Committee on Teachers be prepared to make as full a report as possible.

Motion to change the City School age, from 7 to 19, to 7 to 17, was referred to the Committee on Rules, to report back to the Board at its earliest convenience.

The meeting then adjourned, until Wednesday the 11th, at 5:00.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

June 11, 1902

At a special meeting of the Board, the following were present: N.O. Brenizer J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, and G.A. Brush.

The Committee on Teachers reported. First, they recommended the reelection of the teachers at the High School, as follows: Principal J.E. Pearce, Misses Fannie Ottley, Mary Deckerd, Helen Hornsby, Nina Hill and Maud Smith. This recommendation was, after discussion, adopted, and these teachers were declared elected.

The Committee then recommended the reelection of all the teachers of the seventh and eighth grades, as follows: Misses Jessie Sayers, Anna Ellis, Effie Graves Willie R. Smith, Margaret Reilly and Mr. B.F. Sisk. This recommendation was adopted, and these teachers were declared elected.

In the Manual Training Department, A.S. Hunsdon and A.O. Hanszen were, on motion, reelected.

The Committee recommended the reelection of the following teachers from the East Austin building, being all the teachers from that building, except Miss Annie Hill, resigned, and Miss Lu Emma Raymond, whose election was postponed until after the City Examination: Principal J.L. Taff, Misses Ada Blackburn, Hettie Hofstetter, Lucy Read, Elfrieda Jessen, Laura Allison, Josephine Houston, Mary Downie and Emma

Puckett. [23]. This recommendation was adopted and these teachers were declared elected.

The Committee then recommended the reelection of T.A. Brown, Misses Clovie Hill, Octavia Clifton, Ellen Maddox, Mary Carlisle, Minnie Dill and Emily Numbers. This recommendation was adopted. The Committee reported the resignation of Mrs. Annie D. Pickrell from this building, and also recommended that Miss Lucile James name be not passed on until after further correspondence with her by the Principal, Mr. T.A. Brown. This recommendation was adopted.

The Committee recommended the election of the following from the Arsenal Block School: Principal Miss F.R. Brooke, Misses Annie Jary, Ellen Cooke, Daisy Warren, Corelia Whitten, and Kate Eanes. They recommended that Miss Pattie Mays' name be not passed on until after the City Examination. These recommendations were adopted, and the six teachers mentioned were declared elected.

[Wooldridge] The Committee recommended the reelection of all teachers at the North Austin School, as follows: Principal Miss Mary Johnson, Misses Pauline Trueblood, Nellie Hall, Mary Lee Horton, Kittie Carlisle and Eula Hill. This recommendation was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee, the following were reelected from the Hyde Park School: Principal Miss Mary Lowry, Miss H.A. McCrillis and Miss Margaret Gilmer.

The Committee recommended the reelection of all the South Austin School teachers: Principal J.H. Day, Miss Louise Thomas and Mrs. Gilbert Cone. This recommendation was adopted.

Motion was made and adopted that Miss Agnes Brady and Miss Janie Warren, who had taught in the Austin Schools, but who had been absent for a year, be reelected here as regular teachers.

On recommendation of the Committee, the following were elected at the Robertson Hill School: Principal L.C. Anderson, C.M. White and Mrs. C.L. Woodard. At the Gregorytown Colored School, the following were elected: [24] Principal G.W. Norman, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin and R.M. Meroney. At the West Austin Colored School, the following were elected: Principal W.H. Passon and W.T. McCall. At Wheatville, A. Jackson, Jr. was elected.

The Superintendent stated that, upon recommendation of the principals and teachers at the different schools, he had appointed the following janitors: Booker Hancock and George Murray at the High School, G. Schwarzer at East Austin School, H. Kippenbrock at the West Austin School, G. Gissel at the Arsenal Block School, and Frank Storm at the North Austin School. The appointment of these janitors was approved by the Board.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that one policy on the Robertson Hill building and furniture had been cancelled, because the company carrying it considered the risk too great, but stated that the Committee considered that the other policy for \$600 was sufficient to cover any loss that might come to the property. This report was accepted by the Board.

The Finance Committee asked the Board to give them an extension of time, until the next regular meeting, to make report in regard to salaries, as it had been impossible to get the Committee together. This request was granted. The same extension was granted to the Building Committee, to make report on matters before them.

At the suggestion of Judge Fulmore, he was appointed a committee of one to make investigation as to the cost of having an alphabetical list printed of all the children in the Schools of the city, to be used in getting a complete census list next year.

After some further discussion of matters, in regard to which no motion was made, the meeting adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

[25]

June 27, 1902

At a special meeting of the Board, the following were present: N.O. Brenizer, W.J. Mathews, D.B. Gracy, Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, R.P. Bull.

The following report of the Committee on Teachers was read:

To the School Board, Austin Public Schools
Gentlemen,

The Committee on Teachers and Textbooks beg leave to report: (1) that from the corps of teachers in service during the session of 1901-1902, there have been the following resignations: From the High School, Miss Mary Deckerd, teacher of mathematics; from the lower grades, Mrs. Annie D. Pickrell from the West Austin School, Miss Annie Hill from the East Austin School, Mr. J.H. Day from the South Austin School. These resignations leave one vacancy in the High School and three in the lower grades.

Two positions in lower grades were held by Miss Mays and Miss Raymond. As the Rules require that all regular teachers hold first-grade certificates. The positions held by these teachers holding only second-grade certificates are vacant, as also the position held by Miss Walker, making in all seven vacancies in the Schools.

At a former meeting of this Board, Mrs. Warren and Miss Brady, holding first-grade City Certificates, were reelected to their positions in the Schools, which left only five vacancies to be filled.

Of the applicants for positions as teachers in the Schools at the examination held in June, three obtained first-grade City Certificates, viz., Miss Lula Miller, Miss Eva Brown and Miss Ginie Clarke. Each of these applicants, besides successfully passing the ordeal of an examination, has presented testimonials of [26] previous scholarship and special aptitude for teaching from various sources, principally from places where they have taught school, each and all of them having had experience in the school room of over five years. As to their professional and social character and general deportment, they have presented the best of testimonials and have fully met every requirement of this Board and the Rules of our Schools, and we therefore recommend them to fill three of the vacancies above named.

In regard to the remaining vacancies to be filled, we would respectfully recommend that the vacancy left by Miss Deckerd's resignation be filled by someone among our teachers from the lower grades who has demonstrated ability and fitness for the work. We understand that there are several such in the lower grades who would make valuable accessions to our teaching force, but whether it is in the province of this Committee to recommend any person for the place, or whether the President and Superintendent should assign, we are not satisfied. Hence, we pass it up to the entire Board, for consideration.

If this position is filled by one of our present force, then every teacher in our High School, save two, will be teachers holding first-grade City Certificates. For a considerable period of time, it was not the practice of this Board to require teachers in the High School to hold first-grade City Certificates. We believe that all teachers in our schools should be put upon the same plane as to examinations, and that the Rules should require all teachers in High School to stand the same test as other teachers. We do not deem it necessary to assign any reason for this, as it is almost self-evident.

Some of the grades in our Schools are overcrowded, having an attendance of over 50. We believe it impossible for a teacher to conduct a grade in excess of this number, and that the Board will coincide with us in this proposition.

This greatest need now exists at the East Austin [27] School, which absolutely requires the employment of an additional teacher,

and later on, we believe it will be well to employ two additional teachers, if the funds of the Schools permit.

As there are no applicants holding first-grade certificates for this place, we would recommend a postponement of the election of a teacher until after another examination shall have been held in August, and the assignment of some successful first grade teacher to that position. In the event no such examination is held, and a second grade teacher must be assigned than we recommend for the position Miss Raymond, who has taught successfully there during the past year. Her teaching ability and general fitness have met the cordial approval of the Principal of that building, and we have no hesitation in carrying out his recommendation, conditioned, of course, upon her having a first-grade certificate, or upon no first-grade teacher applying for the position.

Our attention has been called to the need of a science teacher in the High School. This position was not filled last year, and we doubt the necessity for the employment of such a teacher, however expedient and beneficial it might be to our High School course. We do believe that the overcrowded condition of some of our lower grades renders relief there more necessary than the reestablishment of a Science Chair in the High School, and that the means available for maintaining the Schools during the coming session will not justify it.

We would further recommend that the Board require of each teacher that he or she at least once in every three years be required to attend some summer school where professional work is carried on, with a view to giving the Austin Schools all that is latest and best in educational methods. A large majority of our teachers do this, and, as it is the custom throughout the state, we see no reason why it should not be required of all our teachers once in three years.

We would respectfully recommend also that, in [28] the employment of teachers, some definite form of contract be entered into in writing between the School Board and the teachers. The form adopted by the School Board of Dallas in this regard is sufficient.

When a teacher is elected to a position in these Schools, he or she should be presented with a written contract, to be signed and filed with the Secretary on or before 30 days from the date of said election, mutually binding upon the Board and the teacher. The reason for this, we think is obvious.

We recommend for election A. Nat Tucker, a Colored applicant, he having passed the examinations and procured a first-grade certificate.

For other places for Colored teachers, we recommend a postponement until after August 10.

{Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, D.B. Gracy}

This report was, on motion, received and filed, and was then taken up for consideration by sections.

The recommendation that Misses Lula Miller, Eva Brown and Ginie Clark be elected to fill these vacancies was adopted, and these teachers were declared elected.

The recommendation to promote some teachers from one of the lower grades to fill the vacancy in the High School caused by Mrs. Deckerd's resignation, but referring the selection of this teacher to the Board, was discussed, but action in the matter was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The recommendation that all teachers be required to hold first-grade City Certificates was approved and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The recommendation that an extra teacher be elected for the East Austin School, on account of the crowded condition of that school, was approved, but the election of this teacher was postponed until August. No action was taken upon the recommendation that Miss Lu Emma Raymond be given a place in the Schools, provided she get a first-grade certificate in the second examination, or [29] provided that no one else applies for the place who holds a first-grade certificate.

The necessity for electing a teacher of science in [the] High School was discussed, but action in the matter was postponed until the next regular meeting.

The recommendation that all teachers be required to attend at least once in three years some summer school where professional work is carried on, was approved by the Board.

The recommendation that some definite form of contract be entered into by the teachers after their election by the School Board was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On recommendation of the Committee, A. Nat Tucker, who had received a first-grade certificate in the City Examination, was elected to a position in the Colored Schools. The election of teachers to fill the remaining vacancies was postponed until after August 10.

On recommendation of the Committee, Miss Lucile James, whose name had been passed over at the time of the election, was reelected to her position in the Schools.

Motion was made and adopted that the Superintendent, in connection with the Chairman of the Committee on Teachers, be authorized to fix the date of the second examination of teachers.

The Board decided to hold the regular July meeting on Wednesday the 2nd, Friday the 4th being a holiday.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

[30]

July 2, 1902

At the regular meeting held July 2, the following members were present: N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of June 6, 11 and 21 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent presented a statistical report to the Board, showing the record of attendance, enrollment, etc. for the year just closed and compared this report with the reports for the six preceding years. Motion was made and adopted that this report be received and incorporated in the next printed report.

[*Schools Open*] At the suggestion of the Superintendent, the Board took up the question of the date of opening the Schools in September. Two members of the Committee on Rules were present, and two recommendations were presented. Judge Fulmore recommended that the Schools open on the 15th. Mr. Brush moved that they open on the 22nd. Judge Fulmore's recommendation was adopted.

The Superintendent was granted leave of absence, to attend the meeting of the committee appointed by the State Teachers Association on industrial education, to be held in Galveston July 15.

The report of the Finance Committee, recommending salaries for the next year, was read and then taken up by sections.

The recommendation that the Superintendent's salary be changed from \$2,200 to \$2,400, was, on motion, adopted.

The Committee recommended that the Clerk's salary remain at \$600 for the next year. This recommendation was adopted, Mr. Brush and the President voting no.

[*High School*] The Committee recommended that the High School Principal's salary remain the same that it was last year: \$176.47 per month. Judge Fulmore [31] made a motion, that a reduction of \$100 per

year be made in this salary. Mr. Brush seconded the motion. The motion failed to carry. The recommendation of the Committee was then adopted.

The recommendation that Misses Ottley and Hornsby be paid \$80 per month, as heretofore, was adopted.

The Committee recommended that the salary of Miss Nina Hill and of Miss Maud Smith be advanced from \$70 and \$60 respectively, to \$80 and \$70, and second that this recommendation be adopted. After some discussion, and after one vote had been taken, which resulted in a tie, the President casting the tie vote, this question was reconsidered, and the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee recommended that the salaries for the teachers of the seventh and eighth grades be as follows: B.F. Sisk at \$85 per month, Misses Graves, Ellis, Reilly, Sayers and Smith \$80 per month. Judge Fulmore moved that this recommendation be not adopted, and that these teachers be paid the same they were paid last year. Mr. Brush seconded the motion. The question was put and failed to carry. The recommendation of the Committee was, on motion, adopted.

The only other changes recommended were those which would come up regularly under the Rule governing change of salary because of length of service. These recommendations were adopted.

It was recommended that there be no change in the salaries of janitors at the five large buildings. This recommendation was adopted.

The report recommending salaries to be paid was then adopted as a whole.

The Finance Committee then presented a report showing the amount of money spent for the maintenance of the Schools for the year, and also an estimate of the expenses for the next year. In addition to this, they gave the amount received from different sources and the estimated amount to be received next year. The Committee showed that the financial [32] situation would justify the employment of an extra teacher at the East Austin School and of a science teacher in the High School, and recommended that these teachers be employed. The report was received, and the recommendation to employ these two extra teachers was adopted.

During the discussion on the financial situation, the question came up as to whether the School Board should provide for the interest and sinking fund of the High School bonds. The Chairman of the Finance Committee was instructed to get a written opinion from the City Attorney, stating whether this is a legal obligation and whether the responsibility of providing for this interest and sinking fund rests upon the School Board or upon the City Council.

[*East Austin*] Mr. Brush, as Chairman of the Building Committee, stated that it had been impossible to get all three members of the Committee together, but that he and Mr. Bull had gotten together to look at the site recommended by the President as a suitable site for a new East Austin building, provided the Board decided to use the present East Austin building for a Colored High School. He stated that they had also visited the Colored Schools in East Austin, and that they could not concur in the recommendation of the President, but that individually, he, Mr. Brush, wished to make some recommendations. [*High School*] He recommended that the High School terraces be sodded during the summer. The Building Committee were authorized to have this work done. [*South Austin Colored*] Mr. Brush also recommended that the Board rent from Major Brackenridge for the Colored School in South Austin the building which he is to erect for church and school purposes. The Board authorized Mr. Brush to pay to Major Brackenridge that they would agree to pay \$7 per month for this house for the next school term, provided a Colored School is held in South Austin. The other items recommended were not acted on.

A letter from the City Attorney, in regard to the election of a Treasurer, was read. It was moved and adopted that the Board meet on Wednesday the 9th to consider this matter, and that General Hamby be requested to meet with the Board at that time.

Adjourned.

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July 9, 1902

The Board met in adjourned session in the office of the Superintendent at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present: N.O. Brenizer, W.J. Mathews, D.B. Gracy, Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, R.P. Bull and G.A. Brush.

Mr. Jackson presented to the Board a letter from City Attorney Brooks relating to the High School bonds. This letter was received and ordered spread upon the minutes. It is as follows:

July 5, 1902

Honorable J.A. Jackson, Austin, Texas

Dear Sir,

In reply to the questions propounded by you in letter of July 3, 1902, I beg to say:

1. The High School building bonds of the City of Austin were submitted to the Attorney General of the State before they were issued. That Officer, after examining into all the facts bearing on

the validity of the proposed bond issue, certified to the State Comptroller his opinion that same would, when issued, constitute valid and binding obligations. The Comptroller thereupon registered the bonds, and same were afterward negotiated and sold by the City. The bonds are therefore *prima facie* valid and legal obligations against the City, and I advise that City Officers should so treat them until the courts decide that the bonds are invalid.

2. "The legal responsibility of providing for the interest and sinking fund for these bonds rests upon the City Council," and not upon the School Board.

3. The legal authority and power to issue city bonds of the City of Austin, and to provide for their redemption, is exclusively vested in the City Council, and the School Board has no authority in the premises.

4. No part of the 33½ cents as at present levied and collected for School purposes in the city of Austin can be used to pay interest on and provide [34] sinking fund for the High School building bonds, except through voluntary action of the School Board. The City Council has no legal power to control the expenditure of money collected from this tax. Its sole duty in the premises is to levy the tax and turn over the proceeds to the Treasurer of the School Board.

5. Money derived from the school tax could not, in my opinion, be subjected to use for interest and sinking fund purposes on city bonds, if that issue were properly contested in court.

The foregoing statement is thought to answer all questions contained in your letter. In this connection, I deem it proper to say, however, that the School Board, which existed at the time the bonds in question were issued, was fully advised that any payment which they might make on the bonds would be purely voluntary, and that no promise which they could make to pay the bonds would be legally enforceable against the bond or against money collected for school purposes. The City Council, which authorized the issuance of the bonds, was also advised to the same effect.

The power to change the rate of the school tax levy is vested in the taxpaying voters of the city. They were promised at the time they voted for the issuance of the High School bonds, that the bonds would be voluntarily paid out of the proceeds of the school tax levy. If they wish to hold the Board to this promise, they, of course, have the practical power to do so by working sufficient increase in the authorized rate of school tax to accomplish that purpose.

Yours Truly,

{V.L. Brooks}, City Attorney

Mr. Gracy submitted this following annual report of the Allan Fund Committee, to wit:

Austin, Texas
 July 9, 1902

To the President and Members of the Board of Trustees
 of the Austin Public Schools
 Gentlemen,

Your Committee, known as the Allan Fund Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

[35] The expenses for the Manual Training Department from the first day of October 1901, to the first day of June 1902 have been as follows:

Salary paid Professor Hunsdon	\$1,200.00
Salary paid Professor Hanszen	793.00
Salary paid janitor	170/month
Paid for fuel	6.77
Amount paid for supplies	307.69
Amount paid for tools	340.61
Amount paid as rent to Public Schools fund	<u>268.11</u>
	\$3,086.18

There has been collected from the first day of June 1901, to the first day of June 1902:

Interest on notes	\$3,395.79
For rent from houses and lands	<u>\$503.55</u>
Total collections	\$3,892.24

There remains on hand belonging to said fund \$1,951.17 in cash; the M. Bay 80-acre survey, Abstract 147, and the M. Bay 80-acre survey, Abstract 148, both situated in McCulloch County; 1,660 acres of the M.L. Baden survey, Abstract 5, in Trinity County; and the D.M. Wiseman 320-acre survey, Abstract 341, situated in Bastrop County; and east 35 feet of Lot 3 and all of Lots 4, 6, 7 and 8, Block 132, in the city of Austin, Travis County, Texas; and the following list of notes hereto attached, as furnished by W.R. Hamby, Treasurer, amounting to \$36,700.12.

List of notes belonging to the Allan Fund:

Date	Name	Int.	Time	Amount
June 25, 1897	J.K. Quinn	8%	5 years	\$9,000
Feb. 20, 1901	Wallace Miller	7%	5 years	3,800
Feb. 5, 1896	S.C. Granberry	8%	3 years	5,000
July 5, 1899	W.C. Goodwin	8%	5 years	1,100
Nov. 12, 1901	Mrs. Sarah A. Smith	7%	5 years	1,500

Feb. 12, 1900	Mrs. E.H. Sutor	7%	1/1/1903	3,000
Oct. 15, 1900	S.B. Radkey	8%	3 years	2,500
Mar. 16, 1899	R.H. Felter	8%	3 years	250
[36] Mar. 16, 1899	R.H. Felter	8%	4 years	500
Mar. 29, 1902	R.H. Felter	7%	3 years	1,000
Mar. 28, 1902	W.P. Smart	8%	5 years	2,000
Mar. 18, 1901	William Windham	8%	2 years	50
Mar. 18, 1901	William Windham	8%	3 years	50
Dec. 30, 1901	W.H. Stacy & wife	7%	5 years	2,750
Oct. 3, 1898	J.W. Burleson	8%	3 years	2,315
Dec. 20, 1893	Hollar & Teasdale	8%	4 years	400

This note was bought from Mrs. Susan E. Hancock

Feb. 1, 1894	L.H. Younger	8%	3 years	742.56
Feb. 1, 1894	L.H. Younger	8%	4 years	742.56

These two notes were sold to the Board by Mrs. Susan E. Hancock, upon which extensions have been given by the Board, and upon which considerable interest is yet due.

The income from June 1, 1901 to June 1, 1902 exceeded the expenses by \$816.06, and we estimate that the income for the following year will be \$2,786.35 in interest account, and \$503.55 on rent account, making a total of \$3,289.90 from all sources.

We find also that during the past year there has been paid out of this fund the sum of \$268.11 as rent to the Public Schools for the six months ending January 1, 1902, and that the Public Schools expect to receive a further sum of \$268.11 for the remaining six months.

Your Committee believes that it is unjust to charge the Allan Fund rent for the rooms occupied by them, and that the City of Austin, or rather the Public Schools, should furnish the Manual Training Department rooms free of rent, and we recommend that hereafter no rent be paid by the Manual Training Department.

Your Committee also recommends that the salary of Professor Hunsdon and also that of Professor Hanszen be increased \$100 each per year, as there are many scholars now in the Manual Training Department than there have ever been before, and consequently, there is more work for the teachers.

Respectfully submitted,
{D.B. Gracy}, Chairman

Mr. Jackson moved that this report be received and approved. [37]
This motion carried.

Mr. Brush read the following report.

We recommend the amount of \$7,500 be appropriated and set aside for the purpose of erecting at once a Colored School building on the property where the Colored High School is located. We do not think that sum sufficient to erect the building necessary, but it will be a beginning, something that should be done, and we think the industrial feature should be commenced in the Colored Schools.

[*Baker*] We recommend that we advertise for plans changing the Hyde Park School building into a four-room school, by using the middle room downstairs for a hall and raising the roof to make the upstairs into two first-class school rooms. We also advise the raising of the building about 18 inches on a brick foundation.

[*Palm*] We recommend that the unsightly pieces of the tempered school fence be removed and then a new fence be erected.

{G.A. Brush}, Chairman

[*Rule*] While Mr. Brush's report was before the Board, Mr. Brush moved that the scholastic age in the city be in future from 7 to 18, instead of 7 to 19, as at present. This motion was adopted.

[*Baker*] Mr. Gracy moved that the portion of Mr. Brush's report relating to the Hyde Park School be adopted. This motion was carried

[*Palm*] Mr. Gracy moved that the Building Committee be instructed to advertise for bids for the removal of the old fence around the Arsenal Block School lot and the construction of a new one. This motion was carried.

Mr. Gracy moved that the remainder of Mr. Brush's report be deferred till the next meeting of the Board. This motion was carried.

General Hamby stated that, as he was ineligible under the new law for the office of Treasurer, he would be ready to turn over the office as soon as his successor was elected and qualified.

The Board then went into the election of a Treasurer. [38] Dr. Mathews nominated Judge Fulmore. Mr. Brush nominated Mr. J.A. Jackson. Judge Fulmore stated that, in case of his election, the 1% commission provided by law would not be charged. Mr. Brush stated that this, in his opinion, would not be legal, and that his nominee would be left free to do as he chose about the commission, in case of his election.

On the first ballot, Mr. Jackson received four votes, Judge Fulmore two votes, and Mr. Gracy one vote. Mr. Jackson was declared to be duly elected Treasurer.

The Board adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

August 1, 1902

The Board met at 4:30, all of the members being present.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and adopted.

[*Baker*] Mr. Brush reported that the contract for remodeling the Hyde Park School had been let to W.L. Isbell for \$1,255, that the contract for putting curbing and steps on High School grounds had been let to B.F. Remington for \$70, that the Committee had employed Mr. A.J. Seiders by the day to put grass on the High School terrace, and that Mr. J. M. Hall had been employed to supervise all the work to be done. Judge Fulmore moved that the action of the Building Committee be ratified. This motion was carried.

Mr. Brush reported various items of needed repairs that had been reported to him by the janitors. He suggested that the janitors be employed to make these repairs. No action was taken in the matter, as it seemed to be understood that the Building Committee is authorized to do such work, and then report to the Board.

[*East Austin Colored*] Mr. Brush moved that an appropriation of \$7,500 or more, not to exceed \$9,000, be made for a Colored School building in East Austin. Judge Fulmore seconded the motion. Mr. Gracy moved as a substitute that \$7,500 only be appropriated. This substitute failed to carry. Mr. Brush's original motion was carried.

[39] [*East Austin Colored*] Mr. Brush moved that the Building Committee be instructed to investigate and report at an early meeting on a site for the Colored School building. This motion carried.

Judge Fulmore reported that he had ascertained that the printing of an alphabetic list of the scholastic census would cost more than it was worth and recommended that the plan be abandoned. The report was adopted.

Dr. Mathews, as Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas

July 15, 1902

To the Board of School Trustees of the City of Austin
Gentlemen,

The Committee on Rules begs leave to report as follows:

[*Rules*] We recommend the following alterations, suggestions and amendments to the present Rules.

First, that the name of the Committee be changed to the Committee on Rules and Discipline, and that corresponding changes in name be made wherever the name occurs in the present Rules.

Second, in lieu of the present preamble to the Bylaws of the Austin City School Board, we recommend the substitution of the following: "The exclusive control of the Austin Public Schools is vested in the Board of Trustees, consisting of seven members, to be elected and qualified as provided by State laws. The Officers shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, selected from the members of the Board annually at the first meeting of the Board after each annual election of Trustees. In addition to the Officers provided by State law, there shall be a Vice President, to act in place of the President, in case of his absence or any other disqualification to act.

The regular meeting of the Board shall be held at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 4:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month, and four members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings [40] may be called at any time in case of emergency, on request of two members of the Board.

Third, under the head of "Duties of Officers," we recommend the following: In lieu of Paragraph 1 of the subhead, "Duties of the Treasurer," *videlicet*,

The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Public Free Schools of Austin and deposit the same for safekeeping in a bank selected by the Board of Trustees, and shall give such bond prepared by the City Attorney, as shall be required by law and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Trustees.

1. He shall also give a bond payable to the President of the Board, or his successor in office, to be approved by the Board of Trustees, conditioned that he will safely keep the Allan Fund and disperse the same, and make no payment out of the same, except upon warrants drawn by the Principal of the Manual Training School and the Superintendent of the City Schools and signed by the President of the Board.
2. He shall make no payments out of the School Fund whatever, except upon warrants drawn by the Superintendent and signed by the President.
3. He shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, and his books, accounts, and all papers pretending thereto shall be accessible at all times to any member of the Board desiring to see them.
4. He shall make monthly reports to the Board, showing receipts and disbursements and balances on hand.
5. In addition to the requirements of the preceding paragraph, he shall keep separate accounts of each fund that shall come

into his hands, and his monthly and annual reports shall share the amounts collected and paid out, and amounts, if any, due the following accounts: (a) account with the Comptroller on the State apportionment of School Fund to the City; (b) account with the City Assessor and Collector of Taxes on taxes of the current year; (c) account with the City Assessor and Collector on taxes due from previous years and the amount each of insolvent and delinquent taxes; (d) an account with the Travis County [41] on income from School land; (e) an account from the County Superintendent of Schools on transfers to and from the City; (f) an account with the City Superintendent of Schools on private tuition and school income from other sources; and (g) an account with the Allan Fund. His monthly reports shall show the exact condition of each fund.

6. It shall be his duty on or before June 30 of each year to report to the Board the amount of the insolvent list, as furnished by the City Assessor and Collector of taxes, and to have the same credited on the various accounts, also at the same time to submit the amount of delinquent taxes to the Board for such disposition as it chooses to make of said account, said report shall be sufficiently explicit on each of said accounts to enable the Board to estimate the annual resources of the Schools at any period of the year.

Fourth, we recommend that the words "in the office of the Superintendent" in the first and second lines of paragraph 1, under the head of "Duties of Committees," page 45, be stricken out and that in line 3 from the bottom of page 45, the words "for the approval of the Board" be inserted.

Fifth, we recommend that the words "and presented satisfactory evidence of general qualifications as teachers" be inserted after the words "examination" in line 5 of paragraph 4.

Sixth, we recommend that the words "save and except the collection and lending of money" be inserted after the words "that all acts" in second line of paragraph 5, page 45. Also, after the words "become due" in third line from the bottom of fifth paragraph, insert the words "and as to any other matters relating to the Manual Training School of the city."

Seventh, we recommend the substitution of the following: For paragraph 1 of section 11, page 47: "(1) the school year shall consist of two terms of four and one-half [42] months each, exclusive of Christmas week, unless sooner closed by order of the Board. The

first term shall begin in September at such dates as the Board may fix from year to year, the second immediately after the close of the first."

Eighth, in the first line of paragraph 1, section 4, insert "18" for "19."

Ninth, strike out the word "final" in last line of paragraph 2, section 5, page 48, and the word "teachers'" in second line of paragraph 3 of same section.

Tenth, strike out all of paragraph 1, section 6.

Eleventh, in section 8, paragraph 3, substitute for "President of the Board" "Teachers Committee."

Twelfth, in paragraph four, strike out the last two and one-half lines, all after the word, "disapproval."

Thirteenth, in paragraph 12 of section 8, strike out the words, "and janitors."

Fourteenth, add paragraph 16: "In all cases of suspension for more than one day, the Superintendent shall immediately report the same to the Committee on Rules and Discipline."

Fifteenth, in paragraphs 1 and 2, section 9, insert the words "and Secretary of the Board" after the word "Superintendent."

Sixteenth, in paragraph 8 of section 10, insert in lieu of "promptly" the words "on the same day."

[*Not adopted*] Seventeenth, in lieu of paragraph 15, section 11, insert after the word "school" in second line, the following: "and, after notifying the parent or guardian two days beforehand, to drop the name of the pupil who has been absent without good cause for three consecutive [43] days, but, in no instance, to drop the same from the roll without such notification."

Eighteenth, add 17: "To see that their school rooms are neatly kept and that the pupils are neat in their dress and orderly in their conduct."

Nineteenth, in paragraph 1 of section 14 of line 5, after the words "adjust the same," insert "and it shall be the duty of the Superintendent, in case the parent or guardian is not satisfied with his action, to immediately report the same to Committee on Rules and Discipline for such action as they may deem necessary in the matter, and it shall be the duty of said Committee, in case of dissatisfaction with the action of said Committee, to immediately refer the case to the entire Board for final disposition."

Twentieth, in paragraph 17 of section 15, strike out the words "and such excuse must state some valid and satisfactory cause for

the pupil's absence or tardiness." And in line 2 from the bottom, strike out the word "valid."

Miscellaneous

1. It shall be the duty of teachers desiring or intending to sever their connection with the Schools to notify the Board 30 days in advance.

2. It shall be the duty of all teachers who apply for employment outside of the Austin Schools to notify the Teachers Committee of such application, if made after the reelection of such teacher in June of any year and before September 1.

3. It shall be the duty of teachers to signify in writing on or before June 1 their desire for employment by the Board for the succeeding session, and the reelection of such teachers shall be regarded and treated as a contract to teach in the City of Austin for the ensuing session. A failure to make such written application shall be regarded as vacating their positions, and their successors shall be chosen by the Teachers Committee, with the approval of the Board.

4. It shall be the duty of teachers to attend some normal institute or professional school during a part of the summer [44] vacation at least once in three years.

After the reading of the full report, Mr. Gracy moved that the report be taken up by sections. Carried. The report was adopted, as read, with the exception of the following:

Paragraph 2 under section 3 was referred to the City Attorney for opinion as to whether this would invalidate the bond of the Treasurer.

Section 12 of report was adopted with the understanding that this authority be given to the Principals.

Section 17 of report was not adopted.

Mr. Brush presented the following report of the Committee appointed to suggest names for the school buildings:

To the Honorable President and Members of the School Board
Gentlemen,

Your Committee to name the different schools take pleasure in reporting unanimously on all names for the schools, except in one instance. In this one, only a majority of the Committee, Mr. J.A. Jackson and myself, acted for reasons we will give you later on.

[*Baker, Buildings/Names*] We have selected the names as follows: Pease School for West Austin School, Wooldridge School for Sixth Ward School, Baker School for Hyde Park School, Bickler School for East Austin School, Palm School for Tenth Ward School.

For the South Austin School, a majority of the Committee only acted. We have learned that Mr. Charles Newning gave the property upon which that school was built, [he] also gave a part of the material for the building, and gave the name Fulmore to the school, by which name it was known for many years [*Fulmore, August 1, 1902*]. We, as a majority of the Committee, are anxious to perpetuate the name "Fulmore," who is such an ardent supporter and indefatigable worker for the improvement and maintenance of the Public Schools. We, therefore, suggest the name "Fulmore" for the South Austin School.

We, the Committee as a whole, thought it [45] advisable not to name the High School, as its name, "High School," is sufficient of itself to make known to anyone its location, since we have only one high school.

{G.A. Brush}, Chairman.

Action in the matter was postponed.

On recommendation of Miss F.R. Brooke, J.A. Turpen was elected janitor of the Arsenal Block School, to take the place made vacant by the death of Mr. Gissel.

The Board then adjourned, to meet Monday the 4th, at 4:00 p.m.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

August 4, 1902

At an adjourned meeting of the Board at 5:00 p.m., all the members were present.

Mr. Brush moved that the recommendation of the special Committee presented at the last meeting, in regard to naming the school buildings, be adopted. This motion carried. Mr. Brush further moved that \$36 be appropriated for painting the names on the school buildings. Carried.

Judge Fulmore explained to the Board that the form of bond submitted by Mr. Jackson was not in accord with the statute under which the Schools are now operating, that of 1901. Mr. Brush moved that Judge Fulmore and Mr. Jackson be appointed to act with the City Attorney in preparing a bond in proper form.

[*Baker*] Mr. Brush moved that the debt on the Baker School be paid off. This motion was carried.

Dr. Brenizer presented an opinion from the City Attorney, relating to the Rules regulating the conduct of the Treasurer in the management of funds. No action was taken in the matter.

Judge Fulmore moved that Manual Training be extended to the seventh and eighth grades. This motion carried.

Professor Lefevre's and the letters from the City Attorney relating to the Sjoberg case were [46] read. Mr. Brush moved that Rosalie Sjoberg be admitted to the Schools, and that tuition be refunded according to agreement made by Superintendent with Mr. Braden. This motion was carried.

The Board then adjourned, to meet Friday the 8th, at 5:00 p.m.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

August 8, 1902

At the adjourned meeting of the Board, the following were present: N.O. Brenizer, Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Brush, R.P. Bull, W.J. Mathews.

Judge Fulmore made a report for the Committee appointed to investigate questions relating to the Treasurer's bond. Mr. Jackson then presented his bond as Treasurer of the Public School Funds, signed by E.P. Wilmot, Walter Tips, and H. Hirshfield. This bond was approved.

Mr. Jackson's bond for the Allan Fund, signed by the same parties, was presented. Dr. Mathews moved that the bond be accepted. This motion received no second. Judge Fulmore rose to a point of order, to say that this matter should be postponed until Rules and Regulations for the management of the Allan Fund be formulated, and that the Allan Fund should, under a statute regulating the management of such funds, be administered under Rules and Regulations established by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Brush moved that the State Superintendent be requested to confer with the Committee on Rules and Discipline within 30 days, in regard to the matter of formulating Rules and Regulations for the management of the Allan Fund. This motion was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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August 15, 1902

At a meeting of the Board, at 4:40 on the abovementioned date, in Judge Fulmore's office, the following members were present: N.O. Brenizer, W.J. Mathews, Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, George A. Brush.

[Miss Lucile James' resignation came in just after this meeting, and Miss Florence Hufford was elected to fill the vacancy thus caused.]

Judge Fulmore reported for the Committee on Teachers, recommending the election of the following teachers to fill the remaining vacancies, these teachers having made the highest grades in the City Examination held August 12, 13 and 14: in the High School, Mr. P.T. Miller; in the lower grades, Miss Carrie Stevenson, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham, and Miss Grace Ketchum; in the Colored Schools, Mrs. L.E. Lee and Timothy Chandler. This recommendation was adopted, and these teachers were declared elected. The Committee then recommended that the vacancies still remaining in the Colored Schools be filled by the following: Mrs. A.O. Barnes, Mrs. F.A. Harrell. Miss L.C.W. Rhambo, Miss F.S. Hamilton and Miss Tennie Hardwell. These teachers were elected.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

August 22, 1902

The Board met at Judge Fulmore's office at 11:00 a.m., the following members being present. N.O. Brenizer, W.J. Mathews, Z.T. Fulmore, George A. Brush.

[Gregorytown (Blackshear)] Mr. Brush submitted, for the Building Committee, the plan for a Colored School building prepared by C.H. Page, Jr. After full consideration, the plan was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary.

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August 23, 1902

At a special meeting of the Board, the following were present: N.O. Brenizer, W.J. Mathews, Z.T. Fulmore, George A. Brush.

[Robertson Hill] Dr. Mathews moved that the Board authorize the Building Committee to offer to L.C. Anderson the Robertson Hill School property and \$700 in cash, in exchange for the lots that he had offered to sell to the Board, and, if he fail to accept this offer, then to offer him \$1,200 cash for his lots. The motion carried, and the Board adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

August 26, 1902

At a called meeting of the Board, held at Judge Fulmore's office, at 10:30 a.m., the following were present: N.O. Brenizer, W.J. Mathews, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, George A. Brush.

The meeting was called to select a site for the new Colored School building.

[*Site (Robertson Hill-Exchange)*] L.C. Anderson's property on Waller and Navasota Streets, another site in East Austin, and the property occupied at present by the Robertson Hill School were considered. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Bull that decision in the matter be postponed until a full meeting of the Board could be obtained. This motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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August 29, 1902, 3:00 p.m.

The Board met at Judge Fulmore's office. There were present: N.O. Brenizer, Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, R.P. Bull, G.A. Brush

[*Palm*] Mr. Brush explained that the Palm School fence is not on the lines of the lot, and that the City Engineer will not permit the erection of the new fence where the old fence stands without authority from the City Council, and asked for instruction. The Board authorized the Building Committee to take necessary steps to secure authority to erect a fence, and then to proceed to build it.

Mr. Brush further explained that it is, in his opinion, advisable to move the outhouses at Palm School. The Building Committee was authorized to take bids on this work and have it done.

[*South Austin Colored*] The Building Committee was authorized to have seats made for the South Austin Colored School.

The Board then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary.

[50]

September 4, 1902

The Board met at 9:30 at Judge Fulmore's office. All the members were present at the meeting, except Mr. Gracy, who was absent from the city.

Mr. Bull presented the bids from contractors for the building of the Colored School, as follows:

J.A. Greathouse, brick \$12 per m., \$8,535, rock around door \$15

George N. Perry, \$8,581

William Schoernert, \$8,773

Wattinger & Ledbetter, brick \$10 per m., rock around door \$15, \$8,472

C.A. Ellingson, \$8,970

C.W. Moore, \$8,647

R.G. Brydson, \$9,430

Fischer & Lambie, \$9,939

[*Gregorytown Controversy*] The question of a location for the building coming up, Mr. Bull moved to postpone the entire matter till the regular meeting on Friday. Mr. Brush agreed in favor of selecting the present location on Robertson Hill, and settling the question at once. Mr. Bull asked and was granted permission to notify some gentlemen who had requested the privilege of appearing before the Board and discussing the question of a suitable location for the Colored High School. Mr. D.H. Hart and D.J. Pickle came before the Board and presented their reasons, as citizens of East Austin, for desiring the building located at Gregorytown, rather than on the Anderson property. They presented resolutions passed by a mass meeting of East Austin citizens, as follows:

Resolutions Adopted at a Meeting of the Citizens of East Austin
in regard to the Proposed Location of the High School
for Colored Students of the City of Austin

The meeting was called to order at East Austin fire hall by Frank Heierman, and, upon motion, Frank Heierman was appointed to act as Chairman, and D.J. Pickle as Secretary, whereupon the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas the School Board of the City of Austin [51] has under consideration location of the Colored High School, one of the proposed sites being at the corner of Navasota and Waller Streets, and

Whereas said location is far removed from the center of population of the Colored citizens of the city of Austin, and in the midst of a section densely populated by White citizens who have permanent homes they're in, and

Whereas it is the opinion of this meeting that said location at said point, under the circumstances, would be fruitful of more or less

dissension and disagreements and, to that extent, affect both the value and desirability of the surrounding homes, and

Whereas the City of Austin now owns desirable property for schoolhouse purposes in Gregorytown, which is accessible to a majority of the Colored patrons, and is more near the center of Colored population than any other available point in the city of Austin, and is convenient to "Tillotson Institute," giving facilities for interchange of advantages.

It is therefore resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that said Colored High School should be located at Gregorytown, upon the property already owned and held for School purposes by the City.

Resolved further that D.H. Hart, Frank Heierman, Will Dill, M.M. Johnson and J.L. Castley are hereby appointed a committee to appear before the said School Board at its next regular meeting, or at such time as the matter of location is to be covered by it, to represent the views of this meeting and urge action in accordance with the foregoing resolution, and to earnestly protest in behalf of ourselves and our families against the selection of the site on Navasota Street or any other in East Austin than the Gregorytown School property.

{Frank Heierman}, Chairman

{J.D. Pickle}, Secretary

Misters Lee Castley, C.F. Moore and Will Dill came in later and argued against the erection of the building at the present location of the High School at Robertson [52] Hill. The matter of location was postponed by consent till Friday.

Mr. Brush suggested that a series of Friday evening lectures in the High School assembly hall be provided to continue through the fall months on alternate Friday evenings. No action was taken in the matter.

The Superintendent was authorized to have the buildings put in order for the opening of the Schools, and also to receive and have new desks set up.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

September 5, 1902

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members were present: N.O. Brenizer, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull.

[*Gregorytown Building protested*] The Committee composed of citizens of East Austin came before the Board to protest against locating [the] new Colored School building in their neighborhood. This committee was composed of Misters Hart, Heierman, Dill, Moore, Smith, Pickle, Newton, Castley and others. After three gentlemen had addressed the Board in regard to matter, motion was finally adopted that the new school be located on the Gregorytown School site.

Mr. Carl A. Anderson stated to the Board that he was a non-resident taxpayer and asked that his daughter be allowed the right to attend school free. Judge Fulmore read an opinion from the Attorney General on this question. Motion was made to refer the letter back to Superintendent Lefevre, asking his final opinion on the subject. This motion was carried.

The regular order of business was then taken up, and the minutes of August 1, 4, 8, 15, 22, 23, 26, 29 and September 4 were read and approved.

[53] [*Palm*] Mr. Bull reported for the Building Committee in regard to the Palm School fence line. He stated that he had conferred with the Street Committee of the City Council, and that that Committee had agreed that the City would waive all right to the 30 and 43 feet on two sides of the lot, and had further agreed to allow the school 65 feet more on East Avenue, if the Board desired to enlarge the grounds to this extent. Dr. Mathews moved to accept the offer of the Council and to extend the fence 65 feet farther east. This motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was, on motion from Judge Fulmore, postponed until the next meeting.

[*Gregorytown*] Dr. Mathews moved to award the contract for the Colored School to Wattinger & Ledbetter, the lowest bidders. This motion carried.

Some discussion was held in regard to the question of purchasing more ground adjoining the Gregorytown lot. Motion to locate the building on the ground already owned by the Board carried.

The Building Committee was authorized to dispose of the old buildings to the best advantage.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

[54]

September 8, 1902

The Board met at Judge Fulmore's office. The following were present: N.O. Brenizer, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull.

[*Gregorytown*] The meeting was called to decide on the exact location of the new school on the Gregorytown lots. After full discussion, it was decided to locate the building in the center of the lot, on an east and west line, and just north of the old building now in the southeast corner of the lot.

[*Palm*] In view of a threatened injunction suit, the Board rescinded its former action in regard to extending the Palm School lot into East Avenue.

[*Gregorytown*] The Board accepted the offer of Wattinger & Ledbetter for the small building on the Gregorytown lot. They also agreed to let them have the two longer buildings for \$100, provided (1) that no better price can be obtained by the Board for these buildings, and provided (2) that these two buildings are to remain where they are and to be used by the school until the new building is ready for occupancy.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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September 11, 1902

The Board met at Judge Fulmore's office. There were present: N.O. Brenizer, J.A. Jackson, D.B. Gracy, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull.

[*Gregorytown (Blackshear)*] The contract of Wattinger & Ledbetter for the building of the Colored Schoolhouse at Gregorytown, and their bond for the fulfillment of the contract, were read.

Mr. Bull moved that the Building Committee be authorized to accept the best offer to be obtained for the old four-room building at Gregorytown. This motion carried.

Mr. Page came before the Board, by request, and read the specifications for the Gregorytown building. Judge Fulmore move that all matters relating to the erection of the building be left with the Building Committee and the architect, with power to act. This motion was carried.

The Building Committee was authorized to sign specifications for the purpose of identification.

Motion was made and adopted to pay the architect one-half his fee.

The bond of Wattinger & Ledbetter was approved.

The meeting been adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

[56]

October 13, 1902

At the time for the regular meeting of the Board, on the 3rd, there was no quorum present. The members who were present postponed the meeting until 4:00, Monday the 13th. At this time, the following were present: N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of September 5, 8 and 11 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for the last two months was read, received and ordered filed.

The State Superintendent was present to discuss with the Board rules for the administration of the Allan Fund. The regular order of business was set aside for this purpose. After the discussion, Superintendent Lefevre stated that he would communicate with the Board later in regard to this matter. A resolution of thanks was voted Professor LeFevre, for his kindness in attending the meeting and for his willingness to act in this matter.

The Superintendent then made his regular statistical report concerning the enrollment, attendance, etc. A request from Mr. Miller, teacher of science in the High School, for an appropriation of \$45 for laboratory equipment, was presented. This request was, on motion, granted. The Superintendent also recommended the purchase of a five-volume encyclopedic dictionary for the High School, which Mr. Pearce had secured for \$12.50. The Superintendent was authorized to make this purchase.

The Committee on Supplies was authorized to call for bids on fuel and to contract for a supply of both coal and wood.

Judge Fulmore stated that, in case the Board desired to make appeal from the decision of the State Superintendent in the P.A. Broden case, he would carry the matter before the State Board of Education without any charge to the School [57] Board. Mr. Gracy moved that the appeal be made. This motion was carried.

In order to give the Principals some relief, so that they may find time to visit the different rooms in their buildings, \$25 per month was appropriated for salary of substitute teachers.

The Superintendent stated that the desks ordered had come and had been set up, but that there was an overcharge in trade of \$9.63 and that, on account of delay in arrival of the desks, it had been necessary to have desks borrowed temporarily from other buildings at an expense of about \$6 for hauling and placing. He had accordingly written the M.A. Donohue Company that the bill presented would be paid, after deducting these two items, if that was satisfactory to them. This action of the Superintendent was approved by the Board,

Mr. Gracy reported, for the Allan Fund Committee, the extension of the Burleson note for \$2,315 in four notes, for four years, at 7%. This action was approved by the Board

[*Fulmore*] Mr. Brush, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported in regard to repairs on stoves and furnaces. He stated that the Committee expects to put airtight heaters in the Fulmore School.

[*Palm*] He also stated that the heater at the Palm School is in such bad repair, that it will probably not be possible to put in repair for use this winter, but that it will be necessary to use the stoves in that building.

[*Bickler*] The report was accepted, and the Committee was authorized to accept Burke's offer on repairing the Bickler School furnace.

[*Wheatville*] The request from some Colored citizens, for use of Wheatville School building for church purposes, was presented, and they were referred to the Rule on this question.

A motion was made and adopted, instructing the Superintendent to notify the janitors to keep the grounds around the school buildings in better condition.

[*Gregorytown*] The Building Committee reported the sale of the [58] old Gregorytown School building to G.W. Norman.

The request of several boys not in the High School, to be allowed to take Manual Training, was referred to the Allan Fund Committee, to decide after consulting with the Principal of the Manual Training Department.

Motion was made and adopted to give holiday on October 20 and November 4 for the circuses.

The Superintendent was authorized to buy one unabridged dictionary for the Bickler School.

Motion was made and adopted to have the next regular meeting of the Board at 8:00 p.m. on the first Friday in the month, with the understanding that the Committee on Rules will report at that time in regard to having all the regular meetings held hereafter at that hour.

The Board then adjourned, with the understanding that the President will call a meeting when the State Superintendent's report in regard to the Allan Fund is received.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

October 17, 1902

The Board met at Judge Fulmore's office. Present: N.O. Brenizer, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, G.A. Brush.

The communication from Superintendent Lefevre, containing rules regulating the administration of the Allan Fund, was read.

Judge Fulmore made motion that the Treasurer of the Allan Fund give bond for \$10,000. This motion was carried, and Mr. Jackson's bond for this amount was approved.

Mr. Hildreth came before the Board and stated that his grandchildren are living with him, that their parents have no settled home for the present, and that he supports the children. He asked that they be allowed to attend school without paying tuition. This request was granted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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November 7, 1902

The Board met at 8:00 p.m. Present: N.O. Brenizer, W.J. Mathews, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of October 13 and 17 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent submitted his regular monthly statistical report, and also called the attention to several matters relating to the Schools.

[*High School*] The Superintendent was instructed to send the plans and specifications for the High School building to Burt MacDonald in Orange, in response to his requests to this effect.

[*Fulmore, Baker*] The salary of the janitor at the Baker School was raised from \$6 to \$10 per month, and the salary of the janitor at the Fulmore School from \$6 to \$8 per month.

The Superintendent's report in regard to settlement for furniture was received.

The Superintendent called attention to the fact that the annual meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association will be held in Austin, December 29, 30 and 31, and requested the use of the High School building for some of the sessions. This request was granted. The fact that the State Association of School Trustees will meet in Austin [on] December 30 was mentioned. Upon motion, the President appointed Z.T. Fulmore, D.B. Gracy and G.A. Brush as a committee

of arrangement, to provide for the proper entertainment of the visiting Trustees.

[*Gregorytown*] In response to a petition from the teachers of the Gregorytown School, asking for additional blackboards in the new school building, the Building Committee was instructed to take the necessary steps to ascertain the cost of these boards and to report back to the Board.

[*Gregorytown*] Mr. Brush, for the Building Committee, reported the completion of several small jobs of repairs and [60] presented approved bills for the same. He asked the Board to reconsider the bids made on the sale of the old Colored School buildings at Gregorytown. Upon motion, it was decided to accept Mr. G.W. Norman's bid of \$150, \$75 to be paid at once, \$75 when the new building is occupied, at which time Mr. Norman is to take the buildings off the ground, removing the one on the southeast corner of the lot first.

The Superintendent was instructed to give Wattinger & Ledbetter a bill of sale to the old building recently sold to them, and to collect from them the sum of \$50, the price at which the sale was contracted.

Mr. Gracy, for the Allan Fund Committee, reported loans made during the month as follows: George O. and Augusta M. Evans \$1,600, Eugene Smith \$1,500, John Todd \$500, and P. DeLashmutt \$1,000. He also reported that, after talking with Mr. Hunsdon, he did not think it proper to admit pupils outside of school to the Manual Training classes. He also reported transfer of funds to new Treasurer and advised that the offer of \$3 per acre for 1,663 acres of land in East Texas be accepted. Motion was made and carried that this land be sold. It was moved and carried that outside pupils be not admitted, in accordance with precedent established by the old Board. The report of loans made was approved.

Mr. Jackson, for the Finance Committee, reported insurance of buildings.

[*Rules*] Dr. Mathews, for Committee on Rules, moved to change the Rule, so as to make the hour for meeting 7:30 p.m., instead of 4:00 p.m. Carried.

Motion carried to authorize Mr. Brush to collect a warrant for \$2.25 made payable to Joe Green.

Mr. Jackson reported \$3,000 lying idle in the County Treasury. Judge Fulmore and Mr. Jackson were appointed a committee to investigate and report on this matter.

Mr. Brush moved that the amount necessary to pay balance of a new building be set aside and [61] reserved. After discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

[*High School-Robertson Hill*] Judge Fulmore moved that the Colored High School be kept at Robertson Hill, and that the lower grades be assigned to the new building, and that Professor Anderson be instructed to arrange for opening exercises of the new building.

Mr. Brush moved that Carrie Nelson, living with Mr. Turner and attending the Baker School, be permitted to attend the school free till the first of January. Carried.

Adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

December 5, 1902

The Board met at 7:40. Present: N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Mr. McCormick, representing a manufacturers of raised maps, was granted an opportunity to address the Board on the subject of purchasing maps for the use of the Schools. At the conclusion of his remarks, all members of the Board expressed themselves as desirous of having the maps in the Schools, but it was the unanimous opinion that, under present financial conditions, it would not be wise to make the purchase now. It was therefore decided to postpone the matter for future consideration.

The Treasurer read his report, which was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made his regular monthly scholastic report. He also stated that Miss Ellis had been absent on account of illness in her family for nearly a month and that he had temporarily placed Miss Miller in charge of her work, and had assigned Mrs. Lamar to the room vacated by Miss Miller at the Palm School. Judge Fulmore moved that this arrangement be confirmed [62] for the present and until it be known whether Miss Ellis will return or not. This motion was carried. It was also agreed that Miss Miller receive \$50 per month until permanent arrangements are made.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from Mr. Hunsdon, asking for an additional teacher in the Manual Training

School. This matter was referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with power to act.

[*Christmas*] The Board decided to close the Schools for the Christmas holiday at noon, December 24, and not open again until Monday, January 5.

The Superintendent was authorized to make whatever arrangements for wood for the rest of the year, that he may think best.

[*Gregorytown*] Mr. Brush, for the Building Committee, called attention to various matters needing attention. His Committee was authorized to act in reference to grading the grounds at Gregorytown, putting in additional blackboards at the new building, supplying necessary hardware, adding new building, and purchasing shades for new building. Also looking after furnaces at High School building.

Judge Fulmore moved that the matter of buying raised maps be postponed till the last meeting in the school year. Carried.

On motion, it was decided to refund to Misses Whitten and Dill the amounts reduced from their salaries on account of absence, on the occasions of deaths in their families.

Judge Fulmore moved that the Principals be instructed to furnish the Committee on Supplies lists of apparatus, such as library books, maps, charts, globes, etc., now on hand at their respective buildings. Carried.

Mr. Brush moved that the Board extend thanks to the Mothers' Club at the Wooldridge and Bickler Schools for what they have done and are doing for the improvement of the Schools. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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January 2, 1903

The Board met at 7:45 p.m., the following members being present: N.O. Brenizer, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, G.A. Brush.

The minutes for December 5 were read and approved.

The Superintendent presented his regular monthly statistical report. He explained to the Board that Sylvia Earnest, a pupil in the High School, past 18 years of age, is unable to pay tuition and asked the Board to consider the advisability of permitting her to remain in school. He was instructed to permit her to continue at school till the case could be considered at some later meeting.

The Superintendent presented the resignation of Miss Nellie Hall, teacher of the fourth grade at the Wooldridge School, and explained the circumstances which, in his opinion, justified Miss Hall in resigning, to accept a more lucrative position in the office of the librarian of the University. The resignation was accepted. Miss Ethel Baker was elected to succeed Miss Hall.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Committee on Teachers, that Miss Mary Carlisle be transferred from the Pease School to the Wooldridge School, and that Miss Baker be assigned to the place now held by Miss Carlisle.

Communications from Mr. A.J. Byrs and Mr. John Schoonmaker, asking that children residing with them be admitted to the Schools free, were read. Consideration of these cases was postponed, with instructions to the Superintendent to admit the pupils free, pending investigation.

Mr. Brush, as Chairman of the Building Committee, made reports relating to various matters pertaining to buildings. No action was taken in regard to this report.

The Treasurer's report was read, received, [64] and ordered filed.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

February 6, 1903

The Board met at 6:00 p.m. Present: N.O. Brenizer, W.J. Mathews, D.B. Gracy, Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Brush.

The minutes for meeting of January 2 were read and approved.

Treasurer Jackson submitted his report for the month of January, which was approved and ordered filed.

The Superintendent then presented his statistical report for the preceding month, which was ordered received and filed.

The Superintendent called attention to specimens of penmanship and drawing sent to the office at the close of the term, most of which were from the Palm School. On motion of Mr. Brush, the Board extended a vote of thanks to Miss Brooke and her teachers for the excellent work in drawing and penmanship done at the Palm School.

The Superintendent recommended the purchase of a typewriter for the office. The matter was referred to the Committee on Supplies, with power to act.

Miss Ruby Caperton was permitted to continue in school without further payment of tuition.

The Superintendent presented a communication from Mr. Hunsdon, reporting the engagement of Mr. W.H. Curtis as assistant teacher in the Allan Manual Training School for the remainder of the year at a salary of \$650 per year, also recommending that a washroom be provided in backhaul on second floor, and also asking for use of Manual Training equipment for use of summer school. The report of employment of a teacher was approved, the recommendation for washroom was approved, and the request [65] for the use of the Manual Training equipment was granted, all upon the recommendation of the Allan Fund Committee.

Mr. Campbell came before the Board and offered to sell some maps and atlases. His proposition was referred to the Committee on Supplies, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

[Gregorytown] Mr. Brush, reporting for the Building Committee, recommended that a fuel house be built at Gregorytown and that certain other repairs be made at that building [Pease] and at the Pease School. He was authorized to have the work done.

Upon motion of Mr. Brush, the Superintendent was instructed to notify the principals that they must have their janitors keep the closets clean and further notifying them that, if the present janitors cannot or will not do better than they have been doing, then these janitors should be dismissed, and others employed.

Mr. Brush moved that the salary of the Gregorytown janitor be made \$20, instead of \$16. Carried.

Judge Fulmore, for the Committee on Teachers, reported that Miss Annie Jary had been assigned to the High School, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Ellis. Report approved.

Mr. Gracy moved that Miss Jary be paid the same salary that Miss Ellis has received, \$80 per month. Carried, Judge Fulmore voting in the negative.

Mr. Gracy, for the Allan Fund Committee, reported a loan of \$1,000 and one of \$5,000, both for three years at 8%. This report was approved. Mr. Gracy also reported that the Granberry note for \$4,000 was due, and that the Allan Fund Committee, asking on the advice of the City Attorney, had declined to renew this note. He also explained that Judge West had accepted this loan for one of his clients, and that the present note should be transferred by this Board without recourse. This recommendation was approved.

[66] Upon motion of Judge Fulmore, the Clerk was instructed to prepare in triplicate complete alphabetical lists of all names appearing on the last scholastic census list for the city, making separate lists for White and Colored children.

On motion of Dr. Mathews, it was ordered that Mr. Hansen's salary be paid for the days during which he was absent on account of sickness.

Dr. Brenizer reported that he had received information to the effect that L.B. Kinchion of the Colored Schools had been accepting pay for political service and influence. The matter was referred to the Committee on Teachers, with instruction to investigate as soon as possible, and to dismiss Mr. Kinchion, if found guilty.

Mr. Jackson presented a communication from G.F. Hamilton, complaining that A. Jackson, Jr. of the Colored Schools had not been acting squarely in the matter of debts. This case was referred to the Committee on Teachers, for investigation.

Adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

March 6, 1903

The Board met at 7:45 p.m. The following were present: D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, and George A. Brush.

The minutes of February 6 were read and approved.

The Treasurer read his report, which was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent submitted his regular scholastic report for the month. The Superintendent called attention to the fact that the number of cases of tardiness this year is in excess of the number last year. This, he thought, might be explained in part by the change made last summer in the Rule relating to tardiness. He also presented an accounting in favor of L.C. Anderson for \$3.65, for expenses [67] incident to dedication of new High School building. The account was ordered paid. [Gregorytown]

He also laid before the Board the following communication from G.W. Norman, Principal of the school conducted in the new building.

Please inform the Board that our outhouses are not yet built and that the building leaks in six or seven places around the edge. The water runs down the inside walls and is ruining them.

Respectfully,

{G.W. Norman}

No action was taken in regard to this communication.

Mr. Bull, for the Committee on Supplies, reported that an Oliver typewriter, in good condition and almost new, had been purchased for the office at \$50. The Superintendent was authorized to dispose of the old machine by exchanging it for apparatus now offered in exchange, if such exchange appeared to him to be desirable in the interests of the Schools.

Mr. Bull further reported the purchase of six maps for the use of the Schools.

Mr. Brush, for the Building Committee, reported various items of repair work done. No action taken on report.

Judge Fulmore, for Committee on Teachers, made the following report:

Austin, Texas

March 6, 1903

To the President of the School Board,

Your Committee, to whom was referred for investigation certain rumors as to the conduct of Professor L.B. Kinchion in the political campaign now in progress in the city, report that the rumor of his accepting money for his services in the campaign had no foundation in fact.

Upon an investigation of the rumor that he was actively participating in the city campaign, the only evidence to substantiate the charge was the testimony of a credible witness that, upon several occasions, he carried names of voters for the purpose of [68] having their payroll taxes paid. While this is conduct not exactly in keeping with our ideas of that propriety which a teacher should observe, we do not feel justified in going further than to disapprove such conduct, and, if the Board deems it advisable to consider the matter at the next annual election of teachers, it can do so.

The investigation of the charges against Professor A. Jackson, Jr. disclosed the fact that he had pledged his salary, rather gave a merchant an order on the Superintendent for his voucher, and

afterwards went in person and collected the voucher. The merchant, in the meantime, not having filed his order with the Superintendent.

The mitigation of this offense is the fact that the merchant had for a while, a series of years, been dealing with this teacher and on frequent occasions had allowed the teacher to collect vouchers for which he had given orders.

This practice of giving orders for vouchers on the Superintendent, we regard as improper, but we are not prepared at this time to suggest a Rule on the subject. It is a practice which leads to complications, such as might seriously embarrass the Superintendent, as well as the Board. But, as according to our information, a number of our teachers find it to their advantage to make such arrangements, we recommend that the matter be referred to the Superintendent, with request to formulate some regulations in regard to the matter that will meet the requirements of the case.

{Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, D.B. Gracy}

This report was received and adopted.

A motion was made instructing the Superintendent to turn over to A. Jackson, Jr. the warrant for his salary for month ending February 15, now held by the Superintendent. At the request of S.T. Hamilton, Mr. Brush requested the Superintendent to [69] report at next meeting the cost of maintaining the Schools per day per pupil at each building in the city, this cost to be estimated on average daily attendance.

Adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

April 3, 1903

The Board met at 7:50 p.m. The following were present: N.O. Brenizer, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, G.A. Brush.

The minutes for March 6 were read and approved.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report, which was approved and ordered filed.

The Superintendent submitted his regular scholastic report for the month, also typewritten copies of names on scholastic census in triplicate, alphabetically arranged, also a report showing cost per day and per month per pupil for maintenance of each of the schools.

The Superintendent was instructed to order 100 diplomas on imitation parchment from C.A. Bryant & Company of Dallas at a cost of \$22.50.

The Board authorized the Superintendent to close the Schools at the noon hour on April 16, on account of the unveiling of the Confederate monument.

The Board granted County Superintendent Brady the use of the High School building for the purpose of the summer normal to be held in Austin in June.

A vote of thanks was extended to Colonel A.P. Wooldridge for generous donations of books to the library of the Wooldridge School and of money for decoration of rooms in the Wooldridge School.

A child living with Mr. McKnight in Hyde [70] Park was permitted to attend the Schools free. Also, the children of Mr. Corwin, who has recently moved out of the city, were permitted to continue in school free till the close of this term.

[*Palm Teacher*] The Superintendent reported a vacancy at the Palm School caused by the resignation of Miss Miller. He was authorized to fill the vacancy for the present.

The payment of Miss Miller's salary for four days was authorized by the Board.

The salary of Miss Read and that of Mr. Miller were ordered paid for the days lost on account of exposure to contagious diseases.

The Board authorized the President to pay census takers six cents from State and four from City (for taking the scholastic census), with an additional four cents from the City for each name added to the list in excess of the numbers on last year's census list.

[*Gregorytown*] Mr. Brush reported moving out buildings and building fence at Gregorytown, painting roof, etc. No action taken on report.

Mr. Gracy reported loan of \$1,500 from the Allan Fund as an investment.

The President appointed Misters Jackson and Gracy as a committee to look after City School Funds now in the County Treasury.

The meeting then adjourned.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

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May 1, 1903

The Board met at 8:00 p.m. The following were present: N.O. Brenizer, J.A. Jackson, D.B. Gracy, Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, G.A. Brush.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after slight correction.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report, which was received and ordered filed.

Misters Anderson, White and Jackson, Colored, came before the Board to explain the difficulties in taking the Colored census, and to ask for better remuneration. Mr. Brush moved that the City pay 10 cents *per caput* for taking the Colored census, in addition to the two cents paid by the State. Lost. Judge Fulmore moved to pay eight cents *per caput* from the City, in addition to the two cents paid by the State. Carried.

The Superintendent submitted his statistical report. He also stated that the senior class in the High School had gotten up a petition, asking the Board to allow them to hold the commencement exercises in the High School auditorium, and asking further that the Board allow the money usually paid for rent for the opera house to be spent for library purposes. This request was granted.

Mr. Brush, for the Building Committee, reported several items of repairs and improvements. A motion was made that the report be received. Carried.

Mr. Gracy, for the Allan Fund Committee, reported the purchase of a \$700 note and also a loan of \$2,500, both at 8%. This report was received.

Mr. Jackson, for special committee, reported that investigation showed that the funds now in the hands of the County Treasurer belong to the Permanent Fund and not to the Available Fund, and are therefore not available for the support of Schools. The report was adopted.

Mr. Brush moved that the Board meet Monday [72] night at 8:00 to canvass the returns of the election to be held tomorrow, and declare the result. Carried.

Judge Fulmore moved that a copy of the Revised Statutes and copies of laws passed by the Legislature since the publication of the Revised Statutes be purchased for this office. Carried. Judge Fulmore was appointed to make the purchase.

The Board then adjourned, till Monday night, at 8:00.

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

May 4, 1903

The Board met promptly at 8:00, all the members being present.

On motion, the returns of the Trustee election were canvassed, Misters Brush and Bull acting as tellers. The returns showed the vote to stand as follows: Brenizer 405, Brush 352, Gearhard 436, Gracy 674, Jackson 667, Metz 622, Stacy 421. The following were accordingly elected: D.G. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz, and P.H. Gerhard.

Before the old Board was dissolved, Judge Fulmore offered a resolution thanking the retiring members, Dr. N.O. Brenizer and Mr. George A. Brush, for their zeal in the interests of the Schools. This was unanimously adopted. The old Board then adjourned, and the new members having qualified, the Board effected a temporary organization by electing the following officers: D.B. Gracy, temporary Chairman; R.P. Bull, temporary Secretary.

Mr. Jackson nominated Judge Fulmore for President. The nomination was seconded, and the Judge Fulmore was elected President by unanimous vote of the Board. Dr. Mathews was unanimously elected Vice President. Mr. Bull was unanimously elected Secretary. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Gracy were nominated for Treasurer. The [73] first ballot stood Jackson 3, Gracy 3, Metz 1. Six succeeding ballots showed the same result. Motion was made and carried to postpone election of Treasurer one week.

[T.G. Harris] Motion was made and unanimously adopted to elect Mr. T.G. Harris Superintendent of the Austin Schools, *pro tem* provided he decides to accept the San Marcos appointment, or for one year provided he decides to resign this appointment.

Miss Fannie Andrews was unanimously elected Clerk.

The Board decided to hold the regular examination of teachers June 16, 17 and 18.

The President and Secretary were authorized to sign diplomas for the list of graduates approved by the High School faculty.

[High School] The Principal of the High School was authorized to arrange the program for the High School commencement exercises. The Board appropriated \$35 for expenses incident to these exercises.

The Superintendent was granted leave of absence for a few days during next week.

The Board decided to hold the closing exercises of the Colored Schools on May 28, and of the White Schools May 29.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

{D.B. Gracy}, Secretary

[High School Grads]

List of graduates: Adolph Bohn, Edna Adele Besserer, Winnifred May Busche, Angla Christine Broline, Joseph Scott Brown, William Robertson Brown, William Brown Burke, Emma Florence Burdette, J. Wilson Burke, Jr., Alma Carpenter, Ruby Caperton, Clarence S.T. Folsom, Walter Fiegel, Ada Lee Goodman, Mary Alice Kelleher, Helen Paterson Garrison, Christiana Theodora Hartman, Edna Hofstetter, Mary Elizabeth Loving, Robert Ernest McGee, Robert Wilkin Orr, John Murray Ramsey, Julia Andrews Robertson, Margaret Dorothy Runge, Belle Hicklin Sydnor, Frances Catherine Smith.

Colored graduates: Eddie Tecumseh Yerwood, Rosa Beatrice Wilson, Lula Johnson.

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May 11, 1903

The Board met at 8:15. The following were present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, R.P. Bull, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, H.M. Metz.

Mr. Metz moved that a Treasurer be elected, to hold office until the new law becomes effective. After some discussion, Mr. Metz withdrew his motion.

The first ballot for Treasurer resulted as follows: Jackson 3, Gracy 4. Mr. Gracy was declared elected.

Mr. Gerhard moved that the Board elect a Superintendent on the first Friday in June, with the proviso that all applications be filed by the first of June. Carried.

Mr. Bull moved that the Board meet Tuesday, June 2, to investigate applications. Mr. Metz moved to substitute Wednesday, June 3. The amendment was accepted, and the motion carried.

Mr. Bull moved that an informal meeting be held next Monday at 8:00 p.m., to consider the matter of electing a Superintendent. Carried. The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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May 18, 1903

The Board met at 8:00 p.m., the following members being present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, R.P. Bull, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard.

The Board took up and read in order the applications and testimonials of applicants for the position of Superintendent of the Austin Schools, as follows:

1. G.H. Dunn, Murray, Idaho
2. A.G. Steele, Columbia, Missouri
3. J.P. Neff, Lafayette, Alabama
4. W.H. Jones, Phoenix City, Alabama
5. Robert L. Sutton, Lexington, Tennessee
6. J.A. Krantz, Anaconda, Montana
7. E.H. Murfe, Russellville, Kentucky
8. C.W. Vaughn, Eufala, Alabama
9. W.G. Sams, Macon, Mississippi
10. Carl Holliday, Knoxville, Tennessee
11. W.A. Oliphant, Monte Vista, Colorado
12. J.E. McDaniel, Altamont Kansas
13. I.N. Odom, Trenton, Tennessee
14. L.B. Baughman, Hartford, Kansas
15. C.M. Lieb, Maryville, Missouri
16. F.L. McCoy, Eufala, Alabama
17. J.H. Powers, Grenada, Mississippi
18. J.W. Daniels, Boise, Idaho
19. J.W. Wilkinson, Globe, Arizona
20. H.P. Leavenworth, Miles City, Montana
21. J.E. Willis, Hiwassee College, Tennessee
22. C.L. Boyd, Luverne, Alabama
23. J.M. Matheny, Beaver Dam, Kentucky
24. J.B. Cassiday, Frankfort, Kentucky
25. Harold Barnes, Worchester, Massachusetts
26. D.B. Showalter, Monroe, Louisiana

Judge Fulmore mentioned to the Board the fact that the City Council is fencing and improving the school property just north of the Pease School.

[*T.G. Harris Resigns*] Superintendent Harris, having accepted the position as principal of the Southwest Texas [76] Normal School, offered his resignation of his position here. This resignation was accepted by the Board, to take effect July 1.

Mr. Gracy presented his bond as Treasurer of the Austin Public School Funds. The President called the Board to meet immediately in special session, to consider the Treasurer's bond. Mr. Gerhard moved that the bond, as presented, be approved. This motion was seconded by Dr. Mathews, and was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

May 20, 1903

The Board was called to order at 9:00 p.m., the following members being present: Z.T. Fulmore, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz, P.H. Gerhard.

Judge Fulmore stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the matter of auditing the accounts of the retiring Treasurer. The President appointed Mr. Metz to act as a member of the Finance Committee, instead of Mr. Jackson, in checking Treasurer's accounts.

[*Gregorytown-Teacher*] A communication from Miss Rhambo, teacher in the Gregorytown Colored School, asking that the Board refund to her the amount of salary deducted on account of absence at the time of death in the family, was read. Action in the matter was postponed until the Board could be informed as to the degree of relationship existing between Miss Rhambo and the deceased relative.

A communication from Mr. Curtis of the Manual Training School, asking that his salary, deducted for absence on account of sickness, be refunded to him, because he had made up all the work with his classes after school hours and on Saturdays, was read and passed over for the President.

The meeting then adjourned.

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June 2, 1903

The Board met at 8:45 p.m., the following members being present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, R.P. Bull, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard.

The Board took up and read applications and testimonials from the following applicants for the position of Superintendent of the Austin Schools:

J.E. Smith, San Antonio
 Nat Benton, Alice
 T.M. Calston, San Antonio
 J.W. Clark, Rockdale
 W.P. Maury, Gainsville
 T.A. Brown, Austin
 J.E. Pearce, Austin
 A.N. McCallum, Seguin
 P.W. Harn, Sherman

June 4, 1903

The Board held another informal meeting at the above-mentioned date. The following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, R.P. Bull, P.H. Gerhard.

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June 5, 1903

At the regular meeting of the Board at 8:30 p.m., all the members were present.

The minutes of the following meetings were read and approved: May 1, 4, 11, 18, 20 and June 2 and 4.

The Superintendent presented his report, bringing several matters before the Board, for their consideration.

The resignations of Misses Hornsby, Sayers and Brady were read and accepted.

The Board authorized the Superintendent to refund to Misses Cone the amount of salary deducted on account of absence at the time of the death of their grandfather, to Miss Rhambo the amount deducted on account of the death of an uncle, and to Mr. Curtis the amount deducted on account of personal sickness.

The Superintendent stated that the City Board of Examiners recommend a special examination for applicants for department

places in the High School, this examination to be conducted under the direction of the Superintendent, by special board to be appointed by him. This recommendation was adopted.

The reports from the two Treasurers, Misters Jackson and Gracy, were read and received. Mr. Bull, for the Finance Committee, reported the transfer of the School funds from the Austin National Bank, with Mr. Jackson as well, Treasurer, to the American National Bank, with Mr. Gracy, Treasurer.

[*Law Book Fund*] Judge Fulmore reported that he had spent \$3.85 out of \$5 paid to him by the Superintendent for law books.

[*High School Academy Block*] The President appointed as a special committee Mr. Gracy, Mr. Metz and Mr. Gerhard, to take such steps as they may think necessary to protect the Board's right in the vacant lot in the block north of Pease School.

The President moved that the Board go into the election of a Superintendent. Mr. Metz moved and Mr. Bull seconded the motion that no nominations [79] be made, but that votes be cast without nominating candidates. This motion was carried. The Secretary read the list of the names of the 37 applicants for the position. Mr. Bull moved that the Board go into executive session for the election of a Superintendent. This motion was seconded by Mr. Metz, and was adopted. The Board then proceeded to ballot. On the 14th ballot, Mr. A.N. McCallum of Seguin, Texas was elected. Mr. Gerhard moved that the President notify Mr. McCallum at once by phone of his election, stating that his salary is to begin the first of July, and asking him to inform the Board at once when he can report at Austin for conference with the Board and with the outgoing Superintendent. Later, Judge Fulmore reported that Mr. McCallum will report here Monday. By motion of Mr. Gerhard, the election of Mr. McCallum was made unanimous.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

June 20, 1903

At a special meeting of the Board, to elect teachers for the next session, all the members of the Board, except Mr. Gracy, were present.

The Committee on Teachers reported, recommending the election of the following Principals: High School, J.E. Pearce; Bickler School, J.L. Taff; Pease School, T.A. Brown; Palm School, Miss F.R. Brooke; Wooldridge School, Miss Mary Johnson; Baker School, Miss Mary Lowry; Fulmore School, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham.

Motion was made and adopted that these Principals be elected.

The following High School teachers were recommended for election: Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Nina Hill, Miss Maud Smith, Miss Pauline Trueblood, [80] P.T. Miller, Miss Ada Blackburn, Miss Effie Graves, Miss Annie Jary, Miss Margaret Reilly, Miss Willie R. Smith, B.F. Sisk.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted, and these teachers were declared elected.

In the Manual Training School, the Committee recommended the reelection of Mr. N.S. Hunsdon, Mr. O.A. Hanszen, and Mr. W.H. Curtis. This recommendation was adopted.

The Committee then recommended the reelection of the following in the primary and grammar grades:

Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Hettie Hofstetter, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Jennie Clark, Miss Louise Thomas, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Emma Puckett, Miss Clovie Hill, Miss Octavia Clifton, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss Carrie Stevenson, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Emily Numbers, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Corelia Whitten, Miss Kate Eanes, Miss Margaret Gilmer, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Eula Hill, Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Naomi Cone, Miss Florence Hufford, Miss Grace Ketchum.

This recommendation of the Committee was adopted, and these teachers were elected.

The Committee recommended the election of the following Principals in the Colored Schools: Robertson Hill, L.C. Anderson; Gregorytown, G.W. Norman; West Austin, W.T. McCall, Wheatville, A. Jackson, Jr.; South Austin, Timothy Chandler.

This recommendation was adopted, and these Principals were elected.

The following Colored teachers were, on recommendation of the Committee, elected: [81] C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, R.M. Meroney, Mrs. L.E. Lee, W.H. Passon, L.B. Kinchion.

The following teachers, who have just successfully taken the City Examination, were recommended for election, subject to assignment later: Mrs. Bettie Delfraisse, Miss Mattie Hines, Miss Florence Holloday, Miss Mary Casis, Miss Susie Griffith. These teachers were, on motion, elected.

The Committee on Rules were requested to bring in at a special meeting of the Board to be held Monday the 22nd a written Rule in regard to the special examination to be given applicants for department places in the High School.

The Finance Committee reported, recommending salaries of principals and teachers. The only two changes recommended were in the salary of Mr. P.T. Miller, teacher of science in the High School, and of Miss Mary Lowry, principal of the Baker School. Mr. Miller's salary was raised to \$117.65 per month, and Miss Lowry's to \$75 per month. The only other changes were those that would come from the regular Rule in regard to change of salaries on account of length of service in the Schools. The report, as a whole, was adopted

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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July 3, 1903

At the regular meeting of the Board on the above-mentioned date, all the members were present, except Mr. Jackson.

The minutes of June 5 were read and approved. The minutes of June 20 were approved, after making note of the fact that Miss Maud Smith's salary had been increased from \$70 to \$82 per month.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and filed.

The Committee on Rules presented the following Rule in regard to special examinations for applicants for places in the High School: "Hereafter, all applicants for positions in the High School shall be required to pass a competitive examination and a special examination in Latin and German, if they desire to teach these special branches."

All teachers now employed in the High School are exempt from the general competitive examination.

[Rule] After discussion, the following substitute by Judge Fulmore was adopted by a vote of 4 to 2. "All vacancies in the High School

shall be filled by competitive examination in the special subject the applicant expects to teach."

The Building Committee was authorized to make all necessary repairs on school buildings without further orders from the Board.

The Board then proceeded to the election of a teacher of mathematics for the High School. Mr. R.W. Fowler was elevated.

The Board ordered that a general examination of teachers be held August 4, 5 and 6, followed by a special examination on August 7 and 8.

The Finance Committee reported, recommending that the salary of the Superintendent be \$2,000 per year, and the salary of the Clerk \$720 per year. This report was adopted.

[83] A communication from the Club women was read and referred to the proper Committee.

A communication from G.W. Norman was read and referred to the Finance Committee, [Brooke] and this Committee were instructed to consider the advisability of increasing the salaries of Misses Brooke and Johnson.

[Pease] The Mothers' Club of the Pease School were granted permission to erect a drinking fountain at that school in honor of Professor Winn's memory.

The Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

August 7, 1903

The Board met in regular session at 8:30, all of the members being present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[High School] The *New International Encyclopedia* was ordered to be purchased for the High School. Price: \$96.50.

Mr. Gracy presented the Treasurer's report, which was received and ordered filed.

It was ordered by the Board that a teacher's textbook library be shared in the office, and that the publishers be requested to furnish such books as they wish to this library. The Supply Committee was authorized to purchase a suitable bookcase for this purpose.

Motion was carried that all teachers who are in the city be requested to meet the Board August 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the High School

building, for the purpose of considering changes in textbooks for the City Schools.

On motion, *Grammar as a Science*, by B.T. Sisk, was adopted for use in the High School.

Miss Gertrude Lippelt was elected teacher of German in the High School for the next year.

On motion, the following additional teachers were elected to the Colored Schools: Miss L.C. [84] Rhambo, Mrs. Fannie A. Harrell, Mrs. L.E. Morton, and Miss Tennie Hardwell.

Mr. Gracy, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, made a report on the advisability of establishing a cooking or serving department for girls in the High School, and the President of the Board was instructed to make the necessary application to secure the \$500 appropriation from the State for this purpose.

The assignment of teachers was referred to the Superintendent and the Committee on Teachers.

Motion carried to allow Miss Andrews a week or ten days' vacation.

The election of the following janitors was ratified by the Board, the question of their salaries being referred to the Finance Committee: High School, George Murray and Booker Hancock; Bickler School, J.E. Schwarzer; Pease School, Henry Kippenbrock; Palm School, J.A. Turpen; Wooldridge School, Frank Strain.

The meaning then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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August 15, 1903

The Board held a special meeting at Judge Fulmore's office on August 15, at 5:00 p.m., to adopt textbooks for the next session.

The Board was called to order by the President, all the members being present.

The following report of the Teachers Committee was adopted.

To the President and Members of the City School Board
Gentlemen,

We your Committee on Teachers beg leave to make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend the election of the following supernumeraries for the White Schools: Miss Stella Shurtleff and Miss Bertha Wallace.

2. We recommend the election of the following teachers in the Colored Schools: T.S. Crawford, Robert Davis and Miss Parthenia Polk.

3. We report the following assignment of teachers for the session beginning September 1903:

[*High School & Manual Training*] High School: Principal J.E. Pearce, Misses Fannie Ottley, Nina Hill, Maud Smith, Pauline Trueblood, Gertrude Lippelt, Mr. P.T. Miller, Miss Ada Blackburn, Mr. R.W. Fowler, Misses Effie Graves, Annie Jary, Margaret Reilly, Mr. B.F. Sisk, and Miss Willie R. Smith.

Manual Training Department: Principal N.S. Hunsdon, O.A. Hanszen, W.H. Curtis.

[*Bickler*] Bickler School: Principal J.L. Taff, Misses Elfrieda Jessen, Janie Warren, Hettie Hofstetter, Lucy Read, Genie Clark, Laura Allison, Louise Thomas, Eva Brown, Josephine Houston, Mary Downie, M.A. Puckett.

[*Pease*] Pease School: Principal T.A. Brown, Misses Clovie Hill, Octavia Clifton, Ellen Maddox, Carrie Stevenson, Susie Griffith, Naomi Cone, Gilbert Cone, Minnie Dill, Emily Numbers.

[*Palm*] Palm School: Principal Miss F.R. Brooke, Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Misses Mattie Heinz, Ellen Cooke, Mary Capes, Corelia Whitten, Kate Eanes.

[86] [*Wooldridge*] Wooldridge School: Principal Miss Mary Johnson, Misses Margaret Gilmer, Mary Carlisle, Mary Lee Horton, Kittie Carlisle, Eula Hill.

[*Baker*] Baker School: Principal Miss Mary Lowry, Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Florence Holladay.

[*Fulmore*] Fulmore School: Principal, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham, Miss Florence Hufford, Miss Grace Ketchum.

Supernumeraries: Miss Bertha Wallace, Miss Stella Shurtleff.

Colored teachers:

[*Robertson Hill*] Robertson Hill: Principal L.C. Anderson, C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard.

[*Gregorytown*] Gregorytown: Principal G.W. Norman, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, R.M. Meroney, Mrs. L.E. Lee, W.H. Passon, Miss Tennie Hardwell, Miss Parthenia Polk, T.S. Crawford.

[*Clarksville*] West Austin: Principal W.T. McCall, L.B. Kinchion, Miss L.C. Rhambo, Mrs. F.A. Harrell, Robert Davis.

[*Wheatville*] Wheatville: Principal A. Jackson, Jr., Mrs. L.E. Morton.

[Brackenridge] South Austin: Timothy Chandler
 {R.P. Bull, P.H. Gerhard, J. A Jackson}

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

To the President and Members of the City School Board
 Gentlemen,

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend increase in the following salaries for the session 1903-1904: B.F. Sisk, from \$85 to \$117.65 per month; Miss F.R. Brooke, \$88.23 to \$100 per month; Miss Mary Johnson, from \$88.23 to \$100 per month; G.W. Norman, from \$67 to \$72 per month; janitor J.E. Schwarzer, from \$35 to \$40 per month. We recommend no change in salaries of other janitors.
2. We recommend that the salary of supernumerary teachers be \$25 per month.

Yours very respectfully,

{J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull}, Committee

[87] The Supply Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the President and Members of the Board,

We, your Committee on Supplies, at the request of Mr. Miller of the Science Department, recommend that the following amounts be set aside for the purchase of the articles named:

4 working tables	
made here at a cost of not more than \$3.50	\$14
25 stools for working at the same	[no price listed]
20 dissecting microscopes at \$2.50	\$50
20 sets instruments for use with same	
to be issued to pupils who will pay for injury	<u>\$30</u>
	\$94

Respectfully,

{P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull}, Supply Committee

On motion, it was decided that the City Schools should open September 14.

A communication from Miss Brooke and Professor Brown, in regard to the Thursday and Friday examinations preceding the opening of Schools, was read, and the matter was left in the hands of the Superintendent.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the adoption of textbooks. The following changes in books were made by the Board:

1. Swinton's *Advanced Readers* changed to *Graded Literature Series*.
2. Appleton's *Geographies* changed to Maury's, Books 1 & 2.
3. Hyde's *Language Lessons* changed to Harris' *Spiral Course*.
4. Chamber's *U.S. History* changed to Cooper, Estil & Lemon.
5. Pathfinder *Physiology*, No. 2 changed to Coleman.
6. Zaner, Webb & Ware *Copy Books* changed to *Language System*.

(Numbers 2, 4, 5 & 6 belong to the list of books adopted by the State.)

The meeting then adjourned,
{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

[88] August, 31, 1903

The Board met in special session at the office of the President Monday, August 31, at 4:00 p.m. All the members were present, except Mr. Gracy.

[*High School Teachers*] The resignation of Mr. O.A. Hanszen of the Manual Training Department and of Miss Annie Jary of the High School were read, and no action was taken by the Board, as Rule 1, page 28 of the Annual Report had not been complied with.

The following report of the Committee on Teachers was adopted.

To the Honorable School Board

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend that an examination be held at the High School building, Thursday, September 3, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Annie Jary.

{R.P. Bull, Chairman; P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson}, Committee

[*Wooldridge*] Miss Margaret Gilmer of the Wooldridge School asked for leave of absence for one year. As the granting of absence to any teacher, except the Principal, is contrary to the precedent established by the Board, the request could not be granted.

Dr. McLaughlin appeared before the Board, representing the germicide gas generator. After discussing the matter, the Board deferred action until the regular meeting, September 4.

The Board then adjourned.
{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office
September 4, 1903

The Board was called to order by the President at 9:00 p.m. Absent members: Dr. Mathews and Mr. Metz.

[*Robertson Hill*] The regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of hearing the Committee representing the East Austin Improvement Club. Mr. Charles Moore spoke for the Committee, urging the removal of the Robertson Hill School. The Board decided that it was impossible to grant the request at present.

Dr. McLaughlin appeared before the Board, representing the germicidal gas generator. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee and Dr. Mathews.

A communication from Dr. Brenizer, in regard to disinfecting school buildings, was read.

The regular order was then taken up. The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, approved and ordered filed.

The following report of the Committee on Teachers was adopted.

To the Honorable School Board, Austin City Schools,

We, your Committee on Teachers, unanimously recommend that Miss Clovie Hill be elected to the position of teacher of history in the High School, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Jary.

We further recommend the election of the following teachers, to fill existing vacancies: Miss Bertha Wallace, Miss Dollie Stone, supernumerary Mrs. N.C. Lamar.

This Committee, in connection with the Superintendent, have made the following additional assignment of teachers:

Mrs. B. Delfraisse to the Pease School, Miss Bertha Wallace to the Wooldridge School, Miss Dolly Stone to the Palm School.

{R.P. Bull, Chairman; P.H. Gerhard, J. A Jackson}, Committee

[90] [*Gregorytown*] On motion, the Building Committee was requested to insist that Mr. Brush repair the roof on the Gregorytown School building.

Mr. Gracy reported that \$300 from the Allan Fund had been loaned on lot north 90 ft., lot 5, block 5 and outlot 11, Division Z, City of Austin. This loan was approved.

The Supply Committee reported that the necessary supplies for the Schools had been purchased. This report was approved.

Judge Fulmore stated that the State Board of Education had awarded the \$500 appropriation to the Manual Training Department.

On motion, the Zaner, Webb & Ware *Copy Books* will be used in the Schools until the books regularly adopted can be had from the publishers.

[*High School Science*] On recommendation of Mr. Miller, teacher of science in the High School, *Steele's Physiology* was changed to Coltrane's *Briefer Course*. All other changes in high school textbooks were referred to the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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September 16, 1903

At a special meeting of the Board, the following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, D.B. Gracy, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

September 15, 1903

To the Honorable School Board, Austin City Schools

Gentlemen,

[*High School Manual Training*] We, your Committee, respectfully recommend that Principal Hunsdon be empowered to secure the services of two graduates of the Manual Training Department, to assist him until such time as regular assistance can be secured, said assistance to be paid \$10 per week.

Respectfully,

{R.P. Bull, Chairman; P.H. Gerhard}, Committee

The following report of the Committee on Teachers was read.

September 15, 1903

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools

Gentlemen,

[*Clarksville*] We recommend that the resignation of Mrs. F.A. Harrell as teacher in the West Austin Colored School be accepted.

We further recommend, in filling this vacancy, the names of Miss Laura Pierce and Mrs. M. Pickard to the Board, for final action.

Respectfully,

{R.P. Bull, P.H. Gerhard}, Committee on Teachers

After some discussion, motion was made that Mrs. A.O. Barnes be elected to fill this vacancy. This motion carried, and the matter of Mrs. Barnes's assignment was placed in the hands of [92] the Superintendent.

Motion carried to order 35 copies of the *Student's Standard Dictionary*, for use in the Schools, for \$1.40 per copy delivered.

Dr. Mathews reported for the Building Committee. This report was received as information.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

October 2, 1903

The meeting was called to order at 8:00, all members being present, except Dr. Mathews.

The minutes of the September 4 and September 16 meetings were read and approved.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent reported on the condition of the Schools, giving statistics in regard to enrollment, attendance, etc. This report was received.

Misters Jackson and Bull of the Finance Committee recommended that two germicidal gas generators be purchased for the Schools. Mr. Gerhard recommended that only one be purchased. After some discussion, it was decided to purchase only one of the machines.

The Teachers Committee reported that a young man from another state had made application to enter the Schools, and the Committee held that tuition would have to be paid. The Board approved the action of the Committee.

[Bickler] Mr. Gracy of the Building Committee reported a contract to repair the Bickler School at a cost of \$150.

Mr. Gerhard reported that some repairs on the Baker School were absolutely necessary to make the building safe. The Board authorized the necessary repairs.

The question of repairing the boiler in the Palm School was referred to the Building [93] Committee, for investigation.

It was decided to admit Miss Janie Tannehill to the Schools without tuition, as her parents are entitled to the privileges of residents.

Mr. Gerhard, at the request of the Mothers' Club of the Pease School, stated that that club wished to place two drinking fountains in the yard at that school and asked that the Board consent to pay \$125 for one, if the City would raise the same amount to pay for the other. The Board thought this sum too high, and the matter was referred to the Supply Committee, authorizing them to consult with the committee from the Club and report back to the Board.

It was decided to give the Schools holiday for the circus [on] October 19.

The bill of Law. Gillis & Powell and that of H.L. Turner, for repairs on the Robertson Hill School, were referred to the Building Committee.

The following report of the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations was read, and the recommendations were adopted.

September 5, 1903

To the Honorable Board Trustees,

We, your Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations, recommend the adoption of the following books in the High School:

Scott & Denny's *Elementary English Composition*, in place of Whitney & Lockwood.

Scott & Denny's *Composition Rhetoric*, in place of Genung.

West's *Ancient History*, in place of Myer's *General*.

We further recommend that a special examination be given Miss Gilbert Cone before the opening of Schools, September 14. We make this recommendation because of Miss Cone's inability to take the State examination, on account of illness

{R.P. Bull, Chairman; P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson}, Committee

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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October 16, 1903

The Board met in special session, to consider the following report of the Committee on Teachers, Etc.

October 16, 1903

To the Honorable Board Trustees,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. O.A. Hanszen, and we further recommend the election of Mr. G.G. Anderson to fill this position at a salary of \$650 per year.

Respectfully,

{R.P. Bull, Chairman; P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson}, Committee

This recommendation was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.
{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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November 9, 1903

The Board met in regular session, all the members being present, except Dr. Mathews.

The minutes of the regular session of October 2 and of the special meeting of October 16 were read and approved.

The Supply Committee reported that the necessary stoves and school supplies had been purchased for the different schools. He also reported that 75 tons, more or less, and 12 cords of wood had been contracted for. This report was approved by the Board.

Treasurer Gracy read his report, which was approved and ordered filed.

Superintendent McCallum made his report for the month ending November 6, showing enrollment, belonging, etc. in the Schools. This report was received.

[*Baker*] The Building Committee reported that the necessary repairs had been made on the Baker School, and that the building is now in good condition. This report was approved.

[*Robertson Hill*] This Committee was authorized to have the stove flue in the Robertson Hill School repaired at once.

[*Manual Training*] The resignation of Mr. Curtis of the Manual Training Department, was read. The Board postponed accepting this resignation until a suitable man can be found to fill this place.

The request of Mr. Hunsdon, to be absent November 25, to make an address before the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Fort Worth, was granted.

The resignation of Mrs. N.C. Lamar as supernumerary was read and accepted. The appointment of Miss Gertrude Gilbert by the Superintendent, to fill this vacancy, was approved by the Board.

The request of B.F. Purl, for permission to send his brother to school without paying tuition, was granted, and the \$3 already paid was ordered to be refunded.

The communication of Maggie May, janitor of [96] the West Austin Colored School, in regard to an increase in salary, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Gerhard, for the Supply Committee, recommended that the Board furnish one drinking fountain for the Pease School, with the understanding that the Mothers' Club of that school pay for the other one.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

December 4, 1903

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and, after slight correction, approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read, received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent's report concerning attendance, belonging, etc. was received as information by the Board.

The following report of the Teachers Committee meeting of November 17 was read and adopted.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. W.H. Curtis, and we further recommend the election of Mr. E.S. Blackburn to fill said vacancy at a salary of \$50 per month.

Respectfully,

{R.P. Bull, Chairman; P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson}, Committee

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

December 4, 1903

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,

We, your Committee on Finance, desire to report that we do not [97] consider it advisable to increase the salary of Mrs. Maggie May, janitor of the West Austin Public School, for the reason that the increasing of salaries after the beginning of the school term is in direct conflict with the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

Respectfully,

{J.A. Jackson, Chairman; P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull}, Committee

[Rule] It was moved and carried that sections 1 and 2, page 28 of the last Annual Report, concerning the resignation of teachers after 30 days' notice, be stricken, and that the Superintendent notify the teachers of the action of the Board in this matter.

On motion of Mr. Gerhard, the school children were granted a holiday on Tuesday of carnival week.

[Robertson Hill] A communication from L.C. Anderson, Principal of Robertson Hill School, in regard to the lights for the entertainment to be given by his pupils at Gregorytown, was read, and the Board granted the request.

Mr. Gracy, for the Allan Fund Committee, recommended the sale of one-half undivided interest in 320 acres of land in McCulloch County, $\frac{1}{4}$ cash balance in one, two and three years, bearing interest at 8%, at \$2.25 per acre, to J.A. Snyder. This recommendation was adopted, and the sale authorized.

The Board ordered that the salaries of P.T. Miller and Miss Ellen Cooke, who had been absent several days on account of the death of members of their families, be paid in full.

The action of the Superintendent, in appointing Miss Mary Fiegel to substitute for Miss Lee until January 22 or earlier, was approved

[Allan] The portrait of Judge John T. Allan was presented to the Board by Mr. Goldbeck. The President of the Board was directed to convey to Mr. Goldbeck the thanks of the Board for this painting.

[98] On motion, the President was also requested to ask Honorable A.P. Wooldridge for a copy of his address on John T. Allan, to be kept on file in the Superintendent's office.

[Allan] It was ordered that the portrait of Judge Allan be hung in the drawing room of the Manual Training Department.

[Wooldridge] Holiday was granted for Christmas from noon December 24 until January 4.

Mr. Gerhard presented requests from patrons of the Wooldridge School, asking the Board to appropriate half the amount necessary to furnish that school with sewer connection. This request was granted.

[Pease] The Superintendent was requested to see the Mothers' Club of the Pease School concerning the naming of one of the drinking fountains to be erected on the school grounds in honor of Professor S.G. Sneed.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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January 4, 1904

On account of January 1 being a holiday, the Board met in regular session January 4. The following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard.

The minutes of the meeting of December 4 were read and approved.

[Pease] The Superintendent reported that he had seen Mrs. Walker of the Pease School Mothers' Club in regard to naming one of the drinking fountains, soon to be erected on the grounds of that school, in honor of Professor S.G. Sneed, Mrs. Walker gave it as her individual impression that, since the Mothers' Club had secured a good portion of the money to erect said fountains on condition that it should be named in honor of Superintendent Winn, deceased, it was not advisable now to change the original idea. The President of the Board was requested to see the Club in regard to the matter, and lay the claims of Professor Sneed before them.

[*High School Manual Training*] The request of Mr. Hanszen, to use the equipment of the Manual Training Department during the university summer schools and the Austin normal, was granted.

The resignation of Miss Florence Hufford, teacher in the Fulmore School, was read and accepted. Miss Stella Shurtleff, who had been serving as supernumerary, was appointed to fill this vacancy.

Consideration of letters of W.M. Walton to the City Attorney, Mr. V. L. Brooks, was postponed until the next regular meeting.

A communication from Mr. A.J. Etheredge, in reference to the admission of his children without tuition was read, and the request was granted.

Treasurer Gracy read his report on December, which was approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Gracy further reported that the interest on notes due the Allan Fund was, in several cases, long [100] overdue. The Board ordered that all delinquents of interest of over one year be notified, that all interest must be paid by February 1, or action will be taken by the Board.

[*High School House Park*] The President was requested to see the Mayor of the City and inform him that, if any further steps are taken by the City without the authority of the Board to improve the property of the Board near the Pease School, that the Board will enter injunction proceedings. The President was further requested and authorized, in connection with the President of the YMCA and the Mayor of the City, to take action in regard to the playgrounds donated by Mr. E.M. House.

[*High School Manual Training*] The Board discussed at some length the advisability of making a creditable display of general schoolwork, including Manual Training, at the St. Louis Exposition. Definite action was postponed until the next meeting, but it was the sense of the Board that such display be made.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Office of Judge Fulmore

January 18, 1904

At a special meeting of the Board, held in the office of the President at 4:30 p.m., the following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard.

The following report of the Committee on Teachers was read and adopted.

Office of Mr. Gerhard

January 16, 1904

To the Honorable Board of Trustees

Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers and Textbooks, desire to make the following recommendations:

1. The appointment of Miss Edna Carraway and Miss Mayme Littman, supernumeraries, Miss Carraway to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Miss Shurtleff, Miss Littman when next vacancy occurs, and until that time as a substitute teacher, whenever necessity occasions.

2. We recommend, on account of the crowded condition existing in the Colored Schools, the appointment of an additional teacher. For this position, we recommend Miss L.E. Pierce.
3. We recommend that Miss Ottley, teacher of Latin in the High School, be granted leave of absence on account of ill health for the remainder of the scholastic year, and the appointment of Miss Mary Fiegel as a special teacher of Latin in the High School during Miss Ottley's absence.
4. We recommend the adoption of Carhart and Chute's *High School Physics*, in place of Avery's, the text now in use in the High School. This recommendation is made in accordance with the request of Mr. Miller, teacher of science, and of Mr. Pearce, Principal of the High School.

Respectfully submitted,

{R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard},

Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc.

[102] The following report of Finance Committee was read and adopted.

January 16, 1904

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,

We, your Committee on Finance, recommend that the salary of Miss Mary Fiegel, special teacher of Latin in the High School, be fixed at \$60 per month for the remainder of the scholastic year.

Respectfully,

{R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard}, Finance Committee

It was decided to place a fourth teacher on duty in the Fulmore School, on account of the overcrowded condition there.

A communication from Miss Florence Hufford, asking that she be reinstated in that school, and offering to accept the position for \$25 per month, was read. Miss Hufford was reappointed and was assigned to the Fulmore School, to take charge of the new grade.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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February 5, 1904

The Board was called to order in regular session by the President, all members, except Dr. Mathews, being present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 4 and the special meeting of January 18 were read and approved.

Mr. John W. Hornsby appeared before the Board, in behalf of Alta Hornsby. After hearing Mr. Hornsby, the Board decided that Alta Hornsby should be admitted to the Schools without tuition.

The Treasurer made his report for the month of January, which was approved and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made his regular statistical report, sharing the enrollment at the end of the month closing February 5 to be 3,526, and the belonging 3,208.

The Superintendent further reported that the two new teachers appointed by the Board had been assigned to regular work, Miss Shurtleff in the Fulmore School, and Miss Laura Pierce in the Gregorytown School, to take the place of Mr. Meroney, who had been transferred to the Robertson Hill School, to take charge of the new grade there.

Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that the two extra rooms for the two new teachers recently appointed by the Board had been put in suitable condition for teaching purposes. This action on the part of the Committee was approved by the Board.

Mr. Gerhard, for the Supply Committee, reported that he had purchased the necessary stoves and other fixtures for the additional rooms. This report was also approved.

The following report of the Committee on Teachers was read and approved.

January 30, 1904

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,

We, your Committee on [104] Teachers, recommend that the resignation of Miss Carrie Stevenson, teacher in the Pease School, be accepted, to take effect February 13, 1904.

Recommendation of a teacher to succeed Miss Stevenson is deferred until a future meeting of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

{R.P. Bull, Chairman; P. H. Gerhard}, Committee on Teachers

This committee further reported, recommending the election of Miss Mayme Littman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Stevenson. This recommendation was adopted.

[*High School House Park*] The President reported that he had seen the Mayor of the City in regard to the park near the Pease School, and that he had been requested by the Mayor to draw up an ordinance to be signed by the Mayor that would settle the trouble concerning the park. The President further reported that the Committee consisting of the President of the School Board, the President of the YMCA, and the Mayor of the City had taken the necessary steps for beautifying the park donated to the city by Mr. E.M. House.

A communication from Major W.M. Walton, in regard to the claim of J.A. Worn against the Allan Fund, was read, and the communication was referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with instructions to respond back to the Board at the next meeting.

A communication for Mr. L.M. Layton, asking reappointment as census enumerator for the White children, was read. The President, with the approval of the Board, appointed Mr. Layton.

A communication from a number of the teachers of the low first grade was read and considered. The Superintendent was instructed to notify the signers of the petition that it is impossible to change the salaries of teachers during the School session, as such [105] action would be contrary to the Rules and Regulations of the Schools. The Superintendent was further instructed to say that the Board would give the matter due consideration at the next regular adjustment of salaries.

[*Rules*] At the request of Mr. Pearce, Principal of the High School, some special rules for the government of the High School were presented, for the Board to adopt. The Committee on Rules, after consultation, recommended the adoption of the Rules, as presented by Mr. Pearce. The Rules, as follows, were adopted:

Special Rules for High School

1. No teacher is to leave the building or grounds for luncheon or for other purposes not connected with schoolwork, without getting the permission of the Committee on Rules. After getting the approval of the Superintendent, and such permission is to apply to the current session only, teachers may be excused from school duties by the Principal for very special reasons, such as illness in the family, etc.

2. The men teachers of the building may be assigned, in turn, by the Principal, the duty of supervising the playgrounds of the boys, at such times from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as school is not in session, and shall, when on duty for such supervision, remain on the grounds or in the basement, shall go into the closets and nooks and crannies of the building, mingle with the boys as much as possible, and be generally responsible for the order on the grounds at play time. A like arrangement is to obtain among the lady teachers for the grounds of the girls.
3. When a pupil is summoned to appear before the Principal, such pupil is excused from any regular recitation or school duty, until returned to such duty by the Principal.
4. All teachers and departments are to [106] stand in the same general relations to the Principal and to the school at large, so far as government and school organization is concerned.

Approved.

{D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson}, Committee on Rules

The Superintendent was instructed by the Board to call the Principals together as soon as possible, to formulate plans for a creditable exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, after which a special meeting of the Board is to be called for the consideration of the plans submitted.

At the suggestion of Mr. Gracy, it was decided that the Superintendent attend the meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the N.E.A. at Atlanta, February 23-25, and, on motion, \$50 or as much thereof as may be necessary was appropriated to defray the expense of the trip.

A petition from Mr. G. M. Robinson, asking that the children of his son, living on line of Travis and Bastrop counties, be admitted without tuition. This request was not granted. The petition of Mr. Johnson, asking that his children be admitted without tuition, was presented orally by the President. Owing to the fact that Mr. Johnson lives outside of the city limits, the request was not granted.

It was ordered by the Board that the granddaughter of Mr. William Milby be admitted without tuition.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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March 4, 1904

The Board was called to order by the President, the following members being present: Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson.

The minutes of the meeting of February 5 were read and approved.

In the absence of Mr. Gracy, the Superintendent read the Treasurer's report for the month of February, which was approved and ordered filed.

The report of the Committee on Rules and Discipline, in the case of Mrs. McNair vs. Mr. Fowler, was approved.

A communication from Mrs. C.I. Thompson, asking that her grandchild, H.W. Collins, be exempt from tuition, on the ground that she is the real guardian and supporter of the child, was read, and the petition was granted

The request from Mrs. Church, that the children of Mrs. Slater be allowed free tuition, was left over till the next meeting, with the understanding that the children be allowed to continue in school free until the Board can take definite action in the matter.

The Superintendent made [his] statistical report, showing the enrollment in the Schools to be 3,600, and the belonging 3,181.

[Pease] It was ordered that Mr. Kippenbrock, janitor of the Pease School, be paid \$10 in lieu of full salary, for loss of time while ill.

The President appointed Misters Gerhard and Jackson as a committee to secure prices and make arrangement to have two photographs of the interiors and exteriors of the different school buildings, to be used for the educational exhibit for the St. Louis Fair. The Committee were instructed also to secure the negative of these pictures, if possible.

The Board informally approved the method of securing funds for the St. Louis Fair Educational Commission, by means of a bizarre.

[108] The Superintendent reported the action of the Principals at their meeting on the 3rd, in regard to the written work to be sent to St. Louis, the work to be on uniform paper 8 by 10 inches, and the drawings mounted on cardboard.

The Superintendent reported that he had seen the State Superintendent, and that the \$500 from the State for the Manual Training Department would be secured without further delay.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 11, 1904

The Board met in special session in the office of Judge Fulmore at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, D.B. Gracy, P.H. Gerhard. J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting, to secure bids for photographs of exteriors and interiors of buildings, made their report, presenting bids from Elliot, Jordan and Hill. The entire matter was placed in the hands of the Committee composed of Misters Jackson and Gerhard, with full power to act. It was moved and carried that exterior views and 15 interior views of the school buildings be taken.

It was ordered that the salary of Mr. Blackburn, deducted for 9½ days absence on account of sickness, be refunded to him, since it is necessary that he put in extra time to make up the regular amount of work for his classes.

Mr. Gracy, in behalf of the Allan Fund Committee, reported that he had seen Major Walton in regard to the claim of Mr. Wren against the estate of John T. Allan, but preferred to reserve full report until he could consult with the City Attorney.

The President, with the consent of the Board, [109] appointed L.C. Anderson to take charge of the Colored scholastic census.

[*Manual Training*] The Superintendent reported that the \$500 from the Manual Training Department had been secured from the State and placed to the credit of the Allan Fund.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

April 1, 1904

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 4 and of the special meeting of March 11 were read and approved.

The Superintendent made his monthly statistical report, sharing enrollment and belonging to be as follows: enrollment 3,708, belonging 3,142.

In the absence of Mr. Gerhard, and at his request, the Superintendent reported that all the negatives for the exterior and interior views of buildings for the St. Louis Fair would be ready by the following Tuesday, and suggested that the Board meet at that time

to accept them. The Board placed the entire matter in the hands of the special committee composed of Mistrs Gerhard and Jackson.

Mr. Gracy read his report as Treasurer, showing the financial condition of the Schools. This report was received and ordered filed

Mr. Gracy, as Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, reported that Mr. W.H. Stacy was delinquent in paying interest due the Allan Fund several years, and that it amounted to about \$400. The Board authorized Mr. Gracy to inform Mr. Stacy that, if the amount is not paid in 30 days, the matter will be placed in the hands of the City Attorney for collections.

[110] [*High School*] The Superintendent, in the absence of Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, reported that fresh soil had been put on the High School terrace.

[*Gregorytown*] A communication from the teachers of the Gregorytown School was read, and action in the matter was postponed.

The following communication from the White teachers of the city was read, and action in the matter was postponed.

We, the teachers of Austin, in institute assembled, most earnestly request that the Board of Trustees of the Austin Schools take steps to stop the practice of persons selling chili candy and other injurious things to the children during school hours, and that some arrangement be made for furnishing a suitable lunch at a reasonable price to the children.

[*Census*] It was ordered by the Board that the pay of the Colored census takers for 1904 be as follows: two cents *per capita* from the State, eight cents *per capita* from the City for the White census takers, two cents *per capita* from the State, four cents *per capita* from the City, with four cents additional for each name in excess of last year's number.

It was ordered by the Board that the managers and clerks of the election to be held May 7, for the purpose of electing three School Trustees, be paid in accordance with the law.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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April 14, 1904

The Board met in special session in the office of the President, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, R.P. Bull, H.M. Metz.

In the absence of Misters Jackson and Gerhard, members of the Finance Committee, the Board authorized the President to appoint Mr. Metz, a member of this committee *pro tem* and to approve the warrants payable April 14 and signed by Mr. Bull and Mr. Metz.

The Board appropriated \$30, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay for the covers for the exhibit work being prepared for the St. Louis Fair.

[*High School*] A communication from the Principal and teachers of the High School in regard to the commencement exercises was read, and action in the matter was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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May 7, 1904

The Board met at 8:00 p.m., with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, D.B. Gracy, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull, H.M. Metz.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended with, and the election returns canvassed. Misters Metz and Bull were appointed tellers. The returns showed the vote to be as follows: Fulmore 154, Ramsey 156, Bull 157, and these were declared elected as members of the Board of Trustees to serve for two years.

The old Board then adjourned, and, the newly-elected members having qualified, the new Board was temporarily organized, with Mr. Gerhard as Chairman.

The following officers were elected: President Z.T. Fulmore, Vice President H.M. Metz, Secretary R.P. Bull, Treasurer D.B. Gracy, Superintendent A.N. McCallum, Clerk Miss Fannie Andrews.

The Treasurer was requested by the Board to secure the best possible interest on the School Funds.

[*Bickler*] Mr. Metz, for the Building Committee, reported that the janitor's house at the Bickler School was in bad condition and needed repairs at once. It was ordered by the Board that the Building Committee proceed to have the building repaired.

It was ordered that the exhibit for the World's Fair be displayed at a convenient place on Congress Avenue, so that the people generally can see what is being done in the different grades and in the Manual Training Department.

[*Manual Training*] On motion, the President was requested to formulate an address to the citizens of Austin in behalf of the Schools and with the hope that some of the citizens would furnish the money to erect a much-needed Manual Training building.

[113] [*John T. Allan*] On motion, Mr. Graham was appointed as a committee of one to have a biography of Honorable John T. Allan framed and placed in the different rooms of the Manual Training Department.

On motion, the Rules and Discipline Committee was instructed to prepare a form for application for teachers positions, and present the same at the next meeting of the Board. It was ordered that the examination for City Teachers' certificates be held on June 14, 15 and 16.

[*High School Commencement*] A communication from the High School teachers was read, asking that the commencement exercises be held in the High School building. The request was granted.

The President and Secretary were authorized to sign diplomas for graduates approved by the High School faculty.

The Board adjourned to meet Monday, May 9, at 8:00 p.m.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

[114] May 9, 1904

The Board met according to adjournment at 8:30, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, D.B. Gracy.

The minutes of April 1, April 14 and May 7 were read and approved.

The address to the citizens of Austin, ordered to be prepared by the President of the Board, was read, adopted and signed, and ordered to be given to the papers, for publication.

[*High School Commencement*] The action taken on May 7, ordering the commencement exercises to be held in the High School building in the forenoon of May 27, was rescinded.

A committee composed of Misters Gerhard, Fulmore and Jackson was appointed to investigate the possibility of securing the University auditorium for the High School commencement exercises.

Treasurer Gracy made his regular report, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$14,442.84, Allan Fund \$1,804.62. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made his regular statistical report, showing the total enrollment to be 3,724, belonging 2,921.

[*High School Commencement*] The Board then adjourned, to meet Tuesday, May 10, at which time the report of the Committee appointed for plans for commencement exercises would be heard.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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May 10, 1904

The Board met at 8:30 p.m., the following being present: Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard. F.T. Ramsey.

[*High School Commencement*] Mr. Gerhard reported for the Committee appointed to confer with the graduates, that this Committee had had a consultation with the graduates and the teachers of the High School, and that no agreement could be reached. The Committee recommended that the exercises be held in the High School building, Thursday night, May 26. This report was adopted.

The Building Committee was authorized to have the stage in the High School assembly hall enlarged and to rent a sufficient number of chairs for the exercises.

After discussion, the Board authorized the extending of the school course, to make it cover 11, instead of 10, years, and authorized the Superintendent to put the low seventh grades back in the ward schools.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

High School Graduates: Leah B. Andrews, Alma Austin, Willie Barber, Beulah Beaver, Morris H. Boerner, Clara Alleine Brown, Lillian Carleton, Henry R. Carruth, Corrinne Cartledge, Maud Cartledge, Josie Champion, Bessie Cochran, Grace Dillmore, Ione F. Durham, Serena Gould, Malcolm Graham, Harry P. Hill, Elizabeth Hutchings, Mary Louise Johnson, Mabelle Kelly, Clara Littman, Howard Maud, Rena McLaughlin, Arthur B. Mays, Norval Mullins,

Sallie Joe Nalle, Cora Pace, Josephine Paggi, Drury Phillips, Stephen Pinckney, Octavia Rogan, Otto A. Schmidt, Myra Belle Smith, Jessie Irene Stone, Nellie Brent Sydnor, Tom Ed Thrasher, Jr., Albert W. Townsend, Jr., Georgie Walker, George Warren, Sallie Bell Weller, Elizabeth Werner, Beulah Beatrice Whitehead, Hilda Constantia Widen, Beatrice Woolsey, Lillie Zackrison.

Colored Graduates: Johnnie R. Johns, Richetta Juanita Woods.

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June 3, 1904

The Board met in regular session, with the following present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, D.B. Gracy, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of May 9 and 10 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and ordered filed. The report showed a balance on hand to the credit of the General Fund of \$10,014.93, and to the Allan Fund of \$1,778.91.

Mr. Gracy read a communication from the City Attorney, Mr. C.H. Miller, in regard to claim of James A. Wren versus the estate of John T. Allan. On motion, the Allan Fund Committee, with the President of the Board, were appointed a committee with full power and authority to settle the claim.

[*Bickler-Palm*] Mr. Metz reported, for the Building Committee, that the janitor's house at Bickler School had been repaired, and he also reported some needed repairs at the Palm School.

[*Robertson Hill - Masontown*] The question of the advisability and practicability of moving the Robertson Hill School building to Masontown was discussed, and action was postponed until the next regular meeting, and the Building Committee were requested to confer with Mr. Heierman in regard to the matter.

The Committee on Teachers recommended the election of the following Principals and teachers:

June 2, 1904

To the Honorable Board of Trustees.

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of the following Principals in the White Schools for the next session:

High School, J.E. Pearce; Bickler School, J.L. Taff; Pease School, T.A. Brown; Palm School, Miss F.R. Brooke; Wooldridge

School, Miss Mary Johnson; [117] Fulmore School, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham; Baker School, Miss Mary Lowry.

In the Manual Training Department, we recommend the election of Mr. N.S. Hunsdon, Principal, G.G. Anderson, and E.S. Blackburn.

We recommend the election of the following teachers in the ward schools: Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Hettie Hofstetter, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Genie Clark, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Louise Thomas, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Emma Puckett, Miss Mattie Hines, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Mary Capes, Miss Corelia Whitten, Miss Kate Eanes, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Eula Hill, Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss Susie Griffith, Miss Naomi Cone, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Emily Numbers, Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Florence Holladay, Miss Grace Ketchum.

In the High School, we recommend the election of the following teachers: Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Nina Hill, Miss Maud Smith, Miss Margaret Reilly, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Gertrude Lippelt, P.T. Miller, Miss Clovie Hill.

In the Colored Schools, the following were recommended for reelection:

L.C. Anderson, Principal, C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard

G.W. Norman, Principal, Mrs. J. E. Lampkin, Mrs. L.E. Lee, Timothy Chandler.

We recommend that the Board accept the following resignations, which have been handed in: B.F. Sisk, R.W. Fowler, Miss Octavia Clifton, Miss Florence Hufford, and, in the Colored Schools, R.M. Meroney.

[118] We further recommend that an additional teacher be added to the teaching force at the Baker School.

Respectfully,

{R.P. Bull, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson},

Committee on Teachers

After considerable discussion, this report was adopted.

It was ordered that a special examination in mathematics and one in English be given June 17 to fill the vacancies in these departments in the High School.

Mr. L.C. Anderson was appointed to the position of Assistant to the Superintendent in the Colored Schools, to act under the direction of the Superintendent. Salary: \$100 per month.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, Miss Andrews was granted a two-months' leave of absence, with the understanding that her salary be continued, with the exception of the amount paid her substitute.

The Rule in regard to City Certificates was made to conform with the State laws in this regard.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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June 18, 1904

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, D.B. Gracy, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard.

The following teachers were elected to grade positions: Misses Bertha Wallace, Ada Blackburn, Willie R. Smith, Effie Graves, Priscilla Buckley, Fannie Crockett, Coral Horton, Stella Shurtleff, Kate Jenkins, Miss Eva Hope Thayer, and Mrs. Nellie Wood.

The following teachers for the Colored Schools were elected: W.T. McCall, Principal, West Austin School, A. Jackson, Jr. and L.B. Kinchion.

The election of a teacher of mathematics and a teacher of English in the High School was postponed until a later meeting of the Board.

[*Palm*] The resignation of Miss Mattie Heinz, teacher in the Palm School, was read and accepted.

[*High School Commencement*] The bills for expenses connected with the High School commencement exercises were presented and ordered paid.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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July 1, 1904

The Board met in regular session at 8:30 p.m., with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, P.H. Gerhard, D.B. Gracy, F.T. Ramsey.

[*Robertson Hill*] Misters Moore, Dill, Kuse and others representing the East Austin Improvement Club appeared before the Board and urged the necessity of removing the Robertson Hill School from its present location, to someplace where no friction will be caused by the proximity of the White and Colored Schools.

It was the sense of the Board that said school would be moved as soon as a suitable location could be secured, provided that the East Austin Improvement Club would assist in the expense of moving the building.

[*Lots*] Mr. Gracy reported, for the Building Committee, that the Board could secure five lots for the school from Covert & Company, agents, for \$150 per lot.

After a general discussion, it was agreed that the Board and the East Austin Improvement Club would act together in the effort to secure a new location and to dispose of the three lots on which the school is now located.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved, after making some slight corrections.

Mr. Gerhard reported, for the Finance Committee, that the Committee had checked up the books of the Treasurer and found all warrants correct, but that the Committee had no means of knowing or of finding out anything concerning the amounts of deposit.

Misses Willie R. Smith and Effie Graves were elected to positions in the High School temporarily, that is for the next session, and with the understanding that, if they wished to continue teaching in the High School, they must take the special examination next year.

Misses Hollie D. Walker and May McAdams, the latter as a substitute teacher, were elected to [121] teach in the Schools for the next session. Misses Polk, Hardwell, Rhambo, Pierce and Mrs. Morton were elected to teach in the Colored Schools.

The appointment of the remaining Colored teachers was left to the Superintendent and the Teachers Committee.

[*Academy Block*] The request of several ladies, to use the vacant lot north of the Pease School for a tennis court, was granted.

[*High School-Miscellaneous*] The following appropriations were made:

- \$400 from General Fund, to fix up basement room for laboratory purposes,
- \$400 from Allan Fund, to fix up room for cooking, etc.,
- \$250 from the General Fund, for the erection of a house on the High School grounds for the resident janitor,
- \$500 from the General Fund to be used during the year for laboratory fixtures and equipment.

The salary of the teacher of domestic science was fixed at \$650.

Mr. Gracy reported that Mr. Goldbeck was ready to pay over to the Board of Trustees \$250, and the Board authorized Mr. Gracy to execute a release to the Allan estate on account of the Wren warranty.

The Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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August 5, 1904

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard.

The minutes of July 1 were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Superintendent read the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$9,478.18, and to the Allan Fund of \$3,895.41.

Mr. Bull suggested to the Board that there was no way by which the Finance Committee could ascertain the amount of money paid into the bank. Mr. Graham suggested that duplicate slips be made for all deposits, and that one copy be filed for the use of the Finance Committee.

[*Wooldridge*] Mr. Gerhard reported that a subscription of \$67 had been secured to connect to the Wooldridge School building with the sewer. The Board authorized Mr. Gerhard to look into the matter of making connection with the sewer, with full power to act.

The Board authorized the Supply Committee to purchase 10 stoves of uniform pattern, for use in the Schools.

The following report of the Building Committee was read and approved:

Office, D.B. Gracy
July 8, 1904

[*High School-Bids*] At a meeting of the Building Committee, to consider bids for the moving and resetting of the plumbing fixtures in the High School building, the following bids were opened and considered:

W.A. Burke \$184
Donnelly & Houser \$184.60
George A. Brush \$145.47
John L. Martin \$125

The bid of John L. Martin was accepted.

The bid of Victor Schmidt and Forest Maxwell, to build the janitor's house on the High School grounds for \$250, was accepted.

[123] The Committee on Teachers recommended the election of the following Colored teachers filling the remaining vacancies: J.F. Dawkins, Miss Cecily Lamb, Miss Artie Mitchell, Robert Davis. This report was adopted.

The Committee on Teachers also submitted the following:

June 21, 1904

To the Honorable Board School Trustees,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend Miss Martha T. Bell of Mackenzie, Tennessee, as instructor in domestic science and art in the Allan Manual Training School.

{R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard},
Committee on Teachers

The recommendation was adopted, and Miss Bell was declared elected.

[*Schools Open*] It was ordered by the Board that the Schools open September 19.

[*Fulmore*] The Board authorized the Superintendent to buy paint for repainting the Fulmore School building and agreed to pay A.G. Schwarzer \$60 for doing the work.

It was ordered that K.C. Miller's bill be paid in full.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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August 16, 1904

The Board met in special session in Judge Fulmore's office, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, D.B. Gracy, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

[*Wooldridge*] Mr. Gerhard explained the object of the meeting to be the sewer connection for the Wooldridge School, and stated that the cost would exceed the first estimate. After general discussion, on motion of Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Gerhard was authorized to proceed to have the sewer connection made at the Wooldridge School as soon as possible.

[*Bickler, Pease, Palm*] On motion of Mr. Gracy, the Board authorized the Building Committee to secure bids for connecting the following schools with the sewer: Bickler, Pease and Palm.

The Superintendent reported that the work of preparing rooms for the Domestic Science Department was progressing satisfactorily, and that the janitor's house would be completed within a very few days.

On motion, it was ordered that the Superintendent, with the advice of Mr. Hunsdon, prepare specifications for connecting with sewer the three buildings above mentioned.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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September 2, 1904

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, D.B. Gracy, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of the meeting of August 5 and 16 were read and approved, together with the following committee reports.

August 30, 1904

Honorable Board of Trustees,

[*Bickler, Pease, Palm Bids*] We, your Committee on Buildings, have examined the following bids for erection of three closet buildings, one each at Bickler, Pease and Palm Schools:

Charles A Schurr, \$1,246

W.A. Shannonhouse \$1,660

L.M. Ainsworth \$1,151

C.P. Ledbetter \$1,045

For plumbing and connecting with sewer:

G.A. Brush \$2,324.44

J.L. Martin, two buildings at each \$747
 Donnelly and Hauser \$3,332.50

On motion of Mr. Grace, the matter of sewer connection and plumbing is hereby referred to the Board, for final action.

Respectfully submitted,
 {H.M. Metz, D.B. Gracy F.T. Ramsey},
 Committee on Buildings

Office of P.H. Gerhard,
 August 30

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,
 [Wheatville] We, your Committee on Teachers, after considering the petition from a large number of the patrons of the Wheatville School, for the removal of A. Jackson, Jr., recommend that the Superintendent be authorized to so change the assignment of teachers, that another principal be sent to this school.

Respectfully,
 {R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard},
 Committee on Teachers

[126] August 13, 1904

To the Honorable Board Trustees,

We, your Committee on Finance, recommend the following salaries to be paid janitors for the school year 1904-1905.

High School head janitor \$40 per month, assistant \$30 per month, of this amount \$45 is to be paid from General Fund and \$25 from Allan Fund.

Bickler School \$40 per month
 Pease School \$40 per month
 Wooldridge School \$40 per month
 Palm School \$32 per month
 Baker School \$10 per month
 Fulmore School \$10 per month
 Robertson Hill \$2 per room
 Gregorytown \$2.50 per room
 West Austin \$2.50 per room
 Wheatville \$2 per room
 South Austin \$2 per room

We further recommend that E.S. Blackburn be paid a salary of \$600 per year, provided the Allan Fund Committee concur in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

{J.A. Jackson, R.P. Bull, P.H. Gerhard}, Finance Committee

The Allan Fund Committee concurred, and the report was adopted.

[*Fulmore*] The Superintendent reported that the painting and repairing and adding a gallery at the Fulmore school had been completed and accepted, that the fence had been whitewashed and that, on the whole, the building and grounds present a respectable appearance.

[*High School*] The Superintendent further reported that the work necessary to place the domestic science and laboratory rooms in the basement of the High School had also been completed and accepted.

[*Robertson Hill*] Mr. Gracy reported, for the Building Committee, that no satisfactory grounds had as yet been secured [127] for the purpose of moving the Robertson Hill Colored School.

The Committee on Supplies were authorized to call for bids on fuel for the City Schools for this coming session.

On the report of the Building Committee, there was a general discussion as to the relative merits of automatic seal action and latrine closets. A motion by Mr. Metz, that, in case the Board makes contract for plumbing and sewer connection, automatic seal action closets be secured, was carried.

[*Bickler, Pease, Palm-Bid*] On motion, the bid of Mr. George A. Brush, on plumbing and sewer connections, was accepted. The bid of Mr. Ledbetter, for erecting three closet buildings, was accepted.

It was ordered by the Board that the City Attorney be requested to draw up contracts, and that Mr. Brush furnish a good and sufficient bond of \$1,250 for the faithful performance of the work, and that no money be paid until the work has been completed in accordance with plans and specifications, under the supervision of the engineer to be employed by the Board.

[*Health*] A general discussion in regard to the necessity of having teachers present a health certificate was held, and the following resolution was passed:

[*Resolution*] "Resolved that every teacher, before entering upon his or her duty as teacher in the Austin City Schools, shall present a certificate of health certified to by a Board of examiners, to be

appointed by the Board of Trustees, that said teacher is free from pulmonary tuberculosis or any infections or contagious disease."

Dr. Ralph Steiner was appointed Chairman of the Board of Medical Examiners, and he was requested to select his assistants. The Superintendent was instructed to formulate a Rule in regard to health certificates and to notify the teachers of the action of the Board on this matter. [128]

The request of Mrs. LaPrelle, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Reichmann, asking for free tuition for children whose parents are not residents of the city, were referred to the State Superintendent.

The Treasurer made his regular monthly report, showing a balance in favor of the General Fund of \$8,773.72, and the Allan Fund of \$3,825.31. This report was received and ordered filed.

[*Superintendent's Office*] On motion, the Superintendent was authorized to select a suitable office on or near Congress Avenue, in order that the office would be more convenient to citizens.

The following change was made in the grading for promotion: 71% in each subject, or between 61 and 71 in one, and 71 in the remainder. The Superintendent was authorized to have new report cards printed, and to have the method of marking changed to A, B, C, etc. Insert report given below.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office
August 25

Honorable Board of Trustees,

We, your Committee on Teachers, Textbooks, Etc., recommend the following changes and adoptions in textbooks for the Austin Schools:

- *School Arts Magazine*, to take the place of Zaner, Webb & Ware book, in hands of teacher only
- *Milne's Mental Arithmetic*, in hands of teacher only
- *Wells' Essentials of Algebra*, in place of Wentworth's *Shorter Course*
- *Davis' Physical Geography*
- *Fisk's Civil Government*
- *Colton's Zoology, Descriptive and Practical*
- *Harper's Virgil's Aeneid*
- *Wells' New Plane Trigonometry*

- Milton's *Minor Poems*
- Burke's *Speech on Conciliation*
- Hudson's *Genie & Company*
- Guerber's *Myths of Northern Lands, Stories of Old Greece, With the Makers of Texas*
- Lange's *German Method for Beginners*
- Grimm's *Maerchen Germelshausen Das Habichtsfraulein*
- Wesselhoeff's *German Exercises*
- Greene's *King Arthur and His Court*

We further recommend the appointment of a Textbook Committee of teachers, to consist of the Superintendent, four principals and two teachers from the grades, the duty of this committee to recommend books to the Board of Trustees, for adoption in the City Schools.

This report was adopted.

{R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard}, Committee

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Judge Fulmore's Office
September 10, 1904

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson.

[*Bickler, Pease, Palm Contracts*] The Board authorized the President and Secretary to sign the contract with Bollinger and Ledbetter for erecting three closet buildings, one each at Bickler, Pease and Palm Schools, in accordance with plans and specifications.

Motion carried to use the best shingles in buildings, and \$22.50 in addition to contract price of \$1,045 was appropriated for this purpose.

Motion to pay Mr. Brush 75 cents in addition to bid, for enameled inside and outside closets, carried.

The President and Secretary were authorized to sign contract with George A. Brush for sewer connections, when contracts and specifications are properly filled out.

On motion, the salary of E.S. Blackburn, teacher in the Manual Training School, was fixed at \$650 per year.

[*High School Manual Training*] Authority was given Mr. Hunsdon to have use of the Manual Training Department, for instruction of students in the Education Department of the University, said students to pay a tuition of \$50 per year.

The meeting then adjourned.
 {Z.T. Fulmore}, President

[130] September 20, 1904

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey.

[*High School Manual Training*] The place of Mr. G.G. Anderson, teacher in the Manual Training Department, was declared vacant, and the director of this department was authorized to fill the vacancy.

The action of the Committee on Teachers, in appointing Miss Ray Perrenot to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Nellie Wood, was approved

[*Bickler-Pease-Palm*] Misters George A. Brush, C.E. Leonard and N.S. Hunsdon appeared before the Board. The plans and specifications for plumbing and laying of sewer were read, and, objections to same having been made by Mr. Brush, the contractor, it was ordered by the Board that Mr. Brush be given a copy of the plans and specifications, and asked to make his objections thereto in writing, and present same to the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.
 {Z.T. Fulmore}, President

[131] September 22, 1904

The Board met in special session, pursuant to adjournment with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, D.B. Gracy, R.P. Bull, F.T. Ramsey.

[*Bickler, Pease, Palm-Sewer Etc.*] The consideration of the sewerage question was again taken up, and a communication from Mr. George A. Brush, withdrawing his bid on plumbing and sewer connection for the Bickler, Pease and Palm Schools, was read. On motion, and after discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to the withdrawing of the bid made by Mr. Brush.

It was further ordered that bids be secured for plumbing and sewer connections from the different plumbers in the city, all bids to be made according to the plans and specifications in the office of the Superintendent, and the bids to be (1) on automatic seal action closets, (2) on latrine closets.

On motion, Mr. C.E. Leonard was instructed by the Board to make an estimate in case of excavating for laying of sewer pipe from the Bickler, Pease and Palm Schools. It was further ordered that bids be made separately, one on the work complete, two on excavations, three on automatic seal action closets, four on the different kinds of latrine closets.

The Board accepted the bid of the Lone Star Ice Company to furnish the best quality of Osage McAlister screened lumber coal at \$7.50 per ton of 2000 pounds, to be delivered, as needed, at the several schools in the city.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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September 30, 1904

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, D.B. Gracy, F.T. Ramsey.

[*Bickler, Pease, Palm-Plumbing & Sewer*] Bids for plumbing and sewer connections at Bickler, Pease and Palm Schools were opened and considered. Mistery Brush, Donnelly, Martin and Benson, with Engineer Leonard and Mr. Hunsdon, appeared before the Board. After a general discussion as to the relative merits of different range closets, the Board decided to continue the matter at an adjourned meeting in the office of the President at 5 p.m. tomorrow, October 1.

Before the opening of any bids, on motion of Mr. Metz, it was decided that the person or firm to whom the contract should be given must agree to do the work according to specifications and under the direction of the engineer employed by the Board, Mr. Leonard.

The Board accepted the bid of P.S. Hill to do this scavenger work of the Schools for \$12 per month until the Bickler, Pease and Palm Schools are connected with the sewer, after which time the price is to be \$8 per month.

The Superintendent reported that he had conferred with State Superintendent LeFevre in regard to the question of allowing children whose residence is outside the city limits free tuition. The State Superintendent had ruled that such children have absolutely no right to attend the City Schools without the payment of tuition. A letter from Mr. E.J. Cavileer, asking free tuition for Janie Tannehill, was read, and the Superintendent was instructed to refer this case to the State Superintendent, and report his decision at the next meeting

of the Board. The case of Mr. Frank Johnson, asking free tuition for Dora Newman, was referred to the Superintendent.

The bids of Meyer and Keller and of Teagarden and Shumate were rejected by the Board, and the [133] Superintendent was instructed to secure other bids.

The Board adjourned to meet at Judge Fulmore's office [on] October 1, at 5:00 p.m.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

October 1, 1904

The Board met in special session, with the following members present (meeting adjourned from September 30): Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson.

[*Bicker, Pease, Palm-Plumbing & Sewer*] The consideration of the bids for plumbing and sewerage was taken up. The matter was discussed freely, and the bid of W.A. Burke for \$1,886.86 was, on motion of Mr. Metz, accepted. The Board authorized the payment of \$87 additional, in order to have iron tanks in place of oak tanks, copper-lined, as specified. The bond was fixed at \$1,000.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

October 7, 1904

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, P H. Gerhard.

The minutes of September 2, 10, 20, 22, 30 and October 1 were read and approved.

Treasurer Gracy made his regular monthly report showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$13,047.46, and to the Allan Fund of \$4,119.28. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made statistical report, showing the enrollment at the end of the third week to be 2,621.

[*High School*] Mr. Metz, at the request of the parents, brought up the matter of the blackboard which had been accidentally broken in the High School assembly hall by two of the boys. It was the [134] opinion of the Board that pupils should pay for all property destroyed, whether accidentally or otherwise.

[*Wooldridge*] The Building Committee reported that the roof of the Wooldridge School had been repaired and painted at a cost of \$25, [*Robertson Hill*] and that the Robertson Hill School roof had been repaired and painted at a cost of \$15.

[*Wooldridge*] Mr. Gerhard reported, for special committee, that the work of connecting the Wooldridge School with sewer had been completed and accepted, and the bill of Donnelly & Houser for this work ordered to be paid.

It was moved and carried that hereafter all bills be paid monthly, after having been passed on by the Board.

[*Allan Fund*] A communication from Mr. S.M. Johnson of Beaumont, in regard to recovering property for the Allan Fund, was read. The Board agreed to give Mr. Johnson the same terms of contract as offered by Mr. L.N. Goldbeck. The Superintendent was authorized to notify Mr. Johnson of the action of the Board.

On motion, the President or any member of the Board was authorized to solicit subscriptions for the Allan Fund.

Misters Gracy, Gerhard, Metz and the Superintendent were appointed as a committee to investigate the boundary of the city in the vicinity of the Wooldridge School. The action was taken because of non-resident children attending this school.

Permission was granted to students in the Education and Engineering Departments of the University to have instruction in the Manual Training Department of the High School at a cost for laboratory fee of \$25 per year per pupil, \$5 of this to go to Mr. Blackburn for the extra teaching in the Engineering Department.

[*Science*] The Board, in appreciation of the services of Mr. Miller, in extra work done in equipping the Science Department, ordered that \$50 be paid him, [135] and that the Superintendent inform Mr. Miller of the Board's appreciation of his work.

The request of Miss Ottley, to be allowed to go home for dinner when not on duty on the High School grounds, was granted.

The children of Dr. LeSeur were granted free tuition.

The Board then adjourned.

November 7, 1904

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Gracy made report, as Treasurer, showing a balance in favor of the General Fund of \$8,434.03, and of the Allan Fund of \$4,249.87. The report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made statistical report of the Schools, showing an enrollment of 3,108, belonging 2,982.

Upon information that Miss Lillie E. Strain had accepted another position, without notifying the Board, her position as supernumerary in the Colored Schools was declared vacant.

Mr. Frank W. Hill, a business resident of the city of Austin, was granted free tuition for his son, who is now attending the High School. The vote stood as follows. Ayes: Gracy, Metz, Bull, Jackson. Nays: Fulmore, Gerhard.

On motion, the children of non-resident taxpayers were allowed free tuition in the Austin Schools, the vote standing as follows. Ayes: Fulmore, Gerhard, Jackson. Nays: Bull and Metz.

The communication from Mrs. Sara E. Conrad was read, and the Superintendent was instructed to secure the opinion of the State Superintendent on the [136] case.

[*Leave*] Mr. Hunsdon's leave of absence was extended until December 1, on account of the illness of his father.

[*Bickler, Pease, Palm (\$700 paid)*] It was ordered by the Board that Mr. C.P. Ledbetter be paid \$700 on his contract for erecting closet buildings, according to the terms of the contract.

Mr. Gerhard was appointed a committee of one to secure from the S.W. Telephone Company the use of a phone for the Superintendent's office, without payment of rent.

[*Wooldridge*] The Board authorized the Wooldridge School Mothers' Club the use of the building, for their meetings, etc.

[*High School*] The bid of J.T. Luckey for repairing the High School roof, guaranteeing it for one year, for \$10, was accepted.

[*Pease*] Mr. Metz reported, for the Building Committee, that the Pease School roof had been repaired and painted at a cost of \$45. This report was approved.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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December 1, 1904

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of November 7 were read and approved.

In the absence of Mr. Gracy, the Superintendent read the Treasurer's report, showing a balance in favor of the General Fund of \$4,110.47, and of the Allan Fund of \$4,697.03. This report was filed.

The Superintendent made a statistical report showing an enrollment in the Schools of 3,498, belonging 3,259. The Superintendent further reported on the general condition of the Schools, showing somewhat in detail the work being done in the different schools.

[*Manual Training-Teacher*] Mr. Fred Hofstetter was elected teacher in the Manual Training Department at a salary of \$65 per month.

[*High School Commencement*] It was ordered that those pupils who satisfactorily complete the course of study be given their diplomas at the end of the term in January, and it was further ordered that hereafter all commencement exercises, whether in January or May or June, be held in the forenoon and in the High School building.

The action of the Board at its last meeting, in regard to admitting children of parents, non-residents, who pay city taxes without the payment of tuition, was considered illegal. Only three members having voted for the motion, the question was again taken under consideration and passed by an affirmative vote of five members (all present), ordering the children of non-resident taxpayers be admitted without payment of tuition.

The Board granted permission to the Superintendent to act as instructor during the university summer school.

It was ordered that the salary of Miss Brooke, who was absent three days at the time of the [138] death of her uncle, be paid in full.

[*Music*] A letter from Mr. H.M. Butler was read, offering his service as music director for the Schools at a salary of \$60 per month. After consideration, this matter was postponed until the next meeting.

In accordance with the recommendation of Miss Ottley, teacher of Latin, and Mr. Pearce, Principal of the High School, Hammer's *Easy Steps in Latin* was substituted for the *Elements* now in use, and *Fabulae Faciles* in place of *Viri Romae*.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

December 20, 1904

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey.

[*Christmas*] It was ordered that the Christmas holidays begin Friday noon, December 23, and continue until January 3, 1905.

On motion, the Superintendent was authorized to buy the *Encyclopedia Britannica* at \$69.75 for the office.

The Teachers Committee reported that permission had been granted Miss Hollie Walker to apply for a position at Waco and, in case of her election, recommended that the Board release her from the contract to teach in the Austin Schools. This recommendation was adopted.

[*Bickler*] Mr. Metz reported that he had ordered a flue to be put in the janitor's house at the Bickler School. This was approved.

[*High School Phone*] The Board ordered that the new phone be put in the High School at \$1.50 per month, this amount to be paid by the Allan Fund and General Funds equally.

[*Bickler, Pease, Palm-Sewer*] It was ordered that C.E. Leonard be paid \$25, half of amount due him, as per contract, the balance to be paid when sewers are in operation.

The Superintendent read a ruling from [139] State Superintendent LeFevre stating that the Board of Trustees had no legal right to admit the children of non-resident taxpayers free of tuition. This ruling was ordered filed, and the Superintendent was instructed to notify the Principals of this final decision in the matter.

Following is the letter from State Superintendent

Austin, Texas

Superintendent A.N. McCallum,

[*Opinion*] Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter, in which you state that you have been instructed by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Independent School District to request a ruling from the State Superintendent on the following question: "Has the Board a legal right to admit to the Public Schools without the payment of tuition the children of non-resident taxpayers?"

I understand your question to imply that the children of non-resident non-taxpayers would, at the same time, not be admitted without the payment of tuition. With this understanding of your question, I hereby rule that a Board of Public School Trustees has

not a legal right to admit to free attendance in the Public Schools the children of non-resident taxpayers.

It is proper to add that the regulation suggested in your inquiry would not only be unlawful, but that, in my judgment, it would be repugnant to the fundamental institutions of this state and of this country, and especially inconsistent with the entire theory and motive of public education, which are wholly independent of the degree to which the individual recipient of the benefits has directly supplied the means. Therefore, the child of the payer of large taxes cannot be given more rights in the Public Schools than the child of the poor man. Reflection must show that there is no injustice in this condition of our institutions and laws, for no fact has been more thoroughly proved than that the direct pecuniary refund to the rich man caused by the general development of the community more than compensate [140] him for the school taxes he has paid. A citizen might as reasonably claim the favor in the courts on the ground that he helps to pay for them, when it is the equal justice between man and man maintained by the courts that has enabled him to keep his wealth.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur LeFevre, State Superintendent

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

January 6, 1905

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, D.B. Gracy, R.P. Bull, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of the meetings of December 1 and December 20 were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Metz, the former resolution of the Board, admitting the children of non-resident taxpayers, was rescinded. This action was taken in order that the Rules of the Board should conform to the ruling of State Superintendent LeFevre, to the effect that the Board of Trustees had no legal right to admit without the payment of tuition the children of non-resident taxpayers.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in favor of the General Fund of \$3,361.49, and of the Allan Fund of \$4,622.95. This report was received and ordered filed.

Mr. Bull, Chairman of the Teachers Committee, reported that Miss Alice Blackburn had been selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Hollie Walker in the Fulmore School. This recommendation was adopted by the Board.

[*Music*] The Superintendent was instructed to inform Mr. H.M. Butler that, owing to increasing [141] necessary expenditures, it would be impracticable to employ a music teacher at the present time.

[*High School Manual Training*] A communication for Mr. Hunsdon, Director of the Manual Training Department, asking for additional equipment for his department, was read and referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

The Superintendent was requested to have a memorial drawn up, asking the Legislature for the $\frac{1}{4}$ block opposite the High School, to be used for school purposes.

Bills in the amount of \$425.49 were approved by the Board, and bills amounting to \$292.74 on the Allan Fund were approved.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

[*January High School Graduates*] List of graduates to whom the Board authorized the issuing of diplomas: Bessie Garrison, Winnie Vickrey, Dora Merton Givens, Chellie Barr, Banks McLaurin, James Stewart Rogan, Ferdinand Kreisle, Louis Fox, Ralph Thompson, Victor Schmidt, Jack Ford Matthews.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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February 3, 1905

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, D.B. Gracy, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of January 6 were read and approved.

Mr. Gracy read his report as Treasurer, showing a balance in favor of the General Fund of \$3,173.52, and of the Allan Fund of \$4,954.75. This report was received and ordered filed.

Mr. Gerhard, as Chairman of the Supply Committee, reported that four-dozen tablet arm chairs had been ordered for the High School. This report was approved.

[*High School Manual Training-Equipment*] Mr. Gracy, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, reported that the Committee favored allowing \$1,300, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for additional equipment for the Manual Training Department, as requested by Mr. Hunsdon. This report was approved.

The statistical report of the Superintendent, showing the enrollment in the Schools to be 3,800 up to date, was made.

Bills amounting to \$474.65 on the General Fund and \$7.80 on the Allan Fund were approved by the Board.

[*Science Text*] On recommendation of Mr. Miller, teacher of science in the High School, and of the Textbook Committee Leavitt's *Outlines of Botany* was substituted for Coulter's *Plant Studies*.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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March 10, 1905

The regular meeting was postponed from the 3rd until the 10th, on account of the absence from the city of the Superintendent. At the meeting on the 10th, the following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

In the absence of Mr. Gracy, the Superintendent read the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$10,381.52 to the credit of the General Fund, and \$4,892.01 to the credit of the Allan Fund. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Teachers and Textbooks recommended that the resignation of Miss Susie Griffith be accepted, and that Miss Jeanne Barnum be elected to fill this vacancy. The Committee further recommended that Bennett's *Latin Grammar* be adopted, to take the place of Harkness' now in use. Both of these recommendations by the Committee were adopted by the Board.

A communication from Mr. T.L. Ziller, asking free tuition for his sister-in-law, Marguerite Kofahl, and setting forth the reasons therefore, was read. The request was granted.

A communication from Mr. P.T. Miller, in regard to the Science Department, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[*High School*] A general discussion was held in regard to the manner of holding entertainments at the High School. The Superintendent was requested to draw up regulations governing future entertainments at the High School.

[*Wooldridge*] The Building Committee was requested to inspect the planting of flowers at the Wooldridge School, to see that no damage is done to the building.

The Superintendent made his regular [144] statistical report, showing the enrollment and belonging in the Schools to date.

The meeting then adjourned.

Superintendent's Office

April 4, 1905

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, D.B. Gracy, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard.

[*U.S. President T. Roosevelt due April 6*] The President stated the object of the meeting to be to make arrangements and plans for the school children to attend the reception to be tendered President Roosevelt by the citizens of Austin next Thursday.

On motion of Mr. Gerhard, it was ordered by the Board that the school children attend in a body, each grade to be accompanied by the teacher. For this purpose, a half-holiday was ordered.

On motion, the Superintendent was instructed to purchase a flag for each school, and to have a flag staff made for each. It was the sense of the meeting that children furnish individual flags at their own expense.

[*Allan Fund*] A communication from Mr. W.B. Woody, offering to exchange a farm of 230 acres on which a lien of \$3,000 was held, for the old Allan homestead, was read. Mr. Gracy was instructed by the Board to inform Mr. Woody that the Board did not care to make the transfer.

A communication from Mr. L.N. Goldbeck was read, consideration of which was postponed until Friday, at the regular meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office

April 7, 1905

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, D.B. Gracy, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of the meetings of March 10 and April 4 were read and approved.

The Treasurer read his monthly report, showing a balance in favor of the General Fund of \$9,196.90, and of the Allan Fund of \$3,504.40. This report was received and ordered filed.

The recommendation of the Committee on Teachers, that Principal T.A. Brown be granted leave of absence to visit the Dallas and Fort Worth Schools, was approved by the Board.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Gracy reported, for the Allan Fund Committee, that the Committee had loaned \$2,500 on the Hutchings place. The Board approved this action of the Committee. On motion, it was ordered that the Allan property on San Antonio Street be offered to Misters Fischer and Lambie for \$7,500 cash net.

An election was ordered for May 6, for the purpose of electing four School Trustees, and the Superintendent was instructed to prepare necessary blanks for said election.

It was ordered that the School Trustee election be held at the courthouse, and at Alexander's Store, all voters living south of 15th Street to vote at the courthouse, and all north of 15th Street at Alexander's Store.

Mr. W.W. Harris was appointed manager of the election at the courthouse, and Mr. Louis Marcuse at Alexander's Store, these two managers to appoint their own assistants.

Mr. L.M. Layton was appointed to take the scholastic census for the White children.

[146] The following Rule, in regard to public entertainments in the public school buildings, was adopted.

[*Rule*] Section 16. Buildings. 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, nor shall any entertainments be held in these buildings, except upon authority from the Board of Trustees.

The Superintendent reported the number enrolled in the Schools to be 3,851, and the belonging ____.

[*Bills*] Bills amounting to \$274.65 on the General Fund and \$1,297.01 on the Allan Fund were approved by the Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

May 4, 1905

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, D.B. Gracy, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

Dr. Mathews and Dr. Pettway and Judge Rogan met with the Board.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be to make up the official ballot for the Trustee election, and to make any other necessary arrangements.

Some doubt being expressed as to the closing of saloons on days of the election of School Trustees, the Superintendent was instructed to ask the opinion of the Attorney General on this question.

Motion was made and adopted that the following constitute the official ballot to be [147] voted on at Saturday's election: Rogan, Metz, Gerhard, Jackson, Mathews and Pettway.

Permission was given Dr. Pettway to withdraw his name before 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

On motion, the Superintendent was authorized to have 1,000 tickets printed.

On motion. The regular meeting tomorrow night was postponed until Saturday night, in order that the Board might, in addition to attending to the regular business, canvass the returns of the election.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

May 6, 1905

The Board met, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, D.B. Gracy, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey, R.P. Bull, J. A Jackson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 7 and the special meeting of May 4 were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported showing a balance in favor of the General Fund of \$15,114.53, and of the Allan Fund of \$421.52. This report was received and ordered filed.

[*Superintendent's Office*] The Supply Committee reported that a fan had been purchased for the Superintendent's office. This action of the Committee was approved by the Board.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Gracy reported, for the Allan Fund Committee, showing the notes held by that fund, giving in each case date, rate and time that interest falls due. This report was approved and ordered spread on the minutes.

Amt. Makers	Date	Due	%	Int. paid to
2,500 Hutchings, Henry & Witte	19 Jan 04	3 yrs	8	8 Apr 05
1,500 Barnhart, Annie	7 Apr 05	3 Dec 09	8	3 Dec 04
5,000 Lundgren, Emil & Tilda	16 Jan 03	5 yrs	8	16 Jan 05
1,250 less credit \$726.76 4/22/63				
Alexander, Alex	18 Apr 03	5 yrs	8	18 Apr 04
1,250 Alex Alexander	18 Apr 03	7 yrs	8	18 Apr 04
2,000 Smart, W.P.	28 Mar 02	5 yrs	8	28 Mar 05
150 Vance, J.M.	16 Apr 03	15 mos	10	16 Apr 04
2,750 Stacy, Wm. H. & Clara	30 Dec 01	5 yrs	7	
\$192.50 pd 3/6/04				
3,800 Miller, Wallace & Clara	20 Feb 01	5 yrs	7	
Int. pd. to 2/20/05				
1,000 Felter, R.H.	29 Mar 02	3 yrs	7	
Int. pd. to 3/29/05				
500 Felter, R.H. & Jessie	16 Mar 97	3 yrs	8	16 Mar 05
500 Felter, R.H. & Jessie	16 Mar 97	4 yrs	8	16 Mar 05
1,100 Goodwin, W.C.	5 Jul 99	5 yrs	8	5 Jul 03
215 Kidd, J.P. & Fannie C.	28 Aug 03	4 yrs	10	28 Aug 04
215 Kidd, J.P. & Fannie C.	28 Aug 03	5 yrs	10	28 Aug 04
578.75 Burleson, J.W.	3 Oct 02	1 yr	7	3 Oct 04
578.75 Burleson, J.W.	3 Oct 02	2 yrs	7	3 Oct 04
578.75 Burleson, J.W.	3 Oct 02	3 yrs	7	3 Oct 04
578.75 Burleson, J.W.	3 Oct 02	4 yrs	7	3 Oct 04
1,000 Moore, John B.	28 Dec 01	1 yr	7	8 Jan 03
700 Blackburn, Ada	23 Apr 03	3 yrs	8	23 Apr 04
1,500 Smith, Sarah A.	12 Nov 01	5 yrs	7	12 Nov 04
1,500 Smith, Eugene	20 Oct 02	4 yrs	7	20 Oct 04
100 King, Thomas & Annie	1 Jun 98	4 yrs	8	1 Jun 04
100 King, Thomas & Annie	1 Jun 98	5 yrs	8	1 Jun 04
100 King, Thomas & Annie	1 Jun 98	6 yrs	8	1 Jun 04
100 King, Thomas & Annie	1 Jun 98	7 yrs	8	1 Jun 04
100 King, Thomas & Annie	1 Jun 98	8 yrs	8	1 Jun 04
75 Snider, J.A.	16 Dec 03	2 yrs	8	16 Dec 04
75 Snider, J.A.	16 Dec 03	3 yrs	8	16 Dec 04
75 Snider, J.A.	16 Dec 03	3 yrs	8	16 Dec 04
1,600 Evans, George O.	17 Oct 02	1 yr	8	17 Oct 04

1,000 DeLashmutt, P.R. & Maria	7 Nov 02	3 yrs	8	17 Oct 04
1,000 Routt, J.E. & Lula	15 May 03-14	Aug 04	8	14 Aug 03
1,000 Routt, J.E. & Lula	15 May 03-14	Aug 05	8	14 Aug 03
1,000 Routt, J.E. & Lula	15 May 03-14	Aug 06	8	14 Aug 03
2,815.92 Younger, L.H. & Alice H.	1 Feb 05	5 yrs	7	—
<hr/> 39,885.92 Renewal of former notes				

[149] The Superintendent made his regular statistical report and, among other matters, mentioned that Principal W.T. McCall had been prosecuted in Judge Johnson's court for whipping a Colored girl excessively. This matter was referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Bills amounting to \$117.95 on the General Fund and \$178.89 on the Allan Fund were approved.

[*High School*] On motion of Mr. Gerhard, the bill of the Austin Electric Supply Company for wiring the High School was ordered paid.

The Board authorized the payment of Mr. Kinchion's salary for the day he was absent on account of death of an uncle.

The President appointed Misters Bull, Gracy and Ramsey to canvass the returns of the Trustee election. The following vote was polled: Mr. Metz 286, Dr. Mathews 270, Mr. Gerhard 261, Mr. Jackson 252, Mr. Rogan 235. The President declared Misters Metz, Gerhard Jackson and Dr. Mathews legally elected Trustees, to serve two years, and the oath of office was administered by Mr. Gracy.

The President then declared the old Board dissolved.

Mr. Metz was elected President for the purpose of reorganization. The following officers were elected unanimously: Z.T. Fulmore, President; H.M. Metz, Vice President; R.P. Bull, Secretary; P.H. Gerhard, Treasurer, temporarily.

[*Superintendent A.N. McCallum Appointed*] The Board then unanimously elected A.N. McCallum, Superintendent, and Miss Fannie Andrews, Clerk.

The thanks of the Board were extended to Mr. Gracy, the retiring member, for the faithful and intelligent discharge of his duties as a member of the Board for four years.

The Board then adjourned, to meet Monday, May 13.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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May 15, 1905

The Board met in special session at 8:00 p.m., with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey.

The bonds of Mr. Gerhard, as Treasurer of the Board, were presented, accepted and ordered filed.

The Board ordered the examination of teachers for positions in the City Schools to be held June 7, 8 and 9, and the special examination for High School places on the 10th.

Mr. L.B. Kinchion was given permission to be absent from school one day, to attend with the company of which he is captain for the exercises of the Samuel Huston College.

Misses Reilly and Blackburn were granted permission to use the High School building for summer school works.

It was ordered that the Supply Committee have charge of the purchasing of all supplies for the Manual Training Department.

It was ordered that the Director of the Manual Training Department be requested to file in the office a complete inventory of machinery, tools, etc. in his department.

A letter from S.M. Johnston of Beaumont was read and, on motion, Mr. Johnston was authorized to proceed with the sale of the 495.5 acres of land, and the President and Secretary were authorized to execute deed to the property.

A committee of boys representing the senior class of the High School appeared before the Board and urged the Board to rescind the Rule in regard to high school commencements. The Superintendent read a letter from the Secretary of the High School Parents' Club, asking the Board to have the commencement exercises in the forenoon. The Board refused unanimously to grant the request of the boys.

A communication from Mrs. Wilhite was [151] read, asking for free tuition for her niece. The petition was not granted.

Misters Jackson, Gerhard and Mathews were appointed a committee to arrange with the High School faculty for the commencement exercises.

Mr. Gerhard stated that there was \$1,169.86 interest on notes due the Allan Fund. Mr. Gerhard was requested to write the delinquents and request them to make immediate settlement of all past due interest.

The meeting then adjourned.

Superintendent's Office
June 6, 1905

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, P.H. Gerhard, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 6 and the special meeting of May 15 were read and approved.

The Treasurer made regular monthly report, showing balance to credit of the General Fund of \$11,841.44, and the Allan Fund of \$72.49.

Mr. Gerhard made a report on those who are delinquent in paying interest on Allan Fund loans. The Board ordered that Alex Alexander and J.E. Rout be given an extension until October 15, and W.H. Stacey until the next regular meeting of the Board.

A communication from Mr. Pearce was read, and action on it was postponed, except on the recommendation that the woodworking shop be so arranged that the room above can be used for a recitation room. This matter was referred to the Building Committee.

[152] Miss Willie Smith, at her request, was given a leave of absence for one year.

The following principals and teachers were elected, the Board reserving the right to make any assignment to building or work that may be deemed necessary for the welfare of the Schools.

Miss Effie Graves was elected as teacher in the High School, with the understanding that the English examination be taken by her.

Principals: J.E. Pearce, High School; J.L. Taff, Bickler School; T.A. Brown, Pease School; Miss F.R. Brooke, Palm School; Miss Mary Johnson, Wooldridge School; Miss Mary Lowry, Baker School; Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Fulmore School.

High School teachers: Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Nina Hill, Miss Maud Smith, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Gertrude Lippelt, P.T. Miller, Miss Effie Graves, Miss Clovie Hill, Miss Margaret Reilly.

Manual Training Department: N.S. Hunsdon, E.S. Blackburn, Fred Hofstetter, Miss Martha T. Bell.

Grade teachers: Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Hettie Hofstetter, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Louise Thomas, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Mary Cooper, Miss Grace Ketchum, Miss Coral Horton, Miss Fannie Crockett, Miss Kate Jenkins, Miss Kate Eanes, [153] Miss Laura Allison, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Emma Puckett, Miss Josephine Houston, Mrs. Eva H. Thayer, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss H.P. Buckley, Miss Naomi Cone, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss Minnie Dill,

Miss Emily Numbers, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Bertha Wallace, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Eula Hill, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham, Miss Stella Shurtleff, Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Florence Holladay, Miss Ada Blackburn.

Colored Principals: L.C. Anderson, Robertson Hill; G.W. Norman, Gregorytown; W.T. McCall, West Austin.

Color teachers: C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, L.B. Kinchion.

The report of L.C. Anderson on the condition of the Colored Schools was read. This report was ordered filed.

Request from L.C. Anderson for an increase in salary was read. This request was not granted.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

June 21, 1905

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey.

[*City Exams*] The Superintendent reported that none of the applicants who had entered the Teacher's Examination [on] June 14-16 had succeeded in getting first-grade certificates. Mrs. Nellie Wood, who had obtained a first-grade [154] certificate last year was, on motion, elected to a position in the Schools.

It was ordered that a second examination for city teachers be held August 7, 8 and 9, with the special examination for the mathematics place in the High School on the 10th.

[*Manual Training*] Mr. Gerhard reported, for the Allan Fund Committee, recommending that the salary of E.S. Blackburn of the Manual Training Department be fixed at \$700 per year, and that of Mr. Fred Hofstetter at \$650 per year. This recommendation was adopted.

It was ordered that \$30 be appropriated for increasing the efficiency of the Department of Physics in the High School, and that \$650 be appropriated for fitting up a laboratory for chemistry.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office
July 7, 1905

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 6 and of the special meeting of June 21 were read and approved.

The Treasurer made his monthly report, showing a balance in favor of the General Fund of \$11,805.44, and of the Allan Fund \$2,285.43. This report was received and ordered filed.

The report of the Committee on Teachers, recommending that Miss Bertha Cook be elected teacher in the Schools provided she secure a first-grade City Certificate in the August examination, was approved.

[*High School*] A bid from H.L. Turner, to put in repair the High School roof, etc., was referred to the Building [155] Committee, for action.

Mr. George Lucas appeared before the Board and made an offer of \$2,700 for three lots of the Allan property: \$1,000 cash, the balance in four annual payments, bearing 8%. This matter was referred to the Allan Fund Committee, with requests that they report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The Supply Committee reported that they had decided to purchase 25 dozen Gregory felt erasers at \$1.25 per dozen, and that the Schools needed about 75 desks and 10 rear seats for next year. The Superintendent was instructed to make the purchase.

[*Brackenridge-South Austin*] The advisability of buying property in South Austin and erecting a school building for Colored children was discussed. The Superintendent was instructed to advertise in Sunday's *Statesman* for suitable property.

The connection of Mr. Kuehne's sewer with the Bickler School sewer came up for consideration. The Building Committee was instructed to notify Mr. Kuehn that the Board could not permit such connection without consent of Mr. C.E. Gilbert.

Miss Andrews was given leave of absence for two weeks.

The following change in the Rule relative to the salaries of teachers was recommended and adopted.

Tenure of Office and Salaries

1. The Superintendent, Principals, teachers and other employees of the Board shall be elected annually, provided that the employment of any teacher who fails to give satisfaction may

be terminated by the Board at any time, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations.

2. The salaries of the Superintendent, Principals, High School teachers and teachers of the [156] high seventh grade shall be fixed annually. The salary of other teachers holding first-grade City Certificates shall be \$55 per month for the second year's service in the Schools, \$60 per month for the third year of service in the Schools. After five years' service, the salary of such teachers shall be increased 5%; after 10 years' service, 5% additional; after 15 years' service, they shall receive the maximum salary \$70 per month.

3. Teachers of the primary and intermediate departments holding first-grade City Certificates shall receive \$50 per month during their first year [of] employment, provided that teachers holding first-grade City Certificates who have not had one or more years' experience in teaching shall not be paid more than \$45 per month during their first year's employment, \$50 per month during their second year, \$55 per month during their third year, and \$60 per month during their fourth year, and provided further that teachers who have had as much as three years' successful experience in a regular system of graded schools, or five years in rural schools, shall receive \$60 per month for their first year's work.

A letter from C.M. White, asking an increase in salary, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

[157] Superintendent's Office
August 4, 1905

At a regular meeting of the Board, the following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of July 7 were read and approved.

The Superintendent, in the absence of Treasurer Gerhard, read the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in favor of the General Fund of \$12,742.94, and of the Allan Fund of \$3,201.33. This report was approved and ordered filed.

[*Gregorytown*] A communication from G.W. Norman, Principal in the Gregorytown School, asking for an increase in salary, was read. On motion, his salary was increased from \$72 to \$75 per month.

The Superintendent reported, for the Supply Committee, that desks for two extra rooms had been ordered. This report was adopted.

Dr. Mathews, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that he had asked the services of Mr. Schurr in ascertaining what building repairs were necessary, and further reported that the Wooldridge School fence was being repainted.

[*Wooldridge*] The Superintendent was authorized to have the gates of the Wooldridge School grounds locked in order to prevent trespassing.

Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, reported that General Stacy had paid interest amounting to \$192.50 on note due the Allan Fund.

A communication from J.H. Raymond, Jr., asking for a loan of \$3,000 for certain parties, was read and rejected.

[*(Brackenridge) South Austin Colored*] The Superintendent reported that several members of the Board had inspected several pieces of property in South Austin, with the view of purchasing and erecting a Colored School building. Action in the matter was postponed.

[*Winn*] Judge Fulmore reported that the triangular piece of property near the Blind Institute could [158] be purchased for \$1,450. No action in regard to this was taken, and the Building Committee was instructed to see the City Council concerning the old Reservoir Block.

[*High School Manual Training*] It was ordered that the Schools open September 18.

A communication from Mr. Hunsdon, asking for an appropriation for the Manual Training Department, was referred to the Allan Fund Committee.

[*High School, Wooldridge*] Mr. Schurr appeared before the Board, giving somewhat in detail the kind and amount of work necessary to be done at the High School and the Wooldridge School. Action in the matter was postponed.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

August 11, 1905

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey.

Report of the Committee on Teachers, recommending the election of the following teachers, was adopted.

William C. Vernon, Miss Katherine Jarrell, Miss Minnie Mayes, Miss Ruby West, Miss Florence Burdett, Miss Janie Ellis, Miss Cecil O'Banion, Miss Emmy Jessen, Miss Daisy Gilliam, supernumeraries Miss Alice May Harrell, Miss Georgie Walker

In the Colored Schools: Robert Davis, Miss L.E. Pierce, Miss L.C. Rambo, J.H. Pickard, Miss Cicely Lamb, Miss Tennie Hardwell, Miss Parthenia Polk, Mrs. L.E. Morton.

The Committee further recommended that the name of Miss Naomi Cone, who was elected to a position in the Schools in June, be dropped for failure to comply [159] with the Rule of the Board in regard to attending a summer normal. This recommendation of the Committee was adopted, and Miss Naomi Cone's name was dropped from the list of teachers.

The following assignment of teachers was recommended and adopted:

High School: Principal J.E. Pearce, Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Nina Hill, Miss Maud Smith, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Gertrude Lippelt, P.T. Miller, William C. Vernon, Miss Effie Graves, Miss Clovie V. Hill, Miss Margaret Reilly.

Manual Training Department: Director N.S. Hunsdon, E.S. Blackburn, Fred Hofstetter, Miss Martha T. Bell.

Bickler School: Principal J.L. Taff, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Hettie Hofstetter, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Louise

Thomas, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Emmy Jessen, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Emma Puckett.

Pease School: Principal T.A. Brown, Mrs. Eva H. Thayer, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss H.P. Buckley, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss Janie Ellis, Miss Cecil O'Banion, Miss Katherine Jarrell, Miss Ruby West, Miss Minnie Mayes, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Emily Numbers.

Palm School: Principal Miss F.R. Brooke, Miss Mary Copes, Miss Grace Ketchum, Miss Coral Horton, Miss Fannie Crockett, Miss Kate Jenkins, Miss Stella Shurtleff, Miss Kate Eanes.

Wooldridge School: Principal Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Bertha Wallace, Miss Daisy Gilliam, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Eula Hill.

[160] Fulmore School: Principal Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham, Mrs. Nellie Wood, Miss Florence Burdett.

Baker School: Principal Miss Mary Lowry, Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Florence Holladay, Miss Ada Blackburn.

Supernumeraries Miss Alice May Herrell, Miss Georgie Walker.

Colored Schools

Robertson Hill: Principal L.C. Anderson, C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard, J.H. Pickard.

West Austin: Principal M.T. McCall, Robert Davis, Miss Laura E. Pierce, Miss Parthenia Polk.

Gregorytown: Principal G.W. Norman, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, Mrs. L.B. Kinchion, Miss L.C. Rhambo, Miss Tennie Hardwell, Miss Cicely Lamb.

Wheatville: Mrs. L.E. Morton.

South Austin: A. Jackson, Jr.

The Committee on Teachers was authorized to fill the four remaining vacancies in the Colored Schools.

Mr. J.W. Norman was allowed pay for one day and Miss L.C. Rambo for two days absence during past session, on account of deaths in their families.

The Finance Committee reported, recommending the following changes in salaries: The Superintendent's salary increased to \$2,200 per year, Mr. William C. Vernon's salary fixed at \$90 per month, Mr. Kippenbrock's salary increased to \$45 per month, janitors' salary for Fulmore and Baker Schools increased to \$15 per month each, other salaries to remain as last year, with the exception of those changed at a previous meeting of the Board.

The Superintendent read the report of the Teachers Committee on Textbooks. This report was referred to the Superintendent, after discussion, and the [161] Superintendent was given authority to make such changes as seem advisable for the best interests of the Schools.

On recommendation of Mr. P.T. Miller of the Science Department, the Board adopted Newell's *Descriptive Chemistry* for the High School.

[Wooldridge] The bid of Mr. Gus Johnson, for replacing stone steps at the Wooldridge School, was accepted, the work to be done for \$17.50

[High School] The bid of H.L. Turner, for repairing the High School roof as per plans and specifications in the office, for \$295, was accepted.

Communication from Professor D.A. Griffiths, affirming the use of his school building and equipment for a Commercial Department for the High School at a stipulated salary of \$240 per month was read, and action thereon was deferred.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

August 18, 1905

At a special meeting of the Board, the following members were present: H.M. Metz, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey.

In the absence of President Fulmore, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Metz.

The bids for installing heating apparatus at the Bickler School were opened. The bids were as follows: W.A. Burke \$1,320, J.R. Donnelly \$923.30, J.L. Martin \$860. Action in this matter was postponed until next Monday at 5:00 p.m.

The following teachers for the Colored Schools were recommended for reelection: Timothy Chandler, Miss M.M. Washington, W.H. Passon, A. Jackson, Jr. The selection of these teachers was confirmed by the Board.

[162] On motion, it was decided that the Board advertise for bids in accordance with the law, for interest on daily balances of the School Fund.

The Superintendent submitted verbally the resignation of Miss Fanny M. Andrews as Clerk. The Board, in expressing their appreciation for the faithfulness and efficiency with which Miss Andrews has performed her duties, decided not to take any action on

the resignation until the meeting ordered for Monday afternoon at 5:00.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

August 21, 1905

At a special meeting of the Board, the following members were present: H.M. Metz, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey and J.A. Jackson.

In the absence of Judge Fulmore, Vice President Metz called the meeting to order.

[Bickler] Mr. Gerhard made a statement in regard to the plans and specifications for heating the Bickler School. On motion, it was ordered that a hot water system be placed in the Bickler School. On motion, all bids for putting in heating apparatus were rejected, and new bids were called for.

On motion, Miss Andrews was given a leave of absence for one year, and Miss Etta Porter was appointed Secretary *ad interim*, at a salary of \$50 per month.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

August 24, 1905

The Board met in special session at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Metz. The following members were present: H.M. Metz, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey.

[163] [Bickler] The following bids for heating the Bickler School were opened and read: John Martin \$1,160, W.A. Burke \$997, J.R. Donnelly \$994. The bid of J.R. Donnelly was accepted.

Mr. Hunsdon was authorized to act as architect and to pass on quality of old pipes in building, which may be used the second time.

[Robertson Hill] Misterns More, Heierman, Haynes, Nixon and Kuse of East Austin came before the Board to present a request that the Robertson Hill School be moved. They suggested that lots 13, 7, 9 and 11 in Block 20 of Division C could be bought by the Board for \$700 for School purposes. The Building Committee was authorized to look at these layouts and report back to the Board at the regular meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.
 {Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office
 September 1, 1905

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson, R.P. Bull, W.J. Mathews.

The President and Vice President both being absent, Secretary Bull was requested to act as Chairman.

Reading of minutes of previous meetings was postponed until next meeting.

[*Treasurer's report*] Mr. Gerhard made his regular monthly report, showing a balance to the credit of General Fund of \$12,380.81, Allan Fund of \$3,227.36. This report was approved and ordered filed.

[*Supplies*] Bids for supplying the different schools with fuel for session of 1905-1906 were opened, and the bid of McAlister Fuel Company was accepted at \$7.10 per ton of 2,000 pounds.

[*Brackenridge*] Superintendent reported that Major J.T. Brackenridge had donated the lot and building formerly used for a Colored School, to the School [164] Board, for school purposes.

The Board authorized the printing of statistics and Rules and Regulations in pamphlet form.

The following rule, in regard to pupils taking the chemistry course in the High School, was adopted.

[*Rule*] Each pupil taking the course in chemistry shall make at the beginning of the year a deposit of \$2.50 to cover the cost of broken apparatus, charged to such pupil, and, at the end of the year, when the apparatus is returned to the storeroom, the cost of all missing articles shall be deducted from this deposit, and the remainder returned to the pupil. In case the breakage charge to any pupil should be more than \$2.50, he shall be required to make good the difference. In all cases, the charge of any article shall be the cost of the article when laid down at the laboratory. Each pupil shall be held responsible for the safety and good condition of the apparatus assigned to his desk, and will be provided with means to lock and keep safely such supplies.

Mr. Gerhard moved to employ a Supervisor of Drawing for the primary and grammar school grades. This motion was carried. Mr.

Jackson moved that Miss Janet Downie be elected to fill the position of Supervisor of Drawing just created.

Mr. Gerhard moved that the Finance Committee be empowered to receive bids on average daily balances of the School Fund, in accordance with provisions of law, and that the Committee be given power to appoint as Treasurer the bank or corporation offering the highest bid, bond to be fixed at \$120,000.

[*Bickler*] The repairing of the Bickler School roof was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*High School*] The bid of Charles Schurr, to paint the cornice, dome, etc. of the High School building, according to plans and specifications in the Superintendent's office, for \$115, was accepted.

The Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office
September 14, 1905

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull, W.J. Mathews.

The following regulations, in regard to the boundaries of the Pease and Wooldridge Schools, [were] adopted:

Pease School boundaries: commencing at Colorado River, north to Third Street on Congress Avenue, thence east to San Jacinto Street, hence north to 17th Street, thence west to city limits.

Wooldridge School boundaries: commencing at 17th Street on Waller Creek, thence west to the city limits, north to 30th Street, thence east to Waller Creek.

The boundaries of the other schools in the city remain as formerly, except insofar as set boundaries are affected by the above changes.

[*The American National Bank did 2.5% on average daily balances; First National bid to 2.1%.*] The bond of the American National Bank for \$125,000, as custodian of the General Fund, was accepted. The bond of the same bank, as custodian of the Allan Fund, was also accepted, and warrants transferring the General Fund of \$13,081.75 and the Allan Fund of \$3,227.36 were drawn on P.H. Gerhard, Treasurer.

The Superintendent reported to the Board that Miss Bell would probably secure an offer of a position as teacher of domestic science and art from the Denton Industrial College at a salary of \$1,200 *per*

annum and board. Permission was granted Miss Bell to make application for this position, provided she would remain as teacher of domestic science and art in the Austin High School until a suitable teacher could be secured for that position.

The resignation of Miss M.M. Washington, as teacher in the West Austin Colored School, [166] was accepted. The matter of filling this position was referred to the Teachers Committee, with the Superintendent.

The Rules and Regulations in regard to the payment of teacher salaries were amended. Hereafter, teachers who have taught for 15 years in the ward schools will receive a maximum salary of \$70 per month.

[*High School*] An appropriation of \$110 was made to purchase a stereopticon for the High School, and the heads of departments in the High School requested to take charge of this work.

[*Robertson Hill*] A committee from the East Austin Improvement Club appeared before the Board. The Committee consisted of Misters Moore, Dill, Haynes, Kuse and others, urging the necessity of removing the Robertson Hill Colored High School from its present location.

The Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

October 6, 1905

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of special meetings of August 18, 21 and 24, [and] September 14, and the regular meeting of September 1 were read and approved, together with the following Committee report.

October 4, 1905

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend that the resignation of Miss Martha T. Bell, teacher of domestic science and art in the Austin High School, be accepted, and Miss Eleanor Nesbitt of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, be appointed as teacher of domestic science and art at a salary of \$800 per year.

We recommend further that Miss Ada Clements [167] be elected to the position now vacant in the Colored Schools of the city.

We further recommend that Mrs. L.E. Morton, who was assigned to the Wheatville School, be transferred to the West Austin Colored School, and that Miss Clements be assigned to Wheatville.

Respectfully submitted,
 {R.P. Bull}, {P.H. Gerhard}, {J.A. Jackson}
 Committee on Teachers

[*Treasurer's report*] The American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Funds, reported a balance on hand in favor of the General Fund of \$13,081.75, and of the Allan Fund, \$3,227.36. This report was received and ordered filed, but it was the sense of the Board that the report of the American National Bank should be signed by the cashier or assistant cashier of the bank.

Dr. W.N. Watt appeared before the Board, asking that the Board place his son, Willie, in the High School building. After some discussion, a motion was made and carried that the matter be referred to a Committee on Grievances, with a request that the Committee meet to decide this matter at 10:00, Saturday morning.

[*Superintendent's Report*] Superintendent made statistical report of the Schools for the three weeks ending October 6, showing a total enrollment of 2,848, against 2,704 at the close of the first month of last year.

The Supply Committee reported that they had ordered 70 chairs for recitation in the High School building. This report was adopted.

[*Allan Fund*] The Allan Fund Committee reported that \$145.35 due for rent of property represented by Goldbeck & Kuehne had been collected. This report was adopted.

The Board ordered the fine assessed against the son of Dr. Griffith to be remitted, as it appears that he was in no wise responsible for the breaking of the blackboard.

A communication from E.M. Andrews, asking free tuition for Ruby McDonald, a pupil in the [168] Fulmore School, was rejected, and the communication filed in the office of the Superintendent.

[*Allan Fund*] A communication was read from C.P. Randolph, assistant cashier of the American National Bank, stating that Mr. J.W. Burleson, through the American National Bank, desires to take up the Allan Fund note due October 4, 1906. The Board authorized the bank

to allow Mr. Burleson to take up notes provided he pay six months' interest on said note.

[*Robertson Hill*] A communication from L.C. Anderson, Principal of Robertson Hill School, asking permission to be absent from school duties October 13 and 14, on account of being a delegate to the Baptist Sunday School Convention, to meet at Waco, was granted.

[*Winn*] On motion, the President was authorized to buy Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in the triangular plot east of the Blind Institute, represented by Misters Thomas F. Taylor and William H. Stacy for the sum of \$1,500, provided a good title could be secured and an alley on the north of the lots arranged for. Metz, Jackson and Mathews voting aye; Gerhard and Ramsey no. The motion was declared carried.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

Superintendent's Office

November 3, 1905

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 1905 were read and approved.

[*Treasurer's report*] The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, was read, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$1,027.19, and the Allan Fund of \$5,536.29. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made his regular monthly [169] statistical report, showing the enrollment for the month ending October 13: White Schools 2,530, Colored Schools 434, grand total of 2,964.

The Superintendent further reported the enrollment up to November 3, 1905: White Schools 2,602, Colored Schools 648, grand total 3,250.

The question of salary of the County Superintendent was discussed, as to whether any part of the County Available School Fund, which belongs to the City of Austin, should go to the payment of his salary. (It was the opinion of the Board that the County Superintendent had no right to appropriate any part of the County Available Fund for the payment of his salary before the apportionment was made to the City.) The President of the Board was authorized to refer this matter to the State Superintendent of

Education, and, if necessary, to appeal from the State Superintendent to the State Board of Education and to the proper courts, if necessary.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Gerhard, for the Allan Fund, made a report, with reference to cooking and sewing in the High School, stating that Miss Nesbitt, who had been elected to take the place of Miss Bell, was on duty, and that the cooking and sewing was run from the eighth grade on through the High School.

The Allan Fund Committee reported adversely on the loan requested by Mr. Boswell on some property on East Second Street. The Committee further stated that the Alexander note had been settled. The Board ratified the settlement made by the Allan Fund Committee on the Alexandria note and endorsed the action of the Committee in refusing the loan on the East Second Street property.

Mr. Metz, for the Grievance Committee, reported that the Committee had met and heard the complaint of Dr. Watt, in regard to his son Willie, and that the Committee unanimously agreed to give Willie Watt one month trial in the High School.

[*Wooldridge*] The Superintendent reported the dangerous [170] condition of the southwest corner of the Wooldridge School and was authorized by the Board to have the contractor to report on the matter.

[*Winn*] The President of the Board reported, concerning the property east of the Blind Institute, which was authorized to be purchased at the last meeting of the Board. On motion, it was carried that \$100 be appropriated for the purchase of an additional lot 30 x 128, and the President was empowered to close the transaction in regard to buying this property.

The Engineering Department of the University was requested to furnish design for the new school building, as per their offer through Mr. George Endress, and Mr. Gerhard was requested to notify Mr. Endress of the Board's action in this matter.

The matter of erecting a school building on the lots east of the Blind Institute was referred to the Building Committee, together with the President of the Board.

The application of Mr. George A. Brewer, for free tuition for his sister, was read, and the application rejected.

It was ordered that the stereopticon lecture be given in the High School building Friday night, November 17. The admission for this lecture: adults, 10 cents; all school children, 5 cents.

[*High School Lunch Room*] Further discussion in regard to the lunchroom in the basement of the High School arose, and Mr.

Hunsdon was requested by the Board to make an estimate for the cost of installing this room. Mr. Miller was requested to make an estimate of the probable cost of removing the physical laboratory upstairs.

[*Palm, High School, Pease*] The Superintendent was authorized to have coal bins erected at the Palm School and the High School and was further authorized to have the name of the Pease School properly replaced.

[*High School Manual Training*] A communication from Mr. Hunsdon, asking for an appropriation of \$280 for the purchase of 60 lockers and a forge and blower for the Manual Training Department, was read, and, on motion, it was carried that this amount be appropriated for said purpose.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

November 27, 1905

[171] The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, P.H. Gerhard, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews.

The Superintendent laid before the Board the request of the Principals, that a holiday be given on Friday after Thanksgiving, and that they be allowed to teach on Washington's birthday instead. After due consideration, the Board declined to grant this request.

The request of the Principals, that no holiday be given during Encampment and Carnival Week, was then taken up and discussed, and action thereon postponed.

Permission was granted Miss Fannie Robinson to organize classes in Expression in the High School.

[*Winn*] The Superintendent was authorized to advertise in the *Statesman* and the *News Tribune* for plans and specifications for the new school building to be erected on the property lately purchased northeast of the Blind Institute.

No further business appearing, the Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office
December 1, 1905

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey, J.A. Jackson, R.P. Bull.

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 3 and special meeting of November 27 were read and approved.

[*Treasurer's report*] The report of the American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Fund, for the month ending November 30, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$2,778.47, and the Allan Fund of \$7,197.13, was read. This report was received and ordered filed.

[172] The Superintendent made regular monthly statistical report, showing total attendance in the Schools at close of month ending November 10: 3,303, and a total attendance to date 3,519.

The Superintendent made further reports in regard to the work of the Schools, the Teachers' Institute, grade meetings, lectures at the High School, public debates to be given by the Literary Society of the High School, all of which was received by the Board as information.

The President and the Board made a statement in regard to some \$4,000 of the Available Fund of the County, which has been held by the Commissioners Court as a Permanent County Fund, and on which no interest has been paid for a number of years. The President gave to the Board the opinion of the Attorney General, that at least \$3,000 of this money belongs to the Available School Fund of the County, and the President was authorized and empowered by the Board to present the case before the Commissioners Court on next Monday, and, in case the Commissioners Court refuses to apportion the amount of Available Fund, the Board further authorized the President to appeal to the proper courts. The President stated that during the encumbrancy of Mr. Junigan, that \$1,750 had been transferred from the General Fund to the School Fund, and that the courts had held that this fund could not be transferred back to the General Fund. The President was also instructed to look into this matter.

[*Wooldridge*] Bids of Fischer & Lamb and Charles A Schurr, for repairing the Wooldridge School building with iron tie rods, were read. The contractor for repairing this building during the Christmas holidays was let to Charles A. Schurr, this bid being \$80.

[*High School, Palm*] The action of the Superintendent in not having built coal bins at the High School and the Palm School, as he was requested to do at the last meeting of the Board, was approved, on account of the bids being too high.

A communication from G.A. Sievers, asking for free tuition for his nephew, Phillip Hesse, whose mother is now in Europe, was granted on the ground that it [173] appears that his mother has no permanent home.

On motion, it was ordered that the bill of Von Boeckmann-Jones Company, for \$2, for printing the ballots of the last School Trustee election, be paid.

The question of granting free tuition to Katie Goldenbagen, whose mother is separated from her father, was discussed, and the Superintendent was ordered to send the tuition bill to the child's father, who lives in New Braunfels and who owns property there.

[*Holiday*] It was ordered that one-half holiday be given on Thursday, 7th inst., for the Sham Battle.

[*Bickler*] Miss Lura Lillie was granted permission to use a room in the Bickler School for classes in Expression, composed of the children of the Bickler School, [*High School*], and also use of the auditorium of the High School building, when it would not conflict with the classes of Miss Robinson, who previously had been given permission to use the High School building for classes in Expression. It was also understood, in granting permission to these ladies to use these buildings, that the work of the janitors was not in any wise to be interfered.

[*High School Lunchroom*] Communication from Mr. Hunsdon, in regard to the lunchroom in the High School, submitting plans for same and from Mr. Miller, estimating the amount it would cost to move the physical laboratory upstairs, were not discussed, it appearing that nothing could be done in these matters before summer.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

December 15, 1905

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson.

[*Winn*] Misters Watson, Andrewartha, Page and Wyard presented to the Board plans and specifications for the eight-room school building to be erected [174] near the Blind Institute. Each gentleman presented his own plan separately and gave the Board an idea of the merits of this plan and the cost of same. No action was taken on any of the plans at this meeting of the Board.

[*Allan Fund*] A discussion of whether it was best to invest the Allan Fund in city property arose. It was the unanimous opinion of the members present that this manner of investing the Allan Fund was far more advantageous than the present method of lending money on notes.

[*Christmas*] The Board authorized the Christmas holidays to begin at noon, Friday, December 22, and continue until January 2.

The Superintendent was granted permission to attend the State Teachers Association, which meets in San Antonio during the Christmas holidays.

The Superintendent was authorized to notify Miss Brooke that tuition must be collected from Katie Goldenbagen.

It was decided that Mr. Route be allowed the privilege of paying his notes due the Allan Fund in full.

The Board then adjourned.

Superintendent's Office

January 8, 1906

The regular meeting of the Board of January 5, by unanimous consent, was postponed until January 8, on account of the death of the mother of Mr. H.M. Metz. The following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 1 and special meeting of December 15 were read and approved.

[*Treasurer's report*] The report in the American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Board, showing a balance overdrawn of the General Fund of \$868.94, and a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$4,842.99, was read. This report was received and ordered filed.

[175] The Superintendent made his regular statistical report, showing total enrollment of the White Schools for the month ending December 8: [White Schools] 2,645, Colored Schools 893, grand total of 3,538. Superintendent reported the enrollment in the Schools to January 4, 1906: White Schools 2,696, Colored 989, showing a grand total of 3,685.

[*High School Teacher*] The Superintendent reported that, in all probability, there would be need of an extra teacher in the High School for the ensuing term, to begin on January 29, and also [reported] the resignation of Miss Coral Horton of the Palm School. Both these reports were referred to the Teachers Committee, with power to act.

Superintendent reported that it was the sense of the teachers at the last institute that the time for the regular meeting of the City Teachers Institute be changed. A committee of teachers was appointed to look into the advisability of changing the time, and they unanimously recommend that the date be changed from the second to the third Saturday of each month. On motion, this report of the Committee was adopted.

[*High School Manual Training (Personnel)*] Superintendent further reported that Mr. Hunsdon, Director of the Manual Training Department, was absent from his classes on account of the serious illness of his father. Miss Read was absent on account of the illness of her nephew. The Board approved the action of the Superintendent in granting leave to Mr. Hunsdon.

[*Wooldridge*] Superintendent reported, for the Building Committee, that the work of reinforcing the Wooldridge School building with iron tie rods by Mr. Schurr during the holidays, has been completed.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Gerhard reported, for the Allan Fund Committee, that a loan for \$2,000 at 7% had been made to Ed Taylor and wife. \$1,646 had been loaned at 8% to Bob Connerly. These loans were approved by the Board.

Mr. Jackson brought up the question of the renewal of the Wallace Miller note held by the [176] Allan Fund, which was referred to the Allan Fund Committee. Mr. Gerhard handed in the quarterly report of Goldbeck & Kuehne, showing the amount due the Allan Fund for the last quarter to be \$134.60.

The President made a report concerning the Available School Fund now held by the County. This report was discussed at some length, and, on motion, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee,

with instructions to begin legal proceedings against the County for the recovery of City's share of said fund. The Finance Committee was requested to confer with the City Attorney in regard to the matter, and, if advisable, to secure additional legal help.

A special Committee consisting of Misters Gerhard, Jackson and Bull was appointed to investigate the question of investing the Allan Fund in Austin real estate. This Committee was requested by the Board to attend to this matter immediately, and to report back to the Board within one week.

The Board ordered that one set of the *History of the World* be purchased for the High School library at a cost of \$76.50, and the Superintendent was authorized to purchase this set of books immediately.

[Winn] The Board then went into the discussion of the plans and specifications for the new eight-room school building to be erected near the Blind Institute. The plans of the four architects were thoroughly gone into. It was carried that the plan of Mr. C.H. Page be accepted on condition that the contractor's bid for erecting said building come within the figures submitted to the Board by Mr. Page: \$11,075. The Building Committee was authorized to act with the President in the erection of this building.

The President reported that a photographer had been to see him, asking permission to photograph the different rooms in the city. After discussion of the advisability of having the rooms photographed, it was the opinion of the Board that the request of this photographer be refused.

[177] After approving warrants for the General Fund to the amount of \$656.63, and the Allan Fund the amount of \$269.94, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

February 2, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, P.H. Gerhard.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 8 were read and approved.

[*Treasurer's report*] The report of the American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Funds, was read, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$1,952.20, and the Allan Fund of \$8,869.63. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made his regular monthly statistical report for the month ending January 12, showing the enrollment in the White Schools, 2,683, and the Colored Schools, 1,032, total of 3,715. Superintendent further reported the enrollment in the City Schools February 2 to be for the White Schools 2,646, Colored 1,085, total of 3,731.

The following special report from the Superintendent, in regard to the crowded condition in the Schools, was read and, on motion, it was ordered that a special meeting of the Board be called for next Thursday at 4:00 in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and taking action on this report.

[*Report*]

Superintendent's Office

February 2, 1906

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

I desire to call your attention to the crowded condition existing in the City Schools, and to express the hope that you put into operation some plans that will [178] give relief before the beginning of next scholastic year, September 1906.

In 1903 to 1904, there were seven unoccupied rooms in the ward schools; now not one. At that time, there were several vacant rooms in the High School building; now not one.

[*Winn*] The building you have determined to erect near the Blind Institute will relieve the situation in East Austin, and will also, to some extent, relieve that in West Austin.

If the scholastic population continues to increase as rapidly in the next three years, as in the past three years, additional rooms at the Pease and Wooldridge Schools will be a necessity, or you will be forced to deny to some children school privileges, simply on account of lack of seating capacity.

[*South Austin (Fulmore), Hyde Park (Baker)*] New buildings are badly needed in Hyde Park and South Austin. These buildings are old, ill-adapted to school purposes, do not represent the educational sentiment of the city, and the efficiency of the schools is seriously interfered with by this lack of room.

[*Allan Manual Training Building*] With the growth of the High School and the expansion of the Manual Training Department, it will not be long before a Manual Training building will be a necessity, to accommodate the increasing numbers asking to enter this department.

[*Robertson Hill*] It has been for some time, if I mistake not, the determination of the Board to remove the Robertson Hill High School for Colored children. In my opinion, it would be very unwise to attempt to remodel this old and dilapidated structure, and therefore a new High School building for Colored children will be needed, when the location of this high school is changed.

At least six additional teachers are needed in the Schools today. During the session of 1903-1904, there were 26 rooms with an enrollment of more than 50. During the session of 1904-1905, there were 37 rooms with an enrollment more than 50. At the close of this school year, from present indications, the conditions will be worse. These things should not exist. It is poor economy and a very unwise policy to crowd from 50 to 60 children in a room and [179] expect real, vital teaching to be done. Such a thing as individual work with children is out of the question. It cannot be given. The teachers become mere machines, bearers of lessons, "keepers of school," and the children suffer for lack of personal attention.

I submit to you the conditions as they are, and hope such action will be taken by your honorable body as will best conserve the interests of the Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

{A.N. McCallum}, Superintendent of Schools

A communication from Robert Davis, offering his resignation as a teacher in the City Schools, and at the same time telling the Board that he had left the city, was read. It was ordered that his resignation be not accepted, but his name dropped from the roll.

[*Robertson Hill*] The Superintendent reported, for the Building Committee, that the additional room at the Robertson Hill Colored School had been fixed for occupancy.

The following reports from the Teachers Committee were read and adopted.

Superintendent's Office

January 18, 1906

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend that Miss Ada Blackburn, teacher in the Baker School, be elected as teacher in the High School for the seventh grade for four and a half months, beginning January 29.

We recommend further that the resignation of Miss Coral Horton, teacher in the Palm School, and Miss Bonnie Carpenter, teacher in the Fulmore School, be accepted.

We recommend further that Misses Irene Horton, Zuma Lee Tucker, and Maggie McInnis be appointed to fill the three vacancies thus created.

Respectfully submitted,

{R.P. Bull}, {P.H. Gerhard}, {J.A. Jackson}

Committee on Teachers

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Superintendent's Office

January 29, 1906

We, your Committee on Teachers, beg to report:

First, on account of the crowded conditions of the Robertson Hill High School, we recommend the election of an additional teacher. For this place, we recommend Mr. W.P. Johnson.

Second, for the vacancy existing in the West Austin School on account of Robert Davis' unceremoniously leaving the city, we recommend the election of Mrs. J.H. Pickard.

Third, we recommend the following assignments: Miss Tucker to the Palm School, Miss Horton to the Hyde Park School, and Miss McInnis to Fulmore.

Respectfully submitted,

{Gerhard} and {Jackson}, Committee

[*Robertson Hill*] A communication from Charles F. Moore, H.L. Haynes, Frank Heierman, and others, representing the East Austin Improvement Club, in regard to the trouble between the children of the Robertson Hill School and the Bickler School, was read. The Superintendent was instructed to answer the communication, stating

the facts in the case and to inform the Club that the Committee of the Board would meet with the Club at any time and discuss with them the necessity of moving the Robertson Hill High School to some place satisfactory to all concerned.

A communication from Miss Gertrude Lippelt, teacher of German in the High School, asking for several texts in German, and one from Mr. William C. Vernon, teacher of mathematics in the High School, asking that Lyman's *Advanced Arithmetic* be included in the course of study. These communications were referred to the Teachers Textbook Committee.

[Bickler] A communication from J.L. Taff, Principal of the Bickler School, asking the Board to visit the Bickler School next Tuesday afternoon and be present at the meeting of the Mothers' Club, was read, and the invitation accepted by the Board.

The question of investing the Allan Fund in Austin interest-bearing real estate was discussed freely by [181] the Board, and the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board, consisting of Misters Gerhard, Bull and Jackson, was continued, with request that they look after the matter of investing the Allan Fund as soon as possible and report back to the Board.

After approving warrants for the General Fund in the amount of \$542.22, and the Allan Fund to the amount of \$31.40, the Board adjourned to meet next Thursday at 4:00 in special meeting.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

February 8, 1906

The Board met in special session, pursuant to order made at last regular meeting, with all the members present.

The special report of the Superintendent made at the last meeting, concerning the crowded conditions existing in the Schools, was taken up as the special order of business. The report was thoroughly discussed. After a full discussion, it was decided by the Board that no action be taken at this meeting, but that the Superintendent's report be published in the morning papers next Sunday, and that the Board meet Thursday, February 15 at 4:00 p.m., to consider the report more thoroughly and to hear the statement concerning the Schools, to be prepared by the President of the Board, Judge Z.T. Fulmore.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

February 15, 1906

The Board met in special session, pursuant to adjournment. The following members were present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider [182] further the necessity of additional school buildings in the city, and to devise ways and plans whereby they can be secured.

The Superintendent read the address prepared by the President of the Board to the citizens of Austin, stating the conditions of the Schools and the necessity of an additional tax for meeting the present and future demands. As there was not a full meeting of the Board, no definite action was taken on this address.

On motion, it was ordered that the President communicate with the Mayor and Assessor of the City, and ascertain the probable rate of city tax for next year in the expenditures of the City.

Superintendent was authorized to purchase from the Daughters of the Republic a flag of the Republic for the High School building, not to cost exceeding \$9.

Mrs. M.P. Jackson was elected a substitute teacher in the South Austin School at a salary of \$30 per month, her services to continue as long as the school is in the present, crowded condition.

Permission was granted to the Superintendent to attend the Department of Superintendence of the N.E.A., to meet in Louisville, February 26, and also to visit the Indianapolis and Louisville Schools. It was ordered that the expenses of the Superintendent be paid.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

February 19, 1906

The Board met in special session, with Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, P.H. Gerhard and R.P. Bull present.

[Winn] Mr. C.H. Page, architect, appeared before the Board, with plans and specifications for the new school building to be erected near the Blind Institute. On motion, it was ordered to call for bids for the erection of the Blind Institute School, to be received up to 9:00 a.m., March 5. It was further ordered by the Board that each contractor bidding shall hand in with his bid a certified check of \$300, the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

The Board then adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office

March 2, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was postponed until the next regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Metz, it was ordered that the Board accept the Butler Building on East 6th Street, now occupied by Harry Zier at \$18,000 for the Allan Fund, provided Butler will consent to pay all back taxes and also the tax for the year 1906. On motion, it was ordered that Mr. Gerhard make the above offer to Mr. Butler and, if accepted, Mr. Gerhard was given permission by the Board to select such notes due the Allan Fund as he may think proper to offer, either for sale or in part payment to Mr. Butler.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 5, 1906

The Board met in special session, with all the members present, except Dr. Mathews.

[Winn] The following bids for erecting the new school building east of the Blind Institute were read.

	<u>Building complete</u>	<u>Auditorium left off</u>
Fischer & Lambie	\$14,995	deduct \$1,700
Ledbetter and Mundt	\$12,936	deduct \$1,400
J.A. Greathouse	\$13,056	\$11,636
James Waterston	\$13,400.	—
Brydson Bros. & Belger	\$13,670	\$12,344
J.A. Polhemus	\$13,193	deduct \$1,596
R.A. Flume	\$15,385	—
Max Schneider	\$12,849	\$11,820
Charles A. Schurr	\$15,000	deduct \$1,885

[184] [Winn] On motion, any bidder was permitted to withdraw his bid. Mistrs Waterston, Brydson Bros. & Belger, and R.A. Flume withdrew their bids, with certified checks attached.

After discussion, final action on the above bids was deferred to the special Committee to be held March 10, at 9:00 a.m.

On account of the funeral of ex-Governor James S. Hogg, the Schools were ordered to dismiss at 2:00 p.m.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 10, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, F.T. Ramsey.

[Winn] The object of the meeting was to consider further the bids which were presented at the last special meeting of the Board, for the erection of the school building near the Blind Institute.

On motion, it was ordered that the Board go into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Gerhard, it was unanimously carried that all bids be rejected on the grounds that the amounts bid by the different contractors exceed the amount guaranteed by the architect, C.H. Page, Jr., namely \$11,075. It was further agreed that the plans and specifications of Mr. Page be not rejected, but be considered further at another meeting of the Board.

Mr. Gerhard, of the Allan Fund Committee, made a statement in regard to the purchase of property for \$18,000. It appeared that the amount to the credit of the Allan Fund at the American National Bank was about \$9,000 and the Board authorized an overdraft for the amount necessary for the purchase of this property.

It was ordered that 30 days be given to Misters Stacy and Younger for the payment of interest due on their notes, and the Allan Fund Committee instructed to notify them that if the interest was not paid in 30 days, that legal action would be begun by the City Attorney.

[185] On motion, the Board authorized the payment to Miss Florence Burdett salary for one day, for time lost during the illness and death of her uncle.

The Board authorized the payment of one half the amount on the salary of Mr. Hunsdon, for time lost while absent during the illness and death of his father.

Bills to the amount of \$337.93 for the General Fund, and \$99.35 for the Allan Fund were approved.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 17, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, R.P. Bull, J.A. Jackson.

After a free and thorough discussion, it was agreed by the Board, on account of the absence of three members and the importance of the business before them, namely, the new school building near the Blind Institute and the advisability of asking the citizens to vote an additional tax for School purposes, to postpone action until next Wednesday, March 21, at such time as the President should name.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 21, 1906

The Board met in special session, with all the members present, except Dr. Mathews.

Permission was granted to the boys of the High School baseball club, to give a musical at the High School for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the team.

Mr. Gerhard of the Allan Fund Committee made a statement to the Board in regard to the condition of the George C. Evans note, after which a motion was made and carried to notify Misters Pressler and Robinson, the agents [186] of Mr. Evans, that unless the claim held by the Board is paid at once, legal proceedings will be begun to foreclose the lien held on Mr. Evans' property. It was ordered by the Board that the abstract for 340 acres of land owned by William P. Smart be sent to Williamson County, and that the abstract be brought up to date.

On motion, the President of the Board was authorized to endorse such note or notes held by the Allan Fund that may be necessary, in order that a sufficient amount to obtain from the bank the necessary amount to pay for the Butler property and secure the deed therefore on East 6th Street.

[Winn] The question of the erection of a new school building near the Blind Institute, and the advisability of asking the citizens of Austin to increase the school tax, was taken up. The members of the Board expressed their individual opinion in regard to both these questions. The members of the Board expressed their regrets that it would be necessary to shorten the school term one month next year in order to complete the new building east of the Blind Institute, should the people fail to vote the extra tax called for.

It was ordered by the Board that the plans and specifications heretofore accepted by the Board for the erection of the school building near the Blind Institute be rejected on the grounds that none of the bids for erection came within the prescribed amount \$11,075.

It was further ordered by the Board [that] the new plans and specifications be advertised for the erection of a new building, the cost not to exceed \$12,000, the plans and specifications called for to include the electric wiring, connection with the sewer, and hot air heating.

It was ordered by the Board that the President, with Mr. Hunsdon and the Superintendent, be appointed a Committee to draw the detailed specifications for this building.

[187] The Board then took up the question of asking an increase in the tax rate for the benefit of the Schools, and it was ordered by the Board that the City Council be requested to ask the taxpayers to levy an additional $8\frac{2}{3}$ cents on the \$100, which will make the total tax rate 42 cents on the \$100 for School purposes. Mr. Gerhard advocated that, inasmuch as he thought $8\frac{2}{3}$ cents insufficient and would result in placing us in the same embarrassment in the next few years, we vote $16\frac{2}{3}$ cents.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President.

April 2, 1906

The Board met in special session, with Ramsey, Metz, Gerhard and Fulmore present.

The question of presenting to the City Council at its regular meeting tonight, for calling an election to determine whether the school tax should be raised $8\frac{2}{3}$ cents on the \$100, making a total tax of 42 cents for School purposes, was discussed, and it was ordered by the Board that the matter be presented to the Council, that all members be present, and that the President of the Board present the matter to the Council.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

April 6, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, P.H. Gerhard, R.P. Bull, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 2 and special meetings of February 8, 15 and 19, also of March 2, 5, 10, 17, 21 and April 2 [188] were approved by the Board.

The American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Funds, reported the balance on hand to the credit of the General Fund of \$13,530.64, and the Allan Fund had been overdrawn at \$9.19. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made his regular monthly statistical report for the month ending March 9, 1906. Total enrollment in White Schools, 2,919; Colored Schools, 1,132; grand total, 4,051.

Superintendent further reported that, since the last meeting of the Board, Miss Stella Shurtleff, a teacher in the Palm School, had resigned, and that Miss Alice Harrell had been appointed to this vacancy, and Miss Gussie Glass to the vacancy caused by the promotion of Miss Harrell. This report of the Superintendent was approved by the Board.

It was ordered by the Board that the notes due the Allan Fund by Misters Stacy and Evans, and all past due notes, either principal or interest, be placed in the hands of the City Attorney for collection.

The following report by Mr. Gerhard, concerning the purchase of the Butler property on East 6th Street, with recommendations, was read and adopted by the Board. The thanks of the Board were tendered Mr. Gerhard for this report. Report filed. It was ordered by the Board that a warrant be drawn in favor of Mr. M. Butler for \$34.32, amount due for the unexpired insurance on the building recently purchased from Mr. Butler. This word was ordered to be drawn when the rent due the Allan Fund was paid by Mr. Covert.

On motion, it was ordered that the rent due the Allan Fund for the property now owned by that fund and occupied by Mr. Zier be paid directly to the School Board, as the Board did not think it proper that any part of the rent go for commission.

Mr. Gerhard, for the Allan Fund Committee, stated that they are trying to secure a higher rental for the property bought from Mr. Butler, and he was authorized by the Board, if he thought advisable, to make a [189] lease of the Butler property for five years at \$1,500 per year.

The election for three School Trustees was ordered to be held Saturday, May 5, the polling places to be the courthouse and Alexander's Store. Mr. W.W. Harris was appointed the judge of elections at the courthouse, and Louis Marcuse judge of election at Alexander's Store.

[*Census*] Mr. W.S. Groves was appointed to take the scholastic census of the city during the month of May. It was ordered that the pay for taking the scholastic census be as follows: for White children, two cents from the State and four cents from the City, total six cents *per caput*; Colored children, two cents from the State and five cents from the City, total seven cents *per caput*.

On motion, it was ordered that the note due the Allan Fund by Mr. W.P. Smart be sold to the Austin Fire Insurance Company.

Bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$298.87, and for the Allan Fund of \$137.92, were approved by the Board.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

April 11, 1906

The Board met in special session, with Fulmore, Metz, Ramsey, Jackson and Gerhard present.

[*Winn*] The following architects submitted plans and specifications for a new school building to be erected near the Blind Institute: Watson, Andrewartha, Belger, J.R. Wyard, Ray McDonald, J.P. McDonald, Max Schneider, R.V. Dixon.

The question of whether contractors had a right to enter the competition came up for discussion, and the Board decided that it would not be fair to the architects, to have contractors enter the contest who did not have with them the plans [190] and specifications of the buildings, that if the plans and specifications were presented to the Board, it was the privilege of the Board to determine whether these gentlemen were architects or not. Mr. Belger was given permission to withdraw from the contest, and Mr. Watson asked for time to consider whether he should enter the contest.

It was decided that the Board receive the plans and specifications and hear the remarks of the architects in the following order: First, Dixon; second, Wyard; third, Schneider; fourth, R.E. McDonald; fifth, J.P. McDonald; sixth, A.O. Watson; seventh, Andrewartha.

On motion, it was ordered by the Board that a holiday be given Monday, April 23 as San Jacinto Day, which is a legal holiday, comes on Saturday.

On motion, it was ordered that the Mothers' Club of the Bickler School be given permission to use the High School auditorium for the entertainment to be given by them for the purpose of erecting a drinking fountain at the school for the girls, the evening of the 20th *inst.*

The Superintendent asked permission of the Board to have the institute for White teachers at 3:00, Thursday, April 19, the regular institute day being a legal holiday. This permission was granted by the Board.

The Board adjourned, to meet Thursday night at 8:00 p.m., to consider the plans and specifications further.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

April 12, 1906

The Board met in special session at 8:00 p.m., with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, R.P. Bull, P.H. Gerhard, F.T. Ramsey.

[Winn] The question of selecting plans and specifications for the new school building was discussed, but the Board adjourned without taking definite action.

The President of the Board was authorized to enter a formal protest against holding the election for an [191] additional school tax and voting on the question of rebuilding the dam at the same time. He was authorized by the Board to present the protest at the next meeting of the City Council, and, in case the Council refused to change the date of the dam election, to call a special meeting of the Board and present to them the decision of the Council.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

April 30, 1906

The Board met in special session at the office of Judge Fulmore. Present: Z.T. Fulmore and P.H. Gerhard. No quorum being present, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

May 1, 1906

The Board met in special session at the Superintendent's office, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson.

It was ordered that \$150, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for expenses of holding the election for increase of school tax on April 26.

The Board adjourned, to meet in regular session next Friday night. {Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office

May 4, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, P.H. Gerhard, J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey, R.P. Bull.

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 6 and special meetings of April 11, 12, 30 and May 1 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Fund, [was read,] showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$18,392, and balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$146.65. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made his regular monthly statistical report, showing total enrollment in the Austin Schools for the month ending April 6: White Schools, 2,935; Colored Schools, 1,141; grand total, 4,076.

Superintendent further reported that the attendance at the Wheatville School had decreased so materially that it is questionable whether it is proper to continue the services of two teachers. Action on this report was deferred until the meeting to be held Monday night.

Mr. Gerhard made a special report concerning the leasing of the property recently purchased from Mr. Butler on East 6th Street now occupied by Mr. Zier for five years, at the annual rental of \$1,500. The following proposition of Mr. Zier was read and accepted by the Board.

To the Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools

Gentlemen, we hereby agree to make a lease on your store building on East 6th Street for three years, with the privilege of extending the same for two years longer at the expiration of first

three years, at a rental of \$125 per month, payable monthly, on condition that you build us a stairway in front part of store about four feet wide.

The Zier-Phillips Furniture Company
per Harris Zier, our Secretary and Treasurer

[193] Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, reported that the notes due the Allan Fund by Misters Stacy, Evans, King and others had been turned over to the City Attorney, for collection.

[*South Austin (Colored)*] It was ordered that the salary of Johnny January, janitor of the South Austin Colored School, be increased to \$3 per month, said increase to begin at the time the additional teacher was put on.

A communication from Miss Nesbitt, teacher of domestic science and art in the High School, concerning luncheon to be given at the High School next Wednesday afternoon, was read and, after discussion, it was decided by the Board that they accept the invitation and ask other prominent gentlemen to accompany them to the High School, in order that they may become more familiar with school conditions.

Communication from Mr. Hunsdon, asking that he be allowed to purchase for the Manual Training Department some cutters, was read, and Mr. Hunsdon given permission to order the necessary tools.

Mr. P.H. Gerhard handed in his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees, to take effect at once. The Board, after expressing appreciation of Mr. Gerhard as a School Trustee for his faithfulness and zeal in performing his duties, accepted the resignation and appointed Mr. D.B. Gracy a member of the Board, to succeed Mr. Gerhard

Bills to the amount of \$221.66 for the General Fund and \$45.32 for the Allan Fund were approved.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

May 7, 1906

The Board met in special session, with Fulmore, Metz, Ramsey, Jackson and Pettway present.

The returns of the Trustee election held on May 5 were canvassed, and showed the following [194] gentlemen elected Trustees of the Austin City Schools for the next two years: Z.T. Fulmore, F.T. Ramsey, and Dr. T.R. Pettway.

No further business appearing before the old Board, the new Board was organized by the election of Z.T. Fulmore, President; H.M. Metz, Vice President; and Dr. T.R. Pettway, Secretary. A.N. McCallum was unanimously elected Superintendent for the ensuing year, and the election of Clerk was postponed until the next regular meeting.

A communication from D.B. Gracy, who was appointed Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Gerhard, on account of pressure of business engagements, did not see his way clear to serve on the Board.

After a general discussion by the different members of the Board, as to the necessity of Board members being present at each meeting, and each member to assume his proportionate share or his part of the School duties, the Superintendent was requested to write to Dr. Mathews and inquire from him whether he thought the condition of his health would permit him to give that time and attention to the duties of Trustee, that the position required.

[*Census*] It was ordered that the Colored census takers be paid eight cents per *caput*, instead of seven, as previously ordered by the Board.

The Superintendent and the Principal of the High School were instructed to make all necessary arrangements for securing music for commencement and to select an orator for commencement exercises.

The expenses of the Trustee elections held on Saturday, May 5, were ordered to be paid.

The Board adjourned, to meet in the Superintendent's office Monday night, May 14.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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May 14, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore. H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, T.R. Pettway.

The following Rule was adopted in regard to vacation schools:

[*Vacation Schools*] There shall be organized each year, after the close of the regular school term, vacation schools, in as many of the buildings as may be necessary to accommodate the pupils who desire private tuition, on the following conditions:

First, the maximum charge for high school pupils shall be \$10 per scholastic month, on the following basis: for those pupils who take one subject, \$5 per month; for those pupils who take two subjects, \$8 per month; for those pupils who take more than two subjects, \$10 per month.

Second, the maximum charge for primary and grammar grade pupils shall be \$5 per scholastic month, on the following basis: for those pupils who take one subject, \$3 per month; for those pupils who take two or more subjects, \$5 per month. In no case shall more than \$10 be charged for high school pupils, and \$5 for primary or grammar grade pupils.

Third, the names of the pupils in attendance and the grades at the expiration of the vacation school must be filed with the Superintendent, who shall determine whether said pupils are entitled to promotion.

Permission was granted the Superintendent to ask the children in the Schools to make voluntary contributions to the tornado sufferers at Bellevue, Texas.

[196] [*Winn*] On motion, it was ordered that the plans and specifications of A.O. Watson, architect, be accepted, with the understanding that bids be secured to carry out such plans and specifications, such bids not to exceed \$12,000.

Dr. Pettway was appointed a member of the Finance Committee. H.M. Metz and J.A. Jackson were appointed members of the Allan Fund Committee.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President.

May 31, 1906

The Board met in special session, with following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews.

[Bids] Bids were open from Misters Belger, Schoenert & Keye, St. John and Rex, for erecting the building near the Blind Institute. As all bids exceeded the price agreed upon by the Board, they were rejected.

The Board authorized diplomas to be presented to the following graduates of the Robertson Hill High School: Effie Ester White, Kittie Mae Williams, Jerry Lee Foster, Monroe Carew Wilson, Herbert Spencer Lawson, Grant Sherman Frazier, Adolphus Lorenzo Hall, Aaron Frederick Fuller.

And to the following graduates of the Austin High School: Jamie Bell Andrews, Eugene Buford Church, Nellie Mary Daily, Nellie Theodore Gammel, Millie Hofstetter, Ella Brooks Harris, Edwin Clinton Kreisle, Madge Elizabeth Roberts, Marshall Albert Ramsdell, Maud Eugenia Thomas, Florence Shelley Chilton, Ophelia Katherine Halden, Arthur Joseph Kelleher, Clarence Eugene McCashin, Grace Byrne, Katie Louise Gannaway, Myra Cecil Hunt, Jessie Flora Ramsey, Ione Spears.

On motion of Mr. Metz, the Board decided to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Gerhard. Mr. Charles A. Kuse was unanimously elected, and the Superintendent requested to notify him of the election.

It was ordered that the examinations be held for City Certificates on the 14th and 15th of June next.

On motion, it was ordered that the President and Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, ascertain the cost of the property now occupied as a dwelling owned by Mrs. Peterson and adjoining the property recently purchased for the new school.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

June 1, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the regular session of May 4 and special sessions of May 7, 14 and 31 were read and approved.

The following Standing Committees for the new year were appointed by President Fulmore:

Teachers: T.R. Pettway, Chairman, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews.

[198] Building: W.J. Mathews, Chairman, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey.

Finance: J.A. Jackson, Chairman, T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews.

Supplies: C.A. Kuse, Chairman, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey.

Rules, Etc.: F.T. Ramsey, Chairman, J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz.

Allan Fund: H.M. Metz, Chairman, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews.

The Superintendent read the resignation of Miss Fanny M. Andrews as Clerk of the Board of Trustees, which was accepted by the Board, and the Superintendent instructed to convey to Miss Andrews the sincere appreciation of the Board for the faithful and efficient services she has rendered in the capacity of Clerk for the past ten years.

On motion, Miss Etta Porter was unanimously elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

On motion, it was ordered that the election expense account for the increase in school tax held April 26 will be presented to the City Council at its next regular meeting, for payment. The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. J.A. Jackson, was appointed to present this account to the Council.

A petition from Mr. L.M. Layton, asking that the scholastic age for the City of Austin be extended, was read, and it was ordered that the scholastic age be extended to 21 years. It was the opinion of the Board that the extension [199] of the scholastic age to 21 years would enable many poor children to get a high school education.

The Superintendent requested that he be permitted to have some form of Manual Training inaugurated in the Schools, from the fifth grade on through the seventh, and that the seventh grade be allowed the privilege of attending the High School at least two days in the week for work in the Manual Training Department. This matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted to the Board the necessity of employing a teacher of physical culture and music in the Schools, and

recommended that the Board take the matter under consideration until the next regular meeting.

[*Olive Street*] The Board adjourned, to meet in special session at 4:00 next Monday, for the purpose of securing plans and specifications, and proceeding at once with the erection of the building in East Austin.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

June 4, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse, W.J. Mathews. Absent: Mr. H.M. Metz.

[*Winn*] The President of the Board reported that the special Committee appointed at a previous meeting of the Board had purchased the property adjoining the Blind Institute property and owned by Mrs. Christine Peterson, for the amount of \$850. The President stated in this connection that it would be impossible for the Board to secure possession of the property in 60 days [200] and that this year's taxes on the property would be paid by the Board. This action of the special Committee was ratified by the Board.

On motion, it was carried that Mr. L.N. Goldbeck be allowed to have the Allan property, which he represents, and [is] owned by the Allan Fund, painted and repaired.

[*Winn*] The Board then took up the question of the new school building and went into executive session, to hear Mr. Watson, who reported that he was sure that if they would give until Wednesday next, at 6:00 p.m., he could secure a bid to erect the building according to his plans and specifications, for the sum specified by the Board.

The Board adjourned to meet next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

June 6, 1906

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

[*Winn*] Mr. A.O. Watson, the architect for the new building, presented to the Board bids from several contractors for different parts of the building, each contractor bidding upon particular parts, the total amount of all the contracts to be \$12,000. This was accepted by the Board, and the Building Committee [was] instructed to meet in the Superintendent's office at 11:00 a.m., to close the contracts, fix

bonds, and do everything necessary for the erection of the building at once.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment to W.A. Burke of bill amounting to \$21.77.

The Superintendent was authorized to draw up and present to the next meeting of the Board a schedule of the number of pupils each teacher in the Colored Schools should have, before the teachers should be permitted to go on work.

[201] Mr. Pettway, Jackson and Mathews, the Teachers Committee, made the following report, which was adopted by the Board.

Principals:

High School, Mr. J.E. Pearce; Bickler School, Mr. J.L. Taff; Pease School, Mr. T.A. Brown; Palm School, Miss F.R. Brooke; Wooldridge School, Miss Mary E. Johnson; Fulmore School, Mrs. B. Delfraisse; Baker School, Miss Mary Lowry.

Teachers:

Miss Fannie Ottley, Miss Nina Hill, Miss Maud Smith, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Gertrude Lippelt, Miss Effie Graves, Miss Clovie Hill, Miss Margaret Reilly, Miss Ada Blackburn, Mr. P.T. Miller, Mr. William C. Vernon. Mr. N.S. Hunsdon, Mr. E.S. Blackburn, Mr. Fred Hofstetter, Miss Eleanor H. Nesbitt, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Hettie Hofstetter, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Louise Thomas, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Emmy Jessen, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Emma Puckett, Mrs. Eva H. Thayer, Miss Janie Ellis, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss H.P. Buckley, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss Cecil O'Banion, Miss B. Killingsworth, Miss Ruby West, Miss Minnie Mayes, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Emily Numbers, Miss Mary Copes, Miss Grace Ketchum, Miss Kate Jenkins, Miss Zuma Tucker, Miss Kate Eanes, Miss Alice Harrell, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Bertha Wallace, Miss Daisy Gilliam, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Eula Hill, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham, Miss Florence Burdett, Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Florence Holladay, Miss Jessie B. Roy, Mrs. Kate Z. Williams.

[202] Colored Principals:

Robertson Hill, L.C. Anderson; Gregorytown, G.W. Norman; West Austin, W.T. McCall.

Color Teachers:

Mrs. C.L. Woodard, Mrs. J. E. Lampkin, Mrs. L.E. Lee, Mr. C.M. White, Mr. W.H. Passon, Mr. L.B. Kinchion, Mr. T. Chandler.

[*Olive Street*] The President reported that he had secured the services of Mr. Boothe, to put the grounds where the new school building is to be erected in proper condition.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

June 18, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse.

The Teachers Committee recommended the election of Misses Alice Humphrey and Lucy May Sappington as teachers in the Austin City Schools. They further recommended the election of Miss Elizabeth Wiley and E.W. Benton as teachers, with the understanding that they secure a first-grade City Certificate at the August examination. They further recommended that the resignation of Mr. P.T. Miller be accepted, and the Superintendent was authorized to make inquiry concerning different science teachers for this position, the salary to be paid \$900.

Misses Laura Pierce and L.C. Rhambo and Mrs. L. E. Morton were elected teachers in the Colored Schools for the ensuing year.

[*Allan East 6th Street*] Bids were received for placing a stairway in the Butler Building. All bids [203] were rejected on account of the price being too great, and it was ordered by the Board that bids be advertised for.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

June 13, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse.

The Superintendent was authorized to have warrants drawn in favor of Austin Real Estate & Abstract Company for \$200, in payment of Lot 5 in Block 1, Gammel and Taylor's subdivision of Outlot 44, Division B.

Mr. C.T. Dowell was elected to the position of Head of the Science Department of the High School, vice P.T. Miller, resigned, with the understanding that Mr. Dowell take the City Examination in August.

Miss Janet Downie was reelected Supervisor of Drawing for the next scholastic year, with a salary of \$35 per month.

[*High School Manual Training*] The Superintendent reported that, after consultation with Misters Pearce and Hunsdon, it was thought best not to remove the physical laboratory, in order to make room for lunch room, but to change the forge room, and to have the kitchen in what was formerly the janitor's living room, provided the rotunda in the basement could be utilized for this purpose.

The Building Committee decided to meet at the Superintendent's office at 2:00, Monday afternoon, for the purpose of going in a body to the different buildings, in order to see what repairs were needed. Board adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office

July 6, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, W.J. Mathew, C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway. Absent: Mr. Metz.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 1 and special meetings of June for 6, 18 and 30 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, as Treasurer of School Funds, for the month ending July 1, 1906, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$15,148.59, and a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$2,736.25, was read. This report was received and ordered filed.

The following report of the Finance Committee was adopted by the Board.

June 23, 1906

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Finance, recommend the following salaries for the year 1906-1907:

A.N. McCallum, Superintendent, \$2,200

Etta Porter, Clerk, \$600

J.E. Pearce, Principal of the High School, \$1,600

William C. Vernon, Head of Math in High School, \$100 per month

Fred Hofstetter, teacher of drawing, Manual Training Department, \$700

E.S. Blackburn \$700 and 30% of the fees secured from the university students.

We recommend that the other high school salaries remain the same, namely \$80 per month.

We further recommend that Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Principal of the Fulmore School, and Miss Mary Lowry, Principal of the Baker School, be paid \$80 per month, and the remaining salaries for principals and teachers to remain as they were last year, except as insofar as they are changed by the regular Rules of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

{J.A. Jackson}, {W.J. Mathews}, {T.R. Pettway}, Finance Committee

[205] On this report, Jackson, Ramsey, Mathews and Pettway voted aye; Fulmore and Kuse, no.

Mr. Kuse of the Supply Committee reported that the janitor of the Bickler School had called his attention to the necessity of repairing the janitor's house. It was decided to take up this when the Building Committee visited the different buildings in the city.

The President reported that the American National Bank desired to prosecute the George Evans claim held by the Allan Fund, in connection with a claim held by said bank, guaranteeing that the proceeds of the property on which the Allan Fund holds a lien shall go entirely to the payment of said loan, all costs, attorney fees, etc. to be paid by the American National Bank. This arrangement was approved by the Board, and attention is directed to the contract between the American National Bank and the President of the Board.

[Winn] The names of Misses Margaret Reilly, Ada Blackburn, Kittie Carlisle and Emma Puckett were presented to the Board as applicants for the position of Principal of the school building which is now being erected near the Blind Institute. On motion of Dr. Pettway, it was decided to elect by ballot. Miss Margaret Reilly was elected to the principalship of this school.

[*High School*] It was ordered that the City Examination for teachers be held the sixth, seventh and eighth of August.

Mr. Pearce, the Principal of the High School, was given authority to select two of the English teachers to remain in the High School. This matter was put into Mr. Pearce's hands because, in the opinion of the Board, he is better fitted to select the High School teachers.

The Superintendent made the following statistical report for the month ending June 1, 1906: grand total enrollment in all schools, 4,094, against 3,906 the same date last year.

[206] [*High School Science, Reilly*] The election of the teacher of science in the High School, to take the place of Miss Reilly, was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Bills to the amount of \$76.42 were approved for the General Fund, and \$52.17 for the Allan Fund.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

August 3, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, T.R. Pettway. Absent Dr. Mathews.

The minutes of July 6 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Funds, for the month ending August 1, 1906, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$13,100.30, and a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$2,569.08, was read. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent reported that he had appointed Mrs. Delfraisse, Principal of the Fulmore School, to take the place of Mr. Pearce on the examining board, for the examinations to be held on August 6, 7 and 8.

[*Baker*] Mr. Ramsey, for the Building Committee, reported that an inspection had been made of the Baker, Pease, Palm and West Austin Colored School, and recommended that the Committee be instructed to secure bids for repairing the roof on the Baker School. This report was adopted.

Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee, read bids from C.A. Bryant & Company, Dallas; Texas Seating Company, Fort Worth; Farmer's Printing Company, Dallas; C.H. Myers & Company, Houston; making bids on desks to be used in the new school building. The bid of C.A. Bryant & Company of Dallas was accepted.

[207] The Superintendent was authorized to write to the San Antonio School Board and ask information, price, etc. of coal used in the public schools of that city, it appearing that the San Antonio Board paid considerably less for coal than in this city.

The bill for election expenses held on April 26 was ordered paid in full.

Mr. C.O. Smith was elected temporarily, with the understanding that he take the City Examination later, to fill the vacancy in the High School caused by the promotion of Miss Reilly to the principalship of the new school building.

The Superintendent read a communication from Mrs. Rebecca J. Fisher, suggesting names for the different school buildings in the city. No action was taken on this communication, other than to instruct the Superintendent to answer it and to express the appreciation of the Board for the interest shown in this matter by Mrs. Fisher.

The communication from Mr. R.M. Mueller, asking that the Board take some action, together with the residents on Rio Grande Street, between 6th and 11th, to have the City Council gravel said street. This communication was referred to Mr. Jackson, with a request that he present it to the City Council at the same time the bill for election expenses is presented.

[*Olive Street*] Mr. Kuse was appointed a committee of one to negotiate with Miss Brooke about the purchase of her property in East Austin for School purposes, and to report at the next meeting of the Board, or earlier, if possible. It was suggested to Mr. Kuse by the Board that Mr. D.B. Gracy could be a value to him in this matter, as [208] Mr. Gracy, while a member of the Board, had begun the negotiations.

Bills to the amount of \$12.25 for the General Fund and \$2.50 for the Allan Fund were approved.

No further business, the Board adjourned.
 {Z.T. Fulmore}, President

August 17, 1906

The Board met in special session at 4:30 p.m., with all the members present.

The following report of the Teachers Committee was adopted:

Superintendent's Office

August 9, 1906

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
 Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of the following White teachers for the ensuing year: Misses Julia Beazley, Mary Hynes, and May McAdams as regular teachers, and Misses Bertha Cook and Georgia Walker as supernumeraries.

We recommend further that the first vacancy in the Schools be given to Miss Bertha Cook, and the second vacancy to Miss Georgia Walker.

For teachers in the Colored Schools, we recommend Mr. J.H. Pickard, Misses Clara Threadgill, Parthenia Polk, Tennie Hardwell, Maud Craig, Clara Drisdale. We recommend that W.H. Passon be made Principal of the South Austin Colored School, and J.H. Pickard, Principal of the Wheatville Colored School.

[*Brackenridge, Wheatville*] We further recommend that the South Austin and Wheatville Schools be not opened until at least 20 children apply for admission.

[*Bickler*] We recommend further that the resignation of Miss Hettie Hofstetter, as a teacher in the [209] Bickler School, and Miss Maud Smith, as a teacher in the High School, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

{T.R. Pettway}, {J.A. Jackson}, {W.J. Mathews}

Committee on Teachers

[*Winn*] It was ordered by the Board that the school building now being erected near the Blind Institute be named the John B. Winn School, in honor of Professor John B. Winn, the first Superintendent of the City Schools.

Ordered that the Schools open the 24th of September.

The following assignment of teachers for the year 1906 to 1907 was approved by the Board:

High School. Principal J.E. Pearce, Miss Nina Hill, Miss Effie Graves, Miss Francis Ottley, Miss Gertrude Lippelt, Miss Clovis Hill, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Louise Thomas, Miss Emmy Jessen, Miss Elizabeth Wiley, Miss May McAdams, Miss Mary Copes, Miss Emma Puckett, Mr. W.C. Vernon, Mr. C.T. Dowell, Mr. C. Smith.

Manual Training Department. Director N.S. Hunsdon, Mr. E.S. Blackburn, Mr. Fred Hofstetter, Miss Eleanor H. Nesbitt.

Pease School. Principal T.A. Brown, Mrs. Eva H. Thayer, Miss Janie Ellis, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss P.H. Buckley, Miss Cecil O'Banion, Miss Ruby West, Miss Minnie Mayes, Miss Alice Humphrey, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Emily Numbers.

Bickler School. Principal J.L. Taff, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Lucy Read.

[210] Palm School. Principal Miss F.R. Brooke, Miss Julia Beazley, Miss Lucy Sappington, Miss Grace Ketchum, Miss Kate Jenkins, Miss Zuma Tucker, Miss Alice M. Harrell, Miss Kate Eanes.

Wooldridge School. Principal Miss Mary E. Johnson, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Daisy Gilliam, Miss Mary Lee Horton, Miss Bertha Wallace, Miss Kitty Carlisle, Miss Eula Hill.

Winn School. Principal Miss Margaret Reilly, Mrs. Kate Z. Williams, Miss Jessie Roy, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Mary Downey, Miss Mary Hynes.

Fulmore School. Principal Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham, Miss Florence Burdett, Miss Beatrice Killingsworth.

Baker School. Principal Miss Mary Lowry, Miss H.A. McCrillis, Miss Florence Holladay, Miss Ada Blackburn.

Supernumeraries. Miss Bertha Cook, Miss Georgia Walker.

Colored Schools:

Robertson Hill. Principal L.C. Anderson, C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard Miss Clara Threadgill.

Gregorytown. Principal G.W. Norman, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, Mrs. L.E. Lee, Miss L.C. Rhambo, Miss Tennie Hardwell, Miss Maud Craig, Miss Clara Drisdale, L.B. Kinchion.

West Austin. Principal __. Miss L.E. Pierce, Miss Parthenia Polk, Mrs. L.E. Morton, Timothy Chandler.

Wheatville. Principal J.H. Pickard.

South Austin. W.H. Passon.

[211] [*Textbooks*] The report of the Teachers/Textbook Committee, making the following changes in the textbooks now used in the City Schools, was adopted. In place of Sutton & Kimbrough's Lower Book, Sutton and Bruce's Lower Book was adopted. Coleman's *Physiology* was dropped from the course of study. *The Young Citizen* to be used as supplementary reading in the high fifth, in place of *Tales from Shakespeare*. In the low sixth grade, *Famous Men of Rome* was substituted for *With the Makers of Texas*. In the low seventh grade, *Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare* was substituted for *Courtship of Miles Standish*.

The recommendation of Miss Downie, Supervisor of Drawing, was adopted. This recommendation will substitute Prang's drawing paper in place of the Milton-Bradley, and Prang's watercolors in place of the Milton-Bradley watercolors in the second grade.

The report of Miss Margaret Reilly, on the physical geography, was adopted. This report recommends that Dryer's *Physical Geography* be substituted for Maury's and Davis', which are now used in the High School.

The Superintendent reported that, after a conference with the Principals, it was thought best to have half-day sessions in the Bickler School until the completion of John B. Winn School for the six rooms downstairs. The regular teachers in the Bickler School teaching in the forenoon, and the regular teachers in the John B. Winn School teaching in the afternoon. This arrangement will not affect the six upper rooms in which departmental work is carried on.

The Principals further discussed the boundary of the schools. This matter and [212] the working out of details was left to the Superintendent and the Principals.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase a complete set of *Texas State Historical Quarterly* at the cost of \$38.

[*Clarksville*] The Superintendent was authorized to fill the vacancy in the West Austin Colored School caused by the death of W.T. McCall.

The bid of the McAlister Fuel Company, to supply the Osage McAlister screened coal for the different schools, as needed, at \$7.40 per ton of 2,000 pounds, was accepted.

The Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

September 7, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse. Absent: F.T. Ramsey, T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the regular meetings of August 3 and August 17 were read and approved.

The report the American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Fund, showing a balance of the credit of the General Fund of \$12,837.60 and a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$2,811.38, was read and, on motion, this report was received and ordered filed.

[*Baker*] Mr. Metz, for the Building Committee, reported that the bid of Mr. Shannonhouse for the repair of the Baker School roof for \$150 was accepted, his being the lowest bid.

[*Olive Street*] Mr. Kuse, who had been appointed a Committee to look after the purchase of the Miss Brooke property in East Austin, reported he had not been able to see Miss Brooke personally, who had been out of the city, but he thought it advisable to purchase said property.

[213] The resignation of Miss Bertha Cook as supernumerary was accepted because the Nacogdoches School Board refused to accept her resignation in that city. Miss Gussie Glass was appointed supernumerary to take the place of Miss Cook.

W.H. Passon was elected Principal of the West Austin Colored School, and S.A.D. McClellan Principal of the South Austin Colored School, at \$50 per month.

It was ordered that the balance of salary for the month due R.E. Rantig be paid.

[*Bickler*] Ordered by the Board that two rooms of the Janitor's building at the Bickler School be shiplapped.

Bills to the amount of \$113.05 for the General Fund and \$11.50 for the Allan Fund were approved.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

September 18, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse.

[*School Boundaries*] The boundaries of the different schools for the next year were fixed as follows:

Austin High School: the city limits.

Bickler School: north of the MK&T railroad on 4th and 5th Streets, to the center of 15th Street, and east of center of Congress Avenue, to city limits.

Pease School: west of the center of Congress Avenue, to city limits, and from the Colorado River north, to center of 19th Street.

[214] Palm School: from the center of Congress Avenue east, to city limits, and from Colorado River north, to MK&T railroad on 4th and 5th Streets.

Woodridge School: north of center of 19th Street, to center of 33rd Street, and west of Waller Creek, to city limits.

Winn School: north of center of 15th Street, to center of 19th Street, then on 19th Street to Waller Creek, and east of Walnut Creek, to city limits.

Fulmore School: south of Colorado River.

Baker School: north of center of 33rd Street.

Pupils living in the Winn School district will attend the Bickler School for the half-day sessions from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., until the completion of the Winn School building.

The following reports of the Teachers Committee were adopted by the Board

Superintendent's Office

September 13, 1906

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend:

First, that the resignation of Miss P.H. Buckley as teacher in the Pease School be accepted.

Second, that Miss Bertha Wallace be transferred from the Wooldridge School to the Pease School.

Third, that Miss Georgia Walker be elected a teacher in the Austin Schools and assigned to the Wooldridge School.

Respectfully submitted,

{Dr. Pettway} {W.J. Mathews}, Committee on Teachers

[215]

September 17, 1906

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend that the resignation of Miss Mary Lee Horton be accepted, and that Miss Katherine Gray be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by this resignation.

We recommend further Miss Bessie Hutchings be appointed as supernumerary.

Respectfully submitted,

{T.R. Pettway} {W.J. Mathews}

Committee on Teachers

The Board authorized Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee, to purchase 10 stoves for the Schools.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore, President}

September 21, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey.

[Winn] It was ordered by the Board that Miss Reilly's salary, Principal of the Winn School, be fixed at \$90 per month, George Murray's salary, janitor in the High School, at \$35 per month. It was ordered further that \$10 extra per month be paid G. Schwarzer, janitor at the Bickler School, until the completion of the Winn School building, and, after that time, the salary remain as heretofore. The Board fixed the salary of the janitor of the Winn School building at \$25 per month, and the janitor's house adjoining the school building. The salaries of the other janitors in the Schools are to remain as they were last year.

It was ordered that \$500 be appropriated for the physical chemistry and botanical laboratories.

[216] The Board ordered in the High School a four years' course of Latin, three years' course in German, and one year in Spanish, in accordance with the recommendations of the Principal of the High School, the leads of the different departments, and the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reported that the windows in the Butler Building needed repairing, and the Board appointed Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, to look into this matter, and, if he thought proper, to have the necessary work done.

The Board adopted for use in the High School Coulter's *Plant Structure* in place of Leavitt's *Botany*. This was done at the recommendation of the teacher of botany and the Principal of the High School.

Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

October 5, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 7 and the special meetings of September 18 and 21 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Funds, for the month ending October 1, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$12,682.70, and the balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$3,010.11, and a balance to the credit of the Trades School Fund of \$50, was received, and, on motion, this report was ordered filed.

The financial statement of the Public School Funds for the scholastic year ending August 31 was read and received by the Board as information. Total amount of receipts for the year: \$76,194.91. Total amount of disbursements: \$63,357.31. Balance on hand, August 31, 1906: \$12,837.60.

[217] Financial report of the Allan Fund Committee showed total receipts for the year to be \$29,760.57. Total disbursements: \$26,949.19. Balance on hand, August 31, 1906: \$2,811.38. The Superintendent, in this connection, reported that the total income of the Allan Fund for the year was \$4,895.68, the total expenses \$4,452.54, showing a balance of \$443.14 of unexpended income.

The report of Standing Committees:

Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee, reported that the stoves ordered for the Public Schools would be on hand in about three weeks.

Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, reported that he had Mr. C.M. Miller do the glazing work necessary in the Butler Buildings at a cost of \$19.80.

No other reports of Standing Committees.

[*Olive Street*] Mr. Kuse of the Special Committee appointed to see Miss Brooke in regard to the purchase of her property in East Austin,

on which to erect a Negro High School building, reported that so far he had been unable to get in communication with Miss Brooke.

[*Text-book Lists*] It was ordered by the Board that hereafter a printed list of the textbooks used in the Austin Schools with the price be published, and then each teacher be given a copy so that the teacher could check off the books it was necessary for the children to buy. It was ordered by the Board that this printed list be given to the teachers at the beginning of the next term, February 1, 1907.

[*Allan Homestead*] A communication from Misters Goldbeck and Kuehne, stating that they had an offer of \$4,000 for Lot. No. 4 and 23 fee and off of Lot No. 3, in Block No. 132 in the City, which is the old Allan homestead and now owned by the Allan Fund, was read. The [218] price heretofore fixed on this property by the Board was \$5,000, and action on this communication was deferred.

[*Baker*] A communication from W.A. Shannonhouse, which showed that he was unable to repair the roof of the Baker School building in accordance with the contract made with the Building Committee, and that the work cost him \$25.92 more than was expected, was read. No action was taken on this matter.

Communications were read from J.O. Johnson and from Gordon B. McGuire, asking for free tuition for relatives in the Austin Schools. Both of these requests were not granted.

[*Winn*] The President of the Board stated that he had given permission to parties to haul away the limestone from the Winn School. After discussion, it was thought by the Board that suitable walks on the grounds could be made with this material.

It was ordered that the tuition for the high seventh grade, which previously had been \$4 per month, be reduced to \$2.50 per month inasmuch as this grade is now in the ward schools.

The Superintendent reported the condition at the Palm School and asked permission of the Board to employ an extra substitute teacher for that school at an additional cost of not more than \$10 per month. This permission was granted.

[*Fulmore*] The Superintendent further reported the condition of the Fulmore school, stating that it would be necessary for the Board either to build an additional room at that school or require the low seventh grade to attend school at one of the buildings on this side of the river. After discussion, it was decided best to leave this matter with the people in South Austin.

The Superintendent made the following statistical report of the Public Schools for [219] the two weeks ending October 5, 1906: High School total enrollment 333, Bickler School 482, Pease School 543, Palm School 347, Wooldridge School 331, Winn School 181, Fulmore School 180, Baker School 142. Grand total enrollment of the White Schools: 2,539. Robertson Hill 69, Gregorytown 94, West Austin 49, Wheatville 21, South Austin 7. Total for the Colored Schools: 230. The grand total for the two weeks: 2,769.

[Winn] A communication was read from A.O. Watson, architect for the Winn School, stating that Professor Taylor of the University had tested the concrete blocks used in the erection of the Winn School and that the block sustained the pressure of over 40 tons. This communication was received as information by the Board and ordered filed.

Bills were approved to the amount of \$320.35 for the General Fund and \$46.18 for the Allan Fund.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President.

October 10, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse.

[Fulmore] The President stated the object of the meeting to be to relieve the condition existing at the Fulmore School, and that the Building Committee take the matter in hand immediately to decide upon location and secure bids for the erection of said room, and report action to a meeting of the Board to be called by the President.

[220] [Olive Street] Mr. Kuse, of the Special Committee appointed to negotiate the purchase of the property belonging to Miss Brooke in East Austin, reported that he had spoken to Mr. Gracy, and that Miss Brooke was willing to sell her property wanted by the Board on which to erect a Negro High School building for \$1,325. It was ordered further that this property be paid for out of the Allan Fund, the General Fund to pay interest to the Allan Fund for the loan on the money until such time as the General Fund has sufficient funds to take up the loan.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

November 1, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular session of October 5 and the special session of October 10 were read and approved.

Report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the Austin Schools, showed a balance to the credit of the General Fund at \$6,629.37, Allan Fund of \$2,791.16, the Trades School Fund \$50, was read and, on motion, this report was ordered filed.

Superintendent read his statistical report, which showed White enrollment in the City Schools 2,597, and Colored enrollment 322, grand total enrollment 2,919.

The following reports of the Finance and Building Committees were approved by the Board.

Superintendent's Office

October 16, 1906

[221] To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Finance, report that we have checked the incidental fund of the Superintendent and find the same correct.

We further report that we have checked the warrants drawn during the last scholastic year from September 1, 1905 to August 31, 1906 with the books kept by the Treasurer, the American National Bank, and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

{J.A. Jackson} {W.J. Mathews}, Committee on Finance

[Fulmore]

October 12, 1906

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools,
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Buildings, recommend that an additional room be erected on the grounds of the Fulmore School 24x36', ceiled and painted. We recommend that a brick flue be placed in said room from the ground up, and we recommend that the Superintendent call for bids for the erection of this room.

Respectfully submitted,
 {W.J. Mathews} {F.T. Ramsey} {H.M. Metz}
 Committee on Buildings

Mr. Kuse reported, for the Supply Committee, that the stoves ordered some time ago through Misters Voss and Kooock had arrived. No report of the Allan Fund Committee.

The Board ordered W.H. Passon's, Principal of the West Austin Negro School, salary fixed at \$65 per month.

[Brackenridge] The Board further ordered \$37.50 be paid to [222] S.A.D. McClellan for the work that he has done in South Austin.

[Baker] The bill of W.A. Shannonhouse for \$25.92, for the extra work done on the Hyde Park School building, was approved.

The Superintendent read a letter from the Attorney General's Department to the State Superintendent, giving the opinion of the Attorney General on the question of admitting children whose parents are not *bona fide* residents of this city, without the payment of tuition. This communication was received as information by the Board.

It was ordered that the children of Mrs. Carew, who lives with Judge Gaines' family, be admitted without tuition.

In the case of Mr. Gordon B. McGuire, who has been before the Board several times, it was ordered that Mr. McGuire meet the President in the Superintendent's Office and discuss the question of free tuition in the City Schools for his relatives. Final decision in the matter was left to the President of the Board.

[Fulmore] Bids were opened for the erection of the new room at the Fulmore School. All bids were rejected and the Superintendent instructed to advertise for new bids. The specifications for the room to be 20x32', instead of 24x36'.

It was ordered that the salary of Misses Killingsworth and Ellis be fixed at \$60 per month, and the Superintendent was instructed to rewrite the Rules of the Board on salaries, so that no injustice should be done teachers in the City Schools, as under the present Rule a teacher who has taught three years in some other school could receive \$60 per month, whereas if they taught two years in some other school in one year in the Austin Schools, the salary fixed by the Board is \$55 per month.

[Pease/Academy Block] The Superintendent reported that objections were made to the children of the Pease School playing on the block adjoining the school building, which is owned by the School Board.

The Superintendent [223] was instructed to notify the Principal of the school that the children not only had permission to play on that block, but it was the wish of the Board for them to do so.

Miss Porter was granted leave of absence for three or four days.

The question of schoolbooks came up, and the Board occupied considerable length of time in discussing this question. The Superintendent read reports from the Houston and San Antonio schools, which showed that the school books were sold to the children at the publishers' list price. The Superintendent, in this connection, read to the Board a list of the textbooks used in the City Schools in all the grades.

The desirability of the change of time for the Board meetings, to the first Friday night in each scholastic month, was discussed, but no definite action taken.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

November 13, 1906

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathew, C.A. Kuse.

The following report of the Teachers Committee was read and adopted.

Superintendent's Office
November 13, 1906

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, beg to call your attention to the following report of the Superintendent, and we recommend its adoption.

[224] We recommend further that the Superintendent be instructed not to pay S.A.D. McClellan the amount due him, in accordance with the report of the Superintendent, unless he executes a receipt in full for the services rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

{T.R. Pettway} {J.A. Jackson} {W.J. Mathews}

Committee on Teachers

[*Superintendent's Report*]

Austin Public Schools
Superintendent's Office
November 13, 1906

To the Committee on Teachers, Etc.

Gentlemen,

Under the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Trustees, it becomes my duty to call your attention to the following facts.

[(*Brackenridge*) S.A.D. *McClellan*] On September 7, 1906, the Board elected S.A.D. McClellan, a teacher in the City Schools, assigned him to the principalship of the South Austin Colored School, and fixed his salary at \$50 per month. Under the operation of Section 7, Paragraph 4 of the Rules and Regulations, he would ordinarily have received but \$40 per month, inasmuch as he had never taken the City Examination, and the additional \$10 per month was ordered to be paid him on account of his services as Principal.

On August 17, 1906, preceding the election of McClellan, the Board passed a resolution that the teachers assigned as Principals of Wheatville and South Austin Colored Schools should not be placed on the payroll until as many as 20 pupils should be enrolled in each school. This resolution was adopted because, during the first four or six weeks of the past scholastic year, not a sufficient number of pupils were enrolled in these schools to justify incurring the expense of a teacher for each school. This action of the Board did not in any wise contemplate that children living in [225] these two districts be denied school privileges inasmuch as they could be transferred to other districts in which schools were in session.

At the Colored Teachers Institute on Saturday, September 22, the teachers were notified of the Board's action in regard to these two schools. At the Principal's meeting on September 20, the attention of the Principals was again called to this resolution. J.H. Pickard, Principal of the Wheatville School, was notified of this action prior to his assignment as Principal, and S.A.D. McClellan was notified prior to his election to any position in the City Schools. These conditions were thoroughly understood by the Principal of the Wheatville School, and, in the case of McClellan, I made plain to him the situation should he be elected and assigned to the South Austin principalship. I was particularly emphatic in acquainting him (McClellan) with the

conditions existing here, having been previously informed of his refusal to accept and carry out the instructions of the Hempstead School Board.

[*Wheatville*] The Wheatville School began September 24, with more than 20 pupils in attendance. The South Austin School, with less than the required number, only four pupils having been reported at the close of the first month on October 19, and at no time during the first six weeks were more than eight or ten pupils in attendance. However, since the close of the first month, no official report of the number of pupils enrolled in the South Austin Colored School has been made.

Accordingly, no warrant was drawn for McClellan's first month's salary on November 1, inasmuch as he had been endeavoring to build up his school. Having reported each day for duty, I recommended that the Board pay him a [226] sufficient amount to cover his expenses, namely \$25 per month, and then the number of pupils continued to increase, and later, by recommendation of the Finance Committee, he was put regularly on the payroll. In accordance with these facts, his warrant was drawn on November 23 for \$70.05, which was the whole amount due him as teacher. On Monday, November 26, this warrant, which he refused to accept, was tendered him. On Wednesday, November 28, this warrant was again tendered to him, and he again refused to accept it.

His refusal to accept the warrant, as he stated, was on the ground that he did not so understand the contract, his understanding being that he was to go on the payroll at the beginning of school, September 24. He claims to be regularly on the payroll, and yet he has absented himself from one Principals meeting, November 19, one Teachers Institute, November 5, for drawing lessons, all the grade meetings, and has failed to file so far his last monthly report, which should have been in the office November 19. For these absences and this neglect of duty, he has failed to make excuse.

I beg to call your attention to the following Rules of the Board: Section 2, Paragraph 10 makes it the duty of teachers "to attend such meetings, as the Superintendent or Principal may call, for the promotion of the interests of the Schools." Section 18, Paragraph 4, speaking of the Teachers Institute, reads, "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." Section 7, Paragraph 1 specifically states "that the employment of any teacher who fails to [227] give satisfaction may be terminated by the Board at any time, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations."

In my opinion, it will be unwise to continue this man longer in the service of the Schools. To do so would be to put the premium on insubordination, a thing that cannot in the least be tolerated in a well-conducted system of schools. And I submit that it would be detrimental, indeed subversive of the highest interests of the Schools, to retain any principal or teacher who arrogates to himself the right to question the authority or to construe for himself independently the instructions of the Board.

I recommend first that his contention that he has been regularly on the payroll since the opening of schools be conceded.

Second, that his salary at \$50 per month since the beginning of schools be paid.

Third, that he be allowed \$2 per month for services as janitor, this being the amount paid the janitor at that school last year.

Fourth, that he be allowed \$2 for cleaning, sweeping, etc. the school house before the beginning of school.

Fifth, that he be dismissed from the services of the Board for neglect of duty and for failure to obey the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

{A.N. McCallum}, Superintendent

Mrs. Luella Rockwood was appointed as manager of the lunchroom in the High School, and her salary fixed at \$10.50 per week. Mrs. Rockwood is to have the authority of selecting her own assistant and paying her out of the above named sum, \$10.50, any amount she [228] sees fit. It was further ordered by the Board that reports from the lunchroom be made every week to the Superintendent's Office.

[*South Austin Colored-Brackenridge*] Mrs. L.E. Morton was appointed Principal of South Austin School, vice S.A.D. McClellan dismissed, at a salary of \$50 per month. Miss Addie Clements was

appointed to the vacancy in the West Austin Colored School caused by the promotion of Mrs. Morton to the principalship of the South Austin Colored School.

No further business, the Board adjourned
{Z.T. Fulmore}, President'

Superintendent's Office
December 7, 1906

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse. Absent: W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the regular session of November 1 and special session of November 13, 1906 were read and approved.

Report of the American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Funds, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$1,630.71 and to the Allan Fund of \$2,404.73, was read. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made the following statistical report to date: Enrollment White Schools 2,684. Colored Schools 761. Grand total 3,445.

The Superintendent further reported that the lunchroom at the High School building would be ready for service the first part of the next week, that the general condition of the Schools is excellent, and that the Institutes, grade meetings, Principals meetings were regularly held and attended faithfully by the teachers.

[Wooldridge] Mr. Metz of the Building Committee reported the condition of the Wooldridge School, and the Committee [229] was authorized by the Board to have sufficient tie rods put in during the Christmas holidays, so that the building would be in a safe condition.

[Fulmore] The Building Committee reported that they had examined the bids for the erection of an additional room at the Fulmore School from Misters E.C. Miller, J.C. Adrian, W.A. Shannonhouse, J.O. Polhemus, R.A. Flume and A.S. Whitten. The bid of J.C. Adrian was considerably the lowest, and the Committee agreed to meet at a later date to investigate and award the contract.

The Board authorized the Supply Committee to purchase 75 armed chairs for use at the High School, the selection of the chairs to be left to the Superintendent and the Chairman of the Committee.

The following report of the Finance Committee was approved by the Board.

Superintendent's Office

November 23, 1906

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report the following.

First, that the Superintendent has read to us notes from Misses Ada Blackburn and Elizabeth Wiley, who were absent from the first Teachers Institute this year, and we recommend that these ladies be not paid for absence on that date, as it is in direct, in our opinion, violation of the Rules and Regulations, and we have no authority to alter said Rules.

We further recommend that J.E. Pearce, Principal at the High School, be paid for the day he was absent in attendance upon the funeral of Professor Freshney, who was formerly a teacher in the High School.

[*South Austin Colored-Brackenridge*] We recommend that the salary of S.A.D. McClellan be paid at the rate of \$50 per month, as it appeared that his school is building up rapidly, and, at the present, he has 18 pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

{Jackson}, {Mathews} and {Pettway}

Finance Committee

[230] Communication from W.D. Hart, City Attorney, was read, in regard to the foreclosure of lien on the King property near the Blind Institute, and \$105.29 was appropriated to cover costs and attorney fees in the foreclosure of this lien.

[Wooldridge] It was ordered by the Board that one-half of the cost of the fountain at the Woodridge school be paid from the General Fund.

[*Christmas*] It was further ordered by the Board that the Schools close for Christmas holidays [on] Friday, December 21 and resume work Wednesday, January 2, 1907.

\$25 was ordered to be paid Mrs. Rockwood, manager of the lunchroom at the High School, in order that she might be able to pay cash for supplies.

[*Wheatville*] The Superintendent reported that it would be necessary soon to employ an additional teacher at Wheatville Colored

School. The Superintendent was authorized to appoint a teacher whenever, in his opinion, the services of another teacher were necessary.

Communication from Miss Lippelt, teacher of German and Spanish in the High School, and approved by J.E. Pearce, Principal of the High School, asking that Pinney's *Spanish and English Conversation* be adopted, was read, and the Board ordered the adoption of the book, as requested.

[S.A.D. McClelland, *South Austin Colored*] Communication from S.A.D. McClellan, who had been dismissed from the Schools November 30, was read, asking to be heard in his own behalf. The Board granted the request, and Mr. McClellan made a statement. On motion, it was carried that no further action be taken in this case.

[Winn] Mr. A.O. Watson, architect of the Winn School, appeared before the Board and urged the necessity of putting around the building a five-foot cement walk. Mr. Watson presented a bid from Mr. Brueggemann, stating that he would do this work at 14 cents, the total amount being \$274.40, and it was ordered by the Board that this work be put around the building.

It was further ordered that piping should be placed on the school grounds connecting the downpipes [231] with the sewer.

In the case of Mr. Gordon B. McGuire, the President reported that, in his opinion, his relatives should be admitted to the Schools without the payment of tuition.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office
January 7, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 1906 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds: overdrawn \$4,004.92 and a balance to the credit of the Allan fund of \$2,156.35. Balance to the credit of the Trades School Fund \$50. This report was received and ordered filed.

Superintendent made his regular monthly statistical report for the month ending December 14, showing an enrollment in the White Schools of 2,694, in the Colored Schools 812, grand total enrollment

3,504. The Superintendent further reported the enrollment in the City Schools ending January 4, 1907 to be 2,732 in the White Schools, 920 in the Colored Schools, grand total enrollment 3,652.

Superintendent stated, in accordance with an order of the Board passed December 7, 1906, that he had appointed Miss Lolla Kimball as assistant teacher in the Wheatville School.

[Winn] After discussion, the President was authorized to enter into a contract with the Austin Electric Railway Company for the erection of a pavilion in the triangular corner of the Winn School grounds for the convenience of the children and the public. The President was authorized by the Board [232] to say to the railway company that, if the company would spend \$85 for the proper fixing up of this pavilion, the Board would furnish the remainder of the amount of money necessary.

A communication was read from Mr. Robert J. Hammond, requesting that the Board give him some of the insurance on the new school building. After consultation, the Finance Committee was authorized to place \$8,000 on the building furniture and the janitor's house, \$5,000 of this insurance to be taken with the Austin Fire Insurance, \$2,000 with Miss Barnhart, and \$1,000 with Mr. Hammond.

[Fulmore] Mr. Metz, for the Building Committee, reported that the new building at the Fulmore School was nearly completed and would be ready for occupancy at the beginning of next term, February 4. Mr. Metz further reported that during the holidays, two of the rooms had been re-floored.

[Wooldridge] Mr. Metz further reported, as a Special Committee appointed to have tie rods put in the Wooldridge School during the holidays, that he had spoken to Mr. Shurr, contractor, about putting in said tie rods, who recommended that it would be necessary finally for the Board to put under the building a new foundation, and that it would be a useless expense at the present time to put in the tie rods, and that there was really no danger from the building at the present time.

Misters Tobin and Fontaine appeared before the Board, and the question of textbooks in the Schools was considered. The Textbook Committee and the Superintendent were authorized to meet with these gentlemen on next Tuesday, January 15, at 2:00, to discuss the question of prices, so that the slips ordered by the Board to be put into

the hands of the teachers could be arranged for before the beginning of the next term.

[233] Mr. Metz made the following report concerning the Allan Fund, showing the notes held by the Allan Fund with date, rate of interest, etc. for each.

Amt.	Makers	Date	Due	%	Int. paid to
2,500	Hutchings, Henry & Wittle	1/19/1904	3 yrs		4/8/1906
2,000	W.P. Smart	3/28/1902	5 yrs		3/28/1906
1,500	Eugene Smith	10/20/1901	4 yrs		10/20/1906
1,600	Geo. O. Evans & Wife	10/17/1902	judgment & foreclosure		
430	J.O. & F.C. Kidd	8/28/1903	4 & 5 yrs		8/28/1906
1500	Annie Barnhart	4/7/1905	5 yrs		12/3/1906
75	J.A. Snider	12/16/1903	3 yrs	8	12/16/1906
1000	P.R. DeLashmutt & Wife	11/7/1902	3 yrs	8	11/7/1906
125	Ada Blackburn	4/23/1903	3 yrs	8	4/23/1906
700	R.H. Felter	3/29/1902	3 yrs	7	3/29/1906
500	R.H. & Jessie Felter	3/16/1897	4 yrs	8	3/16/1906
500	R.H. & Jessie Felter	3/16/1897	4 yrs	8	3/16/1906
3800	Wallace Miller	3/20/1901	5 yrs	7	3/20/1906
16,230	Louis H. Younger				

It was ordered by the Board that the Allan Fund notes be put into the hands of Misters N.A. Rector and R.C. Walker for collection and renewal, and the President was instructed to see these gentlemen and arrange to put all notes due the Allan Fund in proper shape.

[Bickler] On motion, it was ordered that Mr. J.R. Donnelly be requested to fix the sewer at the Bickler School, so that, in the future, there would be no trouble with it.

[Winn] The Board ordered the sewer from the Winn School to be connected with the state sewer at Sabine Street, and the Superintendent was instructed to notify Mr. Martin, the plumber, to begin work at the earliest possible moment.

[King Property] It was ordered by the Board that a rental of \$5 per month be charged for the King property, recently taken for vendors lien, owned by the Allan Fund.

[234] [Winn] The President stated that it would be necessary to secure about 40 feet of ground from the lot of Mr. Haschker near the Winn School, in order that the grounds will be in better shape. The President was authorized to see Mr. Haschker in regard to this matter and to negotiate for the purpose of the property.

Mr. J.A. Jackson was appointed a Committee of one to see Major Zimpleman concerning the opening of Navasota Street.

[*High School-Lunchroom*] The report of Mr. Hunsdon, Director of Manual Training, in regard to the lunchroom, was read. This report showed a balance on hand of \$4.28 on January 4. The report was received and ordered filed. It was ordered that Mrs. Rockwood's salary be fixed at \$12.50 per week.

The following resolutions in regard to Mr. P.H. Gerhard, a former member of the Board, were read and adopted unanimously. (See page 235.)

[*Baker*] The resignation of Miss Florence Holladay as a teacher in the Baker School was accepted, to take effect February 1.

[*Olive Street*] The Superintendent read the opinion of City Attorney W.D. Hart on the abstract of property belonging to Miss Florence R. Brooke. No action was taken on this matter.

[*Allan Fund*] The Superintendent read a report of Goldbeck and Kuehne for the quarter ending September 10, 1906 and from September 10, 1906 to December 10, 1906, which showed that \$96.66 had been deposited with the American National Bank, Treasurer, to the credit of the Allan Fund. The report was received and ordered filed.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

[235] *In Memoriam* P.H. Gerhard

Since the last meeting of this body, death has claimed one of our former members, P.H. Gerhard. His long and loyal service to the cause of general education in our city and faithful service as a trustee of our public schools prompt us to put upon record some testimonial of our high appreciation of him as a friend, a citizen, and efficient, zealous advocate of our Public Free Schools.

More than a quarter of a century ago, when our city school system was struggling into life, his warm sympathy and generous efforts were felt at every step. These facts induced a number of our citizens to insist upon his becoming a trustee of the Schools in 1903. His cordial interest in the work of the Schools his general intelligence and appreciation of the needs of the Schools, and his fine business judgment, all combined to make him one of the most efficient members this body has ever had. The loss of him as a citizen, one in common with all the people of Austin, we deeply deplore, but as a friend and former associate, we and each of us feel that the loss is a personal one. Be it therefore resolved:

First, that, in the death of our friend and associate, our Schools and the general interests of education in this community have lost a faithful friend and efficient promoter.

Second, that, as a testimonial of appreciation of his eminent, loyal and efficient service as a trustee of our City Schools, there be set apart a page on the minutes of the Board to his memory.

Third, that we tender to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy and condolence in their bereavement.

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January 16, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse.

The following report of the Textbook Committee was read.

Superintendent's Office

January 15, 1907

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Textbooks, beg to report the following.

In accordance with an agreement made with Misters Tobin and Fontaine at the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, your Committee on Textbooks met with these gentlemen in the Superintendent's Office at 2:30 to discuss the question of prices of textbooks used in the City Schools. The Superintendent read to the Committee the following instructions of the Board, adopted at the regular meeting of the Board October 5, 1906.

"It was ordered by the Board that hereafter a printed list of the textbooks used in the Austin Schools, with the price, be published, and that each teacher be given a copy, so that the teacher could check off the books it was necessary for the children to buy. It was ordered by the Board that this printed list be given the teachers at the beginning of the next term, February 1, 1907." And also, the following was taken from the minutes of the regular meeting of November 1, 1906: "The question of school books came up, and the Board occupied considerable length of time in discussing this question. The Superintendent read reports from the Houston and San Antonio schools, which showed that the school books were sold to the children at the

publishers' list price. The Superintendent, [237] in this connection, read to the Board a list of the textbooks used in the City Schools in all grades."

The Superintendent furnished your Committee with a complete list of all the books used in the City Schools, and the publishers' price listed for each book. In this connection, the Superintendent stated that, in his opinion, the children in the City Schools should be given their textbooks at the lowest possible price, that the matter of purchasing textbooks was not optional but compulsory, and that the most equitable price for all concerned would be the publishers' price list. The Superintendent further stated to the Committee that it was the wish of the representatives of some of the book houses that their books should be sold to the children at the publishers' price list.

Misters Tobin and Fontaine, on the other hand, urge that this could not be done because frequently the books had to be purchased at an additional expense by mail or express, and that, when books are so ordered, not enough margin is left to compensate them for the expense of handling the books. These gentlemen thought that the mailing price list would be the most equitable.

After a full discussion of the matter by the Superintendent, Misters Tobin and Fontaine and each member of your Committee recommend that the entire question be referred back to the Board of Trustees, for consideration. It was further suggested by the Committee that Misters Tobin and Fontaine prepare a full list of the textbooks used in the City Schools, and the price at which they can sell to the children at a reasonable profit.

Your Committee further recommends the Board to meet in the Superintendent's Office [238] at 7:30 o'clock, January 16, to take up this question and finally dispose of it.

Respectfully submitted,

{T.R. Pettway} {W.J. Mathews} {J.A. Jackson}, Committee

Misters Tobin and Fontaine, booksellers in this city, appeared before the Board. A general discussion arose on the prices charged for textbooks in this city, and a comparison was made between the publishers' list price and the price list that Misters Tobin and Fontaine, at the request of the Committee, had prepared, at which price they can sell to the children of the city at a reasonable profit.

On motion, it was ordered that the Superintendent prepare and have published a list of books at the compromise price list furnished by Misters Tobin and Fontaine for the remainder of this session, and that each teacher in the city be furnished a list of the textbooks used in the grades that she is to teach.

The Superintendent was further instructed to write to the different publishers at the proper time and ask them if they could have their books sold in the city at their published price list, the opinion of the Board being that the textbooks should be sold to the children in the city at the publishers' price list.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

February 1, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 7 and special meeting of January 16 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, as [239] Treasurer of the School Funds, showed that the account of the General Fund was overdrawn \$4,783.66, and the Allan Fund had a balance on hand of \$3,900.33.

The Superintendent submitted his regular monthly statistical report for the month ending January 18, 1907. Enrollment in the White Schools 2,788, in the Colored Schools 1,086, total enrollment of 3,874.

[*Baker-Fulmore*] Superintendent further reported that after consultation with the Teachers Committee, Miss Gussie Glass had been appointed a teacher in the Fulmore School, and Miss Helen Thorton a teacher in the Baker School.

[*High School Teacher*] Superintendent reported the condition existing in the High School and stated to the Board that it would be necessary to appoint an additional teacher, who would teach two classes in Spanish and, in addition, several classes in English. The matter of appointing the teacher was left in the hands of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reported that \$15.41 had been deposited with the American National Bank to the credit of the General Fund, this amount being received from the lunch room.

[*Bickler*] Mr. Kuse, Committee on Supplies, reported that the Bickler School sewer had been completed and was apparently in first-class condition.

[*Bickler*] Mr. Kuse also reported a request from the Bickler School Mothers' Club, that the Board paint and have suitable benches made for the pavilion erected by the Mothers' Club, over the fountains at the Bickler School, and the request was granted.

[*Allan Fund*] The report of Misters Walker and Rector, attorneys who were appointed by the Board to look into the securities held by the Allan Fund, was read, and the report approved. It was ordered [240] that the report be referred back to these gentlemen, with the instructions to carry out the suggestions made in their report.

A communication from Mr. Goldbeck and Kuehne, offering \$7,000 for the Allan Fund property in Block 132 of the city, was read. On motion, it was ordered that the offer of \$7,000 be accepted, provided the purchasing party pay all expenses, including expense for abstract, commission, etc.

[*Bickler*] Bill of G. Schwarzer for \$12 for oiling the Bickler School floors was presented to the Board, and, after discussion, the matter was referred to the Superintendent, with instructions to ascertain how much time Mr. Schwarzer's children had aided him in oiling the floors, and the Superintendent was instructed to have a warrant drawn for the amount of work done by Mr. Schwarzer's children.

[*Winn*] The bill of Mr. W.E. Condit of \$400, for the heating apparatus installed in the Winn School, came up for discussion. It was ordered by the Board that the Superintendent draw a warrant for \$200 in favor of Mr. Condit, and to state to him that the balance would be paid immediately upon a thorough test of the heating apparatus.

The following report of the Teachers Committee was read and adopted.

Superintendent's Office

January 22, 1907

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, beg to recommend the following.

First, on account of the crowded conditions existing at Gregorytown, that Miss Hardwell, a teacher in the low first grade, be permitted to have half-day sessions, teaching one set of pupils in the forenoon, and another in the afternoon. We

recommend for [241] this extra service that she be paid \$10 per month extra, which will make her salary, as long as the present crowded condition exists, \$50 per month.

We recommend, at the suggestion of the Superintendent, that Miss Clements be transferred from the West Austin School to the South Austin Colored School.

We recommend that Miss Helen Thornton be appointed a substitute teacher in the City Schools, in place of Miss Florence Holladay resigned.

Respectfully submitted,

{Dr. Pettway} {J.A. Jackson} {W.J. Mathews}, Committee

[*Robertson Hill*] A communication from L.C. Anderson, Principal of the Robertson Hill Colored School, was read, asking for an additional teacher at that school. The matter was referred to the Superintendent, with instructions to act in the matter as he thought best, and as conditions demanded.

It was ordered by the Board that the Superintendent be granted leave of absence to attend the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association, which is to meet in Chicago February 26, and that his expenses be paid by the Board.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

February 18, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, F.T. Ramsey, J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse.

[*School Tax*] The object of the meeting, as stated, was the [242] consideration of the advisability of submitting to the property taxpayers of the city the question of an increase of the school tax. This matter was discussed freely and, in an informal manner by the Board, the question of the amount of money required to do the necessary building and make the necessary repairs on the buildings and other matters connected with the financial report of the Schools was discussed. No formal action was taken, and the question was postponed until a later meeting.

[*Fulmore-Teacher*] The Superintendent reported that he had appointed Miss Bessie Hutchings as a teacher in the Fulmore School,

in the place of Miss Gussie Glass, deceased. The salary of Miss Glass, deceased, was ordered paid for the full month to her mother.

The salary of Miss Mary Copes for loss of one day at Institute, on account of the death of her uncle, was ordered paid.

The salary of Miss Katherine Gray, who was transferred to the High School, was fixed at \$60 per month.

The Superintendent was authorized to write out and submit to the Board at the next regular meeting suitable resolutions concerning the death of Miss Gussie Glass.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

March 1, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 1 and special meeting of February 18 were read and approved.

The President was authorized to execute [243] transfer without recourse of the DeLashmutt note to Allan Fund to H.A. Klotz.

[Winn] Board authorized C.A. Kuse to sign Superintendent's name to voucher to R. Haschke for \$500 purchase money for Lot 13 and south one-half of Lot 14 in Block 1 of Gammel and Taylor's subdivision of out lot 44, Division B, City of Austin.

Goldbeck and Kuehne's communication read, and suggestions adopted. President authorized to make deed to Allan property.

[Winn] Building Committee was authorized to get bids for moving janitor's house on Winn School grounds, and contract for and have the same done.

The following report of the Teachers Committee was adopted.

Superintendent's Office

February 21, 1907

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the appointment of Miss Clara Newton and Miss Mamie Johnson as regular supernumeraries in the Austin Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

{T.R. Pettway} {W.J. Mathews}, Committee on Teachers

No further business, the Board adjourned.
 {Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 8, 1907

The Board met in accordance to adjournment, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse.

[244] The minutes of the regular meeting of March 1 were read and approved.

Superintendent made his regular statistical report for the month ending February 15, 1907, showing a total enrollment in the White Schools 2,947, and in the Colored School 1,151, grand total 4,098. Remaining in the White Schools 2,573, Colored Schools 1,055, total 3,628.

[Fulmore] Mr. W.W. Durham of South Austin appeared before the Board and complained of the excessive charge of ten cents on account of his child's spilling ink on the floor of the Fulmore School. This matter took up considerable time, and the Board finally ordered that, in order to have Mr. Durham's child reinstated in the school, it would be necessary for him to pay the ten cents, which had been imposed by the Principal of the Fulmore School.

Report of the American National Bank, Treasurer, showing that the General Fund was overdrawn \$10,234.54, and the balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$3,843.14, was read, and, on motion, ordered filed.

Communication from Mrs. N.L. Holliday, asking that her son, a pupil in the Pease School, be relieved from taking Manual Training at the High School, was read, and the request of Mrs. Holliday was granted by the Board.

Communication from Mrs. N.L. Dill was read, asking free tuition for her grandchild, Lea Dill, on the grounds that she is the virtual guardian of the child and pays all of its expenses. This request for free tuition was granted.

[Winn] On motion, it was ordered that the Superintendent call for bids for moving the janitor's house on the Winn School grounds.

Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee reported that additional desks for the Winn School had been purchased, and also some dictionaries, the purchase of which was recommended by the Superintendent.

[245] [*Bickler*] Communication from the Bickler School Mothers' Club, thanking the Board for having the pavilion painted and seats made, was read.

[*High School*] Communication from Principal Pearce of the High School, asking that the High School teachers be permitted to organize a bookstore at the High School for the use of the children and teachers, was read, and action deferred until the next meeting.

[*Resolution George A. Brush*] On motion, it was ordered that the President of the Board and the Superintendent be appointed a Committee to draw up resolutions on the death of former member of the Board George A. Brush and report the same at next meeting of the Board.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase three educational cabinets for use in the Superintendent's Office.

The following communication from Misters Walker and Rector in regard to Allan Fund notes was read, and the President was authorized to execute releases and transfers in accordance with the recommendations therein contained.

Austin, Texas

March 8, 1907

Judge Z.T. Fulmore, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Dear Sir,

Mr. R.H. Felter has made arrangements with Herman Pressler to take up his two notes. Will you please have a resolution of your Board passed, authorizing you as Chairman to convey the notes and lien to Herman Pressler?

Wallace R. Miller has sold his property, and the purchaser is to pay off the note. Please have a resolution passed, authorizing the release of the lien. The money will perhaps be paid in a few days.

P.R. DeLashmutt has paid his note and interest, \$1,026, and we deposited same with American National Bank, to credit of the Allan Fund.

[246] L.H. Younger has paid the interest on his notes, \$179.10, which has been deposited with American National Bank, to credit of the Allan Fund. He has refused so far to execute new papers.

Eugene Smith seems to be indifferent to our notices.

Respectfully,

{R.C. Walker} {N.A. Rector}

The question of appointing the census trustee came up for discussion, and it was the sense of the Board that the President appoint two census trustees for taking the White scholastic census. The President appointed Mr. W.M. Milby and L.M. Layton, the territory of each to be arranged later. It was further ordered by the Board that the Colored census be taken under the supervision of L.C. Anderson, as heretofore.

Bills were approved for the General Fund to the amount of \$469.42, and for the Allan Fund \$145.14.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 23, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse.

[*Winn*] The bid of Mr. Ezell for \$80, for moving the janitor's house on the Winn School grounds, was accepted, and Mr. Ezell was authorized to move the house at once.

Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee, was authorized to proceed to have blinds for the Winn School arranged for.

[*Pease*] Permission was granted Professor T.A. Brown of the Pease School to be absent from his school [247] while visiting the Public Schools of Houston and Galveston.

[*School Tax*] On motion of Mr. Ramsey, it was ordered that an additional tax for school purposes be asked for, and the Board adjourned to meet Monday at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the question and of determining the amount to be asked for.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 25, 1907

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

[*School Tax, May 4, 1907*] After a general discussion concerning the amount of school tax to be asked for, in which all the members of the Board participated, it was decided to ask the City Council to order an election on May 4, ordering an additional levy of eight and two-thirds cents on the \$100 valuation for School purposes.

In case the school tax failed to carry at this election, it was decided by the Board that the Schools should close May 10, and that private school at regular rates of tuition be held beginning at that time.

[Winn] Motion was carried that two lots adjoining the Winn School be purchased by the Board for the Allan Fund at \$200 per lot, these lots having been offered by Mr. Stacy at that price.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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March 27, 1907

At a special meeting called at this time, all members were present.

[Winn] The meeting was called for the purpose of deciding as to whether the two lots adjoining the Winn School should be purchased by the Board, the Stacy-Robbins Covert Company having refused to take \$400 for them, the price agreed upon by the Board at their meeting on the 25th. After discussion, it was decided to buy the lots at \$600.

Motion carried that the Superintendent ascertain the amount of money on deposit in the American National Bank to the credit of the General Fund and Allan Fund, and have as much as \$10,000 transferred from the Allan Fund to the General Fund, interest on the amount of this borrowed to be paid to the Allan Fund from the General Fund.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

April 5, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey, W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of March 8, 23, 25 and 27 were read and approved.

Superintendent's report showed an enrollment in the White Schools of 2,998, with a belonging of 2,547, in the Colored Schools an enrollment of 1,183, belonging 1,029, grand total enrollment 4,181.

The report of the Treasurer showed a balance of \$1,824.19 in favor of the General Fund, and \$17,109.31 in favor of the Allan Fund.

Mr. Kuse, for the Supply Committee, reported [249] that the shades for the Winn School had been ordered, but had not yet been put up.

Professor Taft, Principal of the Bickler School, presented a petition, asking that the hours for the school session at that building remain as they have been during the term of double daily sessions, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and closing at 2:30 p.m. No action was taken in regard to this request.

[*Rule*] Petitions were presented from the Mothers' Club of the Wooldridge, Bickler and Pease Schools, asking that the first, second and third grades be dismissed at 1:00. The Board decided that the first grade in all the White Schools in the city should begin at 9:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m., the second grades should begin at the same hour and close at 2:00 p.m., and the third grade should begin at the same hour and close at 2:30.

The Board authorized the President to execute transfer of the Eugene Smith note belonging to the Allan Fund.

Motion was also adopted that the Board sell all Allan Fund notes without recourse, as opportunity offers.

A communication from N.S. Hunsdon, asking that the Board authorize the purchase of four extra sewing machines for the Domestic Arts Department, was read, and the purchase was authorized.

A communication from Miss Cecil O'Banion, asking free tuition for her two sisters on the ground that she pays all of their expenses, was not granted on the ground that they are in Austin for the express benefits of the Schools.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] It was ordered by the Board that the purchase of the Congress Avenue and East 9th Street property by the Allan Fund from Robinson and Randolph, which was authorized by [250] the different members of the Board individually, be ratified, and that the Board present thanks to Major Robinson for his donation of \$250 to the Allan Fund, this amount having been deducted by him individually from the original price, \$13,000.

It was decided by the Board that, inasmuch as the present occupant of this property, Mr. Davis, has the property leased until August 1 at the rate of \$90 per month, but wishes to move out May 1, the sum of \$150 be accepted for the unexpired lease.

Superintendent McCallum was granted leave of absence to be in San Marcos April 30, and in Manor May 2.

The Board ordered the election of four School Trustees for May 4, the same time, with the same judges, and at the same places as the election for additional School tax, already arranged for.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

John B. Winn School

April 9, 1907

The Board met in special session, all the members being present.

The Superintendent stated that Mrs. Wilson, President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, requested the Board to give half-day holiday in order that the school children might help in their celebration. On account of the shortness of time allowed the Board to make such arrangements, the request could not be granted.

The Board authorize the Principals and teachers to take the school children to the San Jacinto Day Parade on April 19.

[251] Holiday was granted for April 22, the 21st falling on Sunday.

The following communication from Misters Walker and Rector was read and approved:

Austin, Texas

April 8, 1907

Judge Z.T. Fulmore, President,
and Board of Trustees, City of Austin

Dear Sir,

[*Allan Fund*] Referring to our report to the Board of January 22, relating to the list of claims of the Allan Fund handed us for attention and report, we beg to submit that we have collected from the following parties the amounts hereinafter stated without suit, to wit:

Note of Wallace Miller, principal and interest in full, \$4,091.85.

Note of P.R. DeLashmutt, principal and interest in full, \$1,026.

Note of L.H. Younger, one year's interest, \$179.10.

Two notes of our H. Felter, principal and interest in full, \$1,280.60.

Note of Eugene Smith, principal and interest in full, \$1,549.

Total: \$8,126.55.

Besides the above amounts, J.O. Kidd has paid to the Treasurer one note and interest, \$215.

All of the above amounts have been deposited in the American National Bank, to the credit of said Allan Fund.

Reporting on the L.H. Younger claim, we find that on February 1, 1905, said Younger renewed his notes for \$2,815.92, which amount was in excess of the amount he actually owed on said date, \$240.52. We also find that on or about the first day of February, 1906, said Younger paid one year's interest on unpaid sum of \$2,815.92, when he, in fact, should have paid on said date one year's interest on \$2,575.40, the payment of interest being excessive to the amount of \$16.84. Deducting [252] this amount from \$2,575.40 reduces the principal owed by him to \$2,558.56, and on this amount he has paid his last annual interest, mentioned above.

He declined to execute a deed of trust, but is willing, if the Board desires, to execute a renewal for the amount he owes. He insists if a renewal is not made for the true amount due that his last renewal be credited with the amount of \$240.52, as of said date of renewal, which we suggest ought to be done by authority of your Board. The renewal is in good shape, as it now stands, and there is no necessity for another renewal, as Younger declines to execute a deed of trust.

In regard to Henry Hutchings and wife, we have to report that since our last report we have discovered on record a transfer to your Board of the superior title securing said note by the Austin Real Estate and Abstract Company, and nothing remains to be done with this claim.

We have delivered to Mr. C.P. Randolph, Treasurer, the following papers: all papers in the Henry Hutchings and wife claim; Miss Annie Barnhart claim; Louis H. Younger claim; Ada Blackburn claim; J.A. Snider claim; J.O. Kidd claim; also all the papers in the William P. Smart claim, except the abstract of title, which we delivered to Professor McCallum some two weeks ago, and it was sent by him to someone at Georgetown who is figuring on taking up this loan. As nothing further remains to be done in the premises, we submit this, our final report.

We herewith enclose our bill for services for the sum of \$160.

Respectfully submitted,

{R.C. Walker} {N.A. Rector}

The Board authorize the payment of bill of \$160 to these gentlemen, for services rendered [253] and also authorized Mr. R.C. Walker to credit L.H. Younger's last renewal of note with \$240.52, the amount previously paid by him in excess of amount due.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

April 13, 1907

[Winn] The Board met in special session, with all the members present, except Mr. Kuse, and with A.O. Watson, architect, and John Martin, one of the contractors on the new building.

The Board authorized the drawing of a warrant for \$600 to the Stacy-Robbins Covert Company for the purchase of two lots north of Winn School building.

Mr. Watson appeared before the Board and stated that everything was practically completed, with the exception of a little painting.

The bill from Mr. Eyres for \$1,244.35 was ordered paid upon acceptance of the building by Mr. Watson.

It was ordered by the Board that the balance due Mr. Martin, \$179 and \$40.85 for extra work, be paid upon acceptance of the building. The Superintendent and Mr. Metz were authorized to arrange with Mr. Martin for electric fixtures and for extra closets amounting to \$170.

The \$100 each due Brueggeman and Waterston were also ordered paid, when the architect so advised.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, it was ordered that the new building be given two coats of Astralite, to prevent moisture penetrating cement, with the understanding that Mr. Watson is to furnish one barrel for this purpose, with no expense to the Board, except [254] the labor of putting it on.

[S.A.D. McClellan] The Superintendent read a communication from G.O. Burgess, regarding S.A.D. McClellan, lately dismissed from the Schools. The Superintendent was authorized not to notice this communication.

The meeting adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

April 15, 1907

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

[*School Tax Election Called Off*] The President stated the meeting was called to consider the proposition that, if the Board would call off the tax election for the eight and two-thirds cents additional on the \$100 valuation, the City Council would pay to the Board for the support of the Schools for the next year the amount that this additional tax would net. After discussion, the Board decided to accept this proposition, and the President was authorized to represent the Board before the City Council and make the statement to them.

The meeting then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

April 23 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews, Charles A. Kuse.

Dr. J.M. Loving, City Physician, appeared before the Board and stated that a case of smallpox had been discovered on East 10th Street, near the Robertson Hill School, and further stated that a number of pupils of Robertson Hill and Gregorytown [255] Schools had been exposed. Dr. Loving suggested that the Board order that all pupils attending these two schools who have not been successfully vaccinated, to be vaccinated before permitting them to return to school. This request of the City Physician was ordered and the Superintendent instructed to notify the Principals of these schools on this action of the Board at once.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

May 1, 1907

The Board met in special session, with all the members present, except Dr. Pettway.

Mr. DeBrichey, a representative of the Socialists in this city, appeared before the Board and offered as a candidate of the Socialist Party. J.S. Billingsley of South Austin. Mr. DeBrichey spoke against the book trust and in favor of the Board's furnishing the schoolchildren of Austin with free textbooks.

The Board ordered the following to be the official ballot for School Trustees, to be voted on May 4: "Official ticket for School Trustees vote for non-partisan ticket: H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, Dr. W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse; Socialist ticket, J.S. Billingsley."

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.
{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office
May 3, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 5 and special meetings of April 9, 13, 15, 23 and May 1 were read and approved.

[*Allan Building, 208-210 E. 6th Street*] On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and a communication from Mr. Davis, the lessee of the 9th Street Allan Fund property, who was present, presented to the Board the following written proposition.

Austin, Texas
May 2, 1907

To the Board of Trustees, Public Free Schools of Austin
Gentlemen,

As it is my intention to vacate the club house building before the expiration of my lease in the event I can make suitable arrangements to do so, I make you this proposition: I will pay you \$150 cash, provided you will give me the privilege to sublet the building for the balance of this month and also to contract for renting it during the month of June at \$90, the rent for that month to be paid to you, possession to be given you July 1; in the event I do not sublet the building by the first of June, possession to be given you on that date.

W.B. Davis

This proposition was accepted.

[*Winn*] Captain A.O. Watson appeared before the Board and made a general statement concerning the John B. Winn School building.

The Superintendent's report for the month ending April 12, 1907 showed an enrollment in the White Schools of 3,009, in the Colored Schools 1,196, grand total enrollment 4,205, grand total remaining 3,465, percent of attendance 94.5, total number of cases of tardiness 283, total suspensions 5, total corporal punishment 25.

The report of the American National Bank, as Treasurer, showed a balance to the credit of the [257] General Fund, \$8,496.08, a balance to the Allan Fund, \$4,612.07. This report was received and ordered filed.

A communication from Mr. W.D. Hart, City Attorney, stating that the *mandamus* suit brought by the Board of Trustees against Roger Roberdean, treasurer, and others had been decided by Judge Brooks, and that the treasurer was ordered to turn over to the County Superintendent of Schools \$1,973.34. The communication further stated that the validity of the \$1,000 bond held for the School Fund had been established, and that the accrued interest on this bond, \$720, had been ordered by the court to be placed to the credit of the available School Fund and apportioned. The Superintendent was instructed to communicate with County Superintendent Hartman and ascertain what part of the total costs in bringing this suit the County would pay. The Superintendent was further instructed, if the County refused to pay any of the costs, to have a warrant drawn in favor of W.D. Hart for \$75, the fee in this case.

A communication from W.L. Coleman of Georgetown was read, stating that he was prepared to take up the loan of the Allan Fund on the property of W.D. Smart. The President of the Board was instructed to fix out the proper papers.

The President stated that he would be in Bastrop next month, and the Board instructed him to investigate and report on the land held in Bastrop County by the Allan Fund, and ordered the President's livery expenses to be paid.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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May 6, 1907

The Board met in special session, with all the members present, except Dr. Mathews.

The Board met for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the trustee election held on Saturday May 4.

Mr. H.M. Metz, acting as President, appointed Judge Fulmore and Superintendent McCallum to act as tellers.

The returns of the election showed that H.M. Metz received 262 votes, J.A. Jackson 228, W.J. Mathews 260, C.A. Kuse 257, J.S. Billingsley 65. On motion of Judge Fulmore, Misters Metz, Jackson, Mathews and Kuse were declared the duly-elected Trustees of the

Austin City Schools for the ensuing two years. Judge Fulmore administered the oath of office to Misters Metz, Kuse and Jackson, Dr. Mathews being absent. The old Board was then declared dissolved, and Mr. Metz moved that Mr. J.A. Jackson be elected temporary President for the purpose of organization, and the Superintendent requested to act as Secretary.

The following officers were then duly elected for the ensuing year: President Z.T. Fulmore, Vice President H.M. Metz, Secretary T.R. Pettway. The election of a treasurer was postponed until the next regular meeting. A.N. McCallum was elected Superintendent for the next two years. Miss Etta Porter was elected clerk.

An invitation was read to the Board from Dr. Sutton, asking them to attend a lecture by Dr. Ellis to be given in the chemical lecture room at the University May 10. The Board accepted the invitation with thanks.

The election bills for the trustee election held on May 4 were ordered to be paid.

[Winn] The Superintendent was instructed to bid on the fence now around the Governor's Mansion and to ascertain beforehand about the cost of taking the fence down and having it placed around the Winn School grounds.

The Board adjourned.

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May 13, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway.

[Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue] The President stated the object of the meeting to be to ratify the purchase of the building owned by Oliver Brush, adjoining the property bought from Robinson and Randolph for \$8,250, the permission of the Board having been secured individually beforehand.

On motion, it was ordered that this purchase be ratified, and it was further ordered that the principal, \$1,450, due the Allan Fund by the General Fund for money borrowed and the interest to date to be paid. The Superintendent was instructed to draw a warrant for this amount of money, with the interest, and a warrant for \$1,250 was ordered to be drawn from the Allan Fund, in payment of the Brush property.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

June 3, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, W.J. Mathews.

The Board, in accordance with the recommendations of the faculty of the High School, ordered diplomas to be given the following pupils on commencement exercises June 7: P.J. Anthony, George Harris Brush, Esther Bingham Bishop, Tom Sneed Byrne, Margaret Marie Cloud, Leona Dean, James Eugene Hill, Arthur Crawford, [260] Margaret Eva von Homeyer, Mabel Minnie Harrison, William Wooten Jackson, Lillian Esther Krohn, Offie Leonard, Josephine Maquire, Irene Katharyn Maddox, Anna Longbridge Maxwell, Amelia Pauline Nelson, Elva Swearingen Powell, Ernest Jacob von Rosenberg, Johanna Louise Runge, William Brush Ruggles, Louise Estelle Smith, Alfred Smith, Jr., Thomas Harwood Stacy, Mary Barsha Thaxton, Juanita Pearl Yarbrough.

The following graduates of the Colored High School, in accordance with the recommendation of the faculty of the school, were granted diplomas: Fred Wesley Passon, Monroe Thomas Johnson, Willie Bee Campbell.

The salary of Miss Mae Sappington for one day's loss of time while attending the funeral of a sister-in-law was ordered to be paid. The Board ordered the salary of C.O. Smith to be paid in full.

[Wooldridge] The Board appropriated \$65.94 for the payment (one-half) of the fountains erected on the Wooldridge School grounds.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees:

Teachers: T.R. Pettway, Chairman; J.A. Jackson; W.J. Mathews

Building: W.J. Mathews, Chairman; H.M. Metz; F.T. Ramsey

Finance: J.A. Jackson, Chairman; T.R. Pettway; W.J. Mathews.

[261] Supplies: C.A. Kuse, Chairman; F.T. Ramsey; T.R. Pettway

Rules, Etc.: F.T. Ramsey, Chairman; C.A. Kuse; H.M. Metz

Allan Fund: H.M. Metz, Chairman; J.A. Jackson; C.A. Kuse

It was ordered that the regular meeting for Friday evening be called to meet in the Superintendent's Office at 5:00 on Friday afternoon.

The Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office
June 7, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present, except Mr. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 3 and special meetings of May 6, 13 and June 3 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer, showed a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$5,006.28 and the Allan Fund overdrawn \$66.77.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, presented plans and specifications for remodeling the Allan Fund property at the corner of East 9th and Congress Avenue. On motion, it was ordered that the plans and specifications of Mr. Boyce be accepted, bids to be advertised for in the *Statesman* and *Tribune*, and that these bids be received up to noon, Saturday, June 15.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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June 18, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, Jr., T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews, Vice President Metz in the Chair.

The resignation of Judge Z.T. Fulmore as a member of the Board of Trustees was read, and, on motion, the resignation was not accepted. The Superintendent was requested to call Judge Fulmore over the phone and ask him to be present at the meeting.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] The following bids were opened for remodeling the East 9th Street and Congress Avenue property belonging to the Allan Fund. J.T. Depew, \$6,774; R.V. Dixon, \$6,997; Max Schneider, \$7,224; E.S. Slaughter, \$8,970; Fischer & Lambie, \$7,432; James Belger, \$6,870; C.H. Richter, \$5,700.

The Board deferred final action on these bids until June 19, at 5:00.

The following report of the Teachers Committee was approved by the Board.

June 15, 1907

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of the following Principals and teachers for the City Schools for the ensuing year.

Principals

Mr. J.E. Pearce, Principal, High School

Mr. J.L. Taft, Principal, Bickler School

Mr. T.A. Brown, Principal, Pease School

Miss F.R. Brooke, Principal, Palm School

Miss Mary E. Johnson, Principal, Wooldridge School

[263] Miss Margaret Reilly, Principal, Winn School

Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Principal, Fulmore School

Miss Mary Lowry, Principal, Baker School

Teachers

Miss Nina Hill, Miss Effie Graves, Miss Frances Ottley, Miss Gertrude Lippelt, Miss Clovie Hill, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss E.H. Nesbitt, Mr. C.T. Dowell, Mr. C.A. Smith, Mr. E.W. Breihan, Mr. N.S. Hunsdon, Mr. E.S. Blackburn, Mr. Fred Hofstetter, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Kate Eanes, Miss Florence Burditt, Miss Emily Numbers, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Eula Hill, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Mary Copes, Miss Elizabeth Hartman, Miss Emma Puckett, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Alice Harrell, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Laura Allison, Mrs. Eva H. Thayer, Mrs. Kate Z. Williams, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Ada Blackburn, Miss Grace Ketchum, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Jessie Roy, Miss Beatrice Killingsworth, Miss Bertha Cook, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Georgia Walker, Miss Daisy Gilliam, Miss Julia Beazley, Miss L. Mae Sappington, Miss Mary Hynes, Miss Bertha Wallace, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss Minnie Mayes, Miss Cecil O'Banion, Miss Alice Humphrey, Miss Emmy Jessen, Miss May McAdams, Miss Louise Thomas, Miss Hettie Hofstetter, Miss Helen Phipps, Miss Janet Downie.

Colored Schools

L.C. Anderson, Principal, Robertson Hill School

G.W. Norman, Principal, Gregorytown School

W.H. Passon, Principal, West Austin School

J.H. Pickard, Principal, Wheatville School

Mrs. L.E. Morton, Principal, South Austin School [264]
Teachers

Mrs. C.L. Woodard, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, Mrs. L.E. Lee, C.M. White, Timothy Chandler.

We recommend that Miss Porter be given leave of absence one-and-a-half days, to attend the marriage of her brother.

Respectfully submitted,

{T.R. Pettway} {J.A. Jackson} {W.J. Mathews}

Committee on Teachers

A discussion arose over the question of teacher salaries, and the Finance Committee and the Superintendent were instructed to prepare a report of the probable income of the Schools for next year, and the amount of money necessary to increase salaries desired.

The Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

June 19, 1907

The Board met in special session, with all the members present, except Mr. Kuse, who was out of the city.

[*Allan building, 823 Congress Avenue*] Mistfers Paul Haynes and Henry Runge appeared before the Board and made a proposition to rent the building on the Avenue purchased from Robinson and Randolph for natatorial purposes at \$70 per month. Action on this proposition was deferred until a subsequent meeting of the Board.

Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, appeared before the Board, and the question of remodeling the two buildings on East 9th and Congress Avenue came up for discussion. The bids opened at a meeting of the Board held on June 18 were referred to the Building Committee and the architect, with instructions to report back to the Board for [265] final action whatever decision they had come to in regard to letting the bid.

It was ordered by the Board that hereafter all teacher salaries be paid by the scholastic month, instead of the calendar month, as has been the custom heretofore.

The following salaries were ordered to be paid next year: C.T. Dowell \$1,000 per year, C.O. Smith \$850 per year, Mrs. B. Delfraisse \$5 per month increase, W.H. Passon \$5 per month increase, Miss Mary E. Johnson \$1,000 per year, Miss Florence R. Brooke \$1,000 per year, Miss Etta Porter \$720 per year.

In the Manual Training Department: Fred Hofstetter \$850 per year, E.S. Blackburn \$850 per year, and \$50 from whatever tuition is collected from university students.

Judge Fulmore, President of the Board, stated that he voted no and desired to enter his protest on the increase of the salaries of Miss Johnson and Miss Brooke to \$1,000, on the ground that in the past four years, these two salaries, with this increase, would be 43%.

Nothing further, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

June 21, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] The question of remodeling the Allan Fund property at the corner of East 9th and Congress Avenue [266] came up for discussion, and the bids opened at the special meeting of June 19 were all considered.

On motion, it was ordered that the bid be given to Mr. C.H. Richter, his being the lowest, \$5,700, and he was also instructed to secure samples of brick to be submitted to the Building Committee, whose decision should be final in choosing the brick.

The President was authorized to sign contract and approve bond of C.H. Richter for \$5,700, the repairs on the building to be completed by October 1, 1907.

On motion, it was ordered that Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, be authorized to purchase the necessary hardware for the remodeling of the building.

The Superintendent was authorized to secure uniform photographic cuts of all the schools, to be used in advertising matter being prepared by Mr. Cannon.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] On motion, it was ordered that the architect prepare plans and specifications for plumbing and wiring, and that the Superintendent advertise for bids.

The President stated that he had made arrangements with the architect, Mr. Boyce, to charge 3% for the plans and specifications for remodeling the Allan Fund property, and, on motion, this action of the President was ratified by the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office
July 5, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz and T.R. Pettway present. As there was no quorum, the Board adjourned until July 9.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

July 9, 1907

The Board met according to adjournment, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 7 and special meetings of June 18, 19 and 21 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$3,909.11, and an overdraft on the Allan Fund of \$66.77, was received and ordered filed.

[*Allan Building, 208-210 East 6th Street*] A communication from Zier-Phillips Furniture Company, asking permission of the Board, to grant permission to the Austin Electric Railroad Company to remove the trolley pole in front of the Butler Building and fasten the wires to the brick front of the building, in order that an awning as wide as the sidewalk may be placed there. This was referred to Building Committee, with power to act

Misters Tobin and Fontaine, booksellers in the city, appeared before the Board and, after a general discussion in regard to selling textbooks to the children of Austin at publishers' price list, the matter was disposed of by referring it to these gentlemen, Mr. Tobin and Fontaine, together with the Superintendent, with instructions to bring in a report as to the amount of books sold to the children and the best way to finally [268] adjust the matter.

It was ordered that the August examinations be held on the 5th, 6th and 7th.

[*Allan Fund*] Inasmuch as no member of the Board had ever seen the 320 acres of land in Bastrop County, left by Judge John T. Allan, it was ordered by the Board that the expenses of the President of the Board be paid in order that he may visit it and report to the Board.

[*High School*] Superintendent was authorized to rent a building near the High School for the janitor G. Schwarzer, as the janitor's

building on the High School grounds is too small to accommodate him.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] The Superintendent was instructed to write to Mr. Guy S. Boyce and ask for specifications on plumbing and wiring on the Allan building at the corner of East 9th Street and Congress Avenue.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

July 18, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse.

[*Allan Fund*] Vice President Metz, presiding, explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of passing resolutions authorizing the transfer of the note due the Allan Fund by Miss Annie Barnhart, to Mrs. Anna Lundberg. On motion, Judge Fulmore was authorized to transfer any or all notes due the Allan Fund.

[*High School*] The Superintendent was authorized to rent a house for the High School janitor and "put him in it."

No further business, the Board adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office

August 1, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Matthew, C.A. Kuse. The following gentlemen were also present: Mr. W.D. Slaton of Dallas, Texas, representing the insurance companies, Mr. Guy S. Boyce and Mr. W.G. Eyres, architect and contractor.

The purpose of the meeting, as stated by the President, was to adjust the insurance on the Zier-Phillips building owned by the Allan Fund. Mr. Slaton, the representative of the Companies, offered \$5,260.42 as an adjustment of the total insurance of \$8,000 held by the Board. On motion of Dr. Mathews, it was unanimously carried that the final adjustment be postponed till tomorrow night at the regular meeting of the Board.

A communication from Mr. John Webourg of Austin, Texas, concerning the Allan estate, was read and received as information.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office
August 2, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, W.J. Matthew, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 5 and special meetings of July 9, 18 and August 1 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Fund, which showed a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$3,472.35, and a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$1,842.29, was received and ordered filed.

[270] The following report to the Committee on Teachers was adopted.

August 1, 1907

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of Miss Mattie E. Sheen of Detroit, Michigan as Supervisor of Music and Physical Culture in the Austin Schools for the ensuing year.

In case Miss Sheen has been engaged elsewhere, the Superintendent was instructed to secure the services of Miss Louva A. Millard as Supervisor of Music and Physical Culture.

Respectfully submitted,

{J.A. Jackson} {T.R. Pettway} {W.J. Mathews}
Committee on Teachers

Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee, reported that it would be necessary to purchase a new typewriter for the office. After considerable discussion, it was ordered that a new "Fox" typewriter be purchased. Mr. Kuse further reported that he had ordered 20 dustless brushes for use in the City Schools, which was approved by the Board.

[*Allan Building, 208-210 E. 6th*] Mr. Charles A. Shurr, contractor, appeared before the Board and stated that, at the request of the Building Committee, he had examined the building now owned by the Allan Fund, occupied by the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company, recently burned, and that, in his opinion, it would take \$5,500 to properly repair the building.

[*Palm*] The bid of Mr. Shurr for repairing the Palm School building for \$215, was accepted by the Board and Mr. Shurr instructed to proceed at once to repair said building.

Dr. James L. Loving, City Physician, appeared before the Board and discussed the question of necessity [271] of vaccination, and urged upon the Board the necessity of having the children in the Public Schools vaccinated. No definite action was taken, but it was the sense of the Board that the School Board, in all matters of sanitation and in regard to the health of the children in the Public Schools, was subordinate to the Health Department of the city, and that the Board would cheerfully carry out the suggestions made by said department.

[*Allan Fund*] Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, reported that it would be necessary to sell the note due the Allan Fund by Mr. Henry Hutchings in order to make payments on the building. Mr. Metz was requested by the Board to see Mr. Hutchings at once and request him to take up the note.

[*High School and Winn*] Judge Fulmore suggested that coal bins be built at the High School and Winn School. In this connection, the President read a communication from Miss Reilly, Principal of the Winn School, and authority was given the Superintendent to carry out the recommendations contained therein.

It was ordered that the Teachers Committee be authorized to investigate the private tuition charged during the summer at the schools held at the different ward and High School buildings, and report later to the Board.

The Superintendent reported that, after several conferences with Misters Tobin and Fontaine, booksellers in the city, they had agreed voluntarily to hereafter sell books authorized by the Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools to the children of Austin at publishers' price list.

Superintendent verbally reported to the Board the resignation of Miss Elizabeth Hartman. This resignation was accepted.

[*Schools Open*] It was ordered by the Board that the Schools open Monday, September 16, 1907.

The salary of Miss Janet Downie, Supervisor of [272] Drawing, was fixed for the next year at \$50 per month. The salary of the Supervisor of Music and Physical Culture was fixed at \$750 per year.

The Building Committee was instructed to investigate and report to the Board the general condition of the public schools of the city.

[*High School Janitor's House*] Superintendent reported to the Board that he had secured a house for the janitor directly east of the High School building, and that the rent of said house was \$10 per month. The Superintendent suggested that a warrant be drawn for Mr. Schwarzer each month for \$50, for salary and rent, in lieu of drawing two warrants, one for rent and one for salary.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

August 3, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse.

[*Allan Building, 208-210 E. 6th*] The President stated that the object of the meeting was to adjust the loss on the Allan Fund building on East 6th Street, occupied by Zier-Phillips Furniture Company, with the insurance adjuster Mr. W.D. Slaton, and also to consider further the question of vaccination, etc.

On motion, it was ordered to accept the compromise with the insurance companies, provided they pay to the School Board \$5,500.

[*Vaccination*] The following Rule, in regard to vaccination, was adopted unanimously by the Board.

(1) Before the beginning of each annual session of the Schools and before the entrance of any pupil into the Schools at any time during the session, all regular employees and pupils shall present to the School Board satisfactory evidence of having been successfully vaccinated within five years next, preceding the beginning of said session.

[273] (2) In lieu of evidence of such successful vaccination, said employees and said pupils may present other evidence of the necessary precaution for protection against smallpox, on the sufficiency of which the City Board of Health shall judge.

(3) If any employee or pupil is deemed unfit for vaccination, or presents evidence that vaccination will prove dangerous to his or her health, the action of the Board in such cases shall be governed by the decision of the City Board of Health.

(4) Whenever any employee or pupil is deemed unfit for vaccination, or it is decided that vaccination will prove dangerous to the health of such employee or pupil, such

employee or pupil shall not be excluded from school unless smallpox actually exists in the city or unless in the judgment of the Board of Health, there is immediate danger of the spread of such disease in the city.

(5) The term "employee," as used, embraces the Superintendent, Principals, regular and special teachers, and all other regular employees of the Schools, and, in the case of janitors residing on the school grounds or immediately adjacent thereto, it shall embrace the families of such janitors.

On motion, it was ordered that Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee, be authorized, with the Superintendent, to select and purchase sufficient chairs and desks for seating another room in the Winn School and the High School gallery.

[Winn] On motion, it was ordered to pay W.E. Condit \$140, and to retain \$60 due Mr. Condit on contract which he owes W.G. Eyres on lumber, until Mr. Eyres repairs in a proper manner the blackboards in the Winn School, after these blackboards are repaired properly, to pay Mr. Eyres \$60 due him by Mr. Condit.

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August 9, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey, T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews.

On motion, it was ordered that the Superintendent ascertain the cost of putting on the third story on the property owned by the Allan Fund, corner of East 9th and Congress Avenue.

The Superintendent reported the following passed the City Examination and received first-grade City Certificates: Miss Lucile Atkinson, Miss Angla Broline, Miss Katherine Gray, Miss Linnie Humphrey, Miss Bessie Hutchings, Miss Lula May Jackson, Miss E. May Johnston, Miss Gertrude Meriwether, Miss Dorinda Pillow, Mr. C.T. Dowell. Colored: Miss Clara Threadgill.

The following received second-grade City Certificates: Miss Willie D. Barbee, Miss Clara Cook, Miss Amanda Ellingson, Miss Margaret Mae Gillivray, Mrs. Therese Lindsey, Miss Maggie McInnis, Miss Rena McLaughlin, Miss Edna Slaughter.

The following report to the Teachers Committee was adopted.

Superintendent's Office
August 8, 1907

Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of the following teachers: Misses Lucile Atkinson, Angla Broline, Katherine Gray, Linnie Humphrey, Bessie Hutchings, Lula May Jackson, Ethel May Johnston, Gertrude Meriwether, Dorinda Pillow, Edna Slaughter.

We further recommend that Misses Clara Newton and Rena McLaughlin be elected supernumeraries.

In the case of C.O. Smith, who was previously elected to the position of Botany and Zoology in the High School, the Superintendent reports that he has failed to secure a City Certificate. We recommend in his case that he be continued as a teacher in the High School with the [275] understanding that he pass the City Examination to be given in June 1908.

We further recommend the election of the following teachers for the Colored Schools: Misses Tennie Hardwell, Lillie Rhambo, Clera Drisdale, Laura Pierce, Parthenia Polk, Lolla Kimball, Addie Clements, Cora Mitchell, Clara Threadgill and L.B. Kinchion.

We further recommend that these teachers be put on duty in the Colored Schools, as they are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

{T.R. Pettway} {W.J. Mathews} {J.A. Jackson}

Committee on Teachers

The Superintendent reported the following assignment of teachers, which was adopted:

High School: Principal J.E. Pearce, Miss Nina Hill, Miss Effie Graves, Miss Frances Ottley, Miss Helen Phipps, Miss Gertrude Lippelt, Miss Clovie Hill, Miss Pauline Trueblood, E.W. Breihan, C.T. Dowell, C.O. Smith.

Manual Training Department: Director N.S. Hunsdon, E.S. Blackburn, Fred Hofstetter, Miss Eleanor H. Nesbitt.

Bickler School: Principal J.L. Taff, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Mary Copes, Miss Louise Thomas, Miss May McAdams, Miss Emmy Jessen, Miss Hettie Hofstetter, Miss

Laura Allison, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Emma Puckett.

Pease School: Principal T.A. Brown, Mrs. Eva H. Thayer, Miss Cecil O'Banion, Miss E. May Johnston, Miss Minnie Mayes, Miss Alice Humphrey, [276] Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss Gertrude Meriwether, Miss Mary Hynes, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Emily Numbers.

Palm School: Principal Miss F.R. Brooke, Miss Grace Ketchum, Miss Julia Beazley, Miss Mae Sappington, Miss Alice Harrell, Miss Lula Mae Jackson, Miss Lucile Atkinson, Miss Bertha Cook.

Wooldridge School: Principal Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Daisy Gilliam, Miss Georgia Walker, Miss Katherine Gray, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Kate Eanes.

John B. Winn School: Principal Miss M. Reilly, Mrs. Kate Z. Williams, Miss Jessie B. Roy, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Dorinda Pillow, Miss Mary Downie.

Fulmore School: Principal Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Miss Florence Burdett, Miss Beatrice Killingsworth, Miss Bessie Hutchings, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham.

Baker School: Principal Miss Mary Lowry, Miss Ada Blackburn, Miss Linnie Humphrey, Miss Angla Broline.

Supernumerary: Miss Clara Newton.

Colored Schools

Robertson Hill: Principal L.C. Anderson, C.M. White, Mrs. C.L. Woodard, Miss Clara Threadgill.

Gregorytown: Principal G.W. Norman, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, Mrs. L.E. Lee, Miss Tennie Hardwell, Miss Lillie Rhambo, Miss Clara Drisdale, Miss Cora Mitchell, L.B. Kinchion.

West Austin: Principal W.H. Passon, Miss L.E. Pierce, Miss Parthenia Polk, Timothy Chandler.

Wheatville: Principal J.H. Pickard, Miss Lolla Kimball.

South Austin: Principal Mrs. L.E. Morton, Miss Addie Clements.

[277] The salary of C.O. Smith, teacher in the High School, was fixed at \$850 per year.

Miss Emmy Jessen, who is now in Europe, was granted leave of absence for two weeks at the beginning of Schools.

The President, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, was appointed a Committee of one to prepare resolutions of respect and condolence to be presented

at the next regular meeting of the Board on the death of Miss Bertha Wallace.

The Board approved the report of the Supply Committee on the need of desks in High School, and of the Building Committee in regard to the necessity of plastering the High School and placing two posts near the stage in the assembly hall under the gallery. The question of oiling the floors of the High School and cutting down the gallery was postponed.

[*Allan Building, 208-210 E. 6th*] The Superintendent was instructed to advertise for bids for repairing the Zier-Phillips building recently burned.

Nothing further, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

August 17, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey, W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway.

The Board accepted the bid of McAlister Fuel Company to supply coal to the different school buildings throughout the term, as needed, at \$7.60 per ton of 2,000 pounds. After considerable discussion, in regard to the shortage of coal, the Superintendent was instructed to have the janitor assist in carrying coal to the different buildings.

[*9th Street Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] The bill of C.H. Richter, contractor, for \$800 and [278] approved by the architect Guy S. Boyce, was ordered paid by the Board.

The Superintendent reported that C.H. Richter, contractor, offered to build a third story on the Allan property on the corner of 9th Street and Congress Avenue for \$4,900. No action was taken on this matter.

Superintendent was ordered to purchase three sets of the *New Standard Encyclopedia* at \$38.50 per set.

[*208-210 E. 6th St. Building (Architect Boyce)*] The following bids for remodeling the Allan building on 6th Street, recently burned, were opened and read: C.H. Richter \$4,460; W.G. Eyres \$5,150, glass front \$1,325 extra; E.S. Slaughter \$2,135; Max Schneider \$4,866, with extras \$6,711.

Mr. Harry Zier, the tenant, appeared before the Board and made some suggestions in regard to a modern front, electric elevator, etc.

The matter of remodeling the building was put in the hands of the Building Committee, with instructions to meet tomorrow at the building with the architect, Guy S. Boyce, and decide concerning the improvements to be made.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

August 29, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews.

Superintendent stated that Miss Elfrieda Jessen had failed to secure a first-grade Certificate at a recent State Examination, but, in view of her past excellent services as a teacher in the Schools, the Superintendent was instructed to put her on the payroll at her regular salary.

Superintendent was given permission to put the janitors of the large buildings in the city on duty two weeks before the opening of schools, in order that [279] everything might be properly prepared for the opening of schools.

Superintendent reported the resignation of Miss Angla Broline, which was accepted, and Miss Edna Slaughter assigned to the Baker School.

In regard to vaccination, it was ordered that the Superintendent and Principals accept vaccination certificates from any reputable physician in the city. Carried, Dr. Mathews voting no.

[208-210 E. Sixth Street] The Building Committee recommended the adoption of plans and specifications prepared by Guy S. Boyce for remodeling the Allan building on East 6th Street, which was adopted.

September 2, 1907

The Board met in special session, with Fulmore, Pettway, Ramsey, and Mathews present.

[208-210 East 6th Street Building] The following bids for remodeling the Allan property were read: Max Schneider \$9,784, C.H. Richter \$6,262, C.A. Shurr \$8,436, E.S. Slaughter \$6,925. On motion, it was ordered that the contract be let to C.H. Richter.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office
September 6, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present, except Mr. Jackson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 2 and special meetings of August 3, 9, 17, 29 and September 2 were read and approved.

A Committee consisting of Misters Armstrong and Geggie, representing the Carpenters Union [280] of this city, appeared before the Board and presented a resolution asking that the Manual Training Department be opened three or four nights each week after October 1, for the benefit of apprentices of this Union. After considerable discussion and talks by Misters Armstrong and Geggie, the President, Mr. Ramsey, and other members of the Board, the matter of definite arrangements in regard to the establishing of an industrial night school was referred to the Superintendent, Mr. Hunsdon and Mr. Geggie.

The report of the American National Bank, as Treasurer of the School Fund, showed a balance due the General Fund September 1 of \$3,158.28, and the Allan Fund of \$6,872.64. This report was received and ordered filed.

The following financial statement of the Public School Funds for the year ending August 31, 1907, was adopted by the Board.

Receipts

Balance brought forward from previous year	\$12,837.60
Amount received from State Available School Fund	26,005.00
Amount received from County Treasurer	
and apportionment of County School Funds	865.75
Received from Travis County, approved by Court	1,213.39
Received by transfer of pupils	435.00
Amount received from local taxes	36,034.51
Amount received from tuition of pupils	
not entitled to free tuition	1,331.66
From American National Bank	
interest on school funds	145.98
<u>Amount received from lunchroom</u>	<u>103.46</u>
Total amount of receipts	\$78,972.35

Disbursements

Cash paid for teachers, including Principals and Superintendent	\$51,705.64
Cash paid for taking School Census	242.72
Cash paid for building	11,261.30
Cash paid for grounds	2,386.47
Cash paid for rent	165.00
Cash paid for insurance	638.15
Cash paid for repairs	1,483.44.
[281] Cash paid for supplies	1,061.62
Cash paid for fuel	865.79
Cash paid for furniture	1,412.84
Cash paid for apparatus	431.63
Cash paid for library	60.15
Cash paid for printing	237.20
Cash paid for clerk and janitors	3,317.47
Cash paid for sanitation	10.00
Cash paid for telephones	33.33
Cash paid for election expenses	65.00
Cash paid for counting entire fund and items not specified above	345.32
Total amount of disbursements	\$75,814.07
Balance on hand August 31, 1907	\$3,158.28.

The following financial statement of the Allan Fund for the year ending August 31, 1907, was also adopted by the Board.

Receipts

Balance from previous year	\$2,811.38
Received from payment of notes	14,600.04
Received from interest on notes	1,395.30
Received from sale of property	7,000.00
Received from rent	1,971.69
Received from tuition university students	525.00
Received from insurance	5,500.00
Received from other sources	115.04
Total amount of receipts	\$33,918.45

Disbursements

Cash paid for teachers	\$3,046.46
Cash paid for janitors	213.85
Cash paid for real estate	21,600.00
Cash paid for building	900.00
Supplies for Manual Training Department	538.23
Supplies for Domestic Science Department	232.93
Extra equipment Domestic Science Department	110.00
Legal services and collecting	[illegible]
Repairs	[illegible]
[282] Cash paid for fuel	23.40
Gas for Domestic Science Department	31.01
<u>For items not specified above</u>	<u>22.59</u>
Total amount of disbursements	\$27,045.81
Balance on hand August 31, 1907	\$6,872.64

Miss Mary Alice Kelleher was elected supernumerary, and Miss Clara Cook an extra teacher for the Fulmore School, to be on duty one day per week at a salary of \$2 per day.

Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee, was authorized to purchase one-half dozen stoves for the schools, the same make as was purchased from Voss and Koock last year.

[*High School Roof*] The Superintendent was instructed to have the High School roof repaired by Mr. Brass at a cost of \$123.

The Superintendent was instructed to poll the parents of the city in regard to changing the dinner hour from 30 minutes to 60 minutes.

The following janitors' salaries were fixed for the year: Winn School \$30 per month, Fulmore School \$20, and Baker School \$20, the other janitor salaries to remain as they were last year.

[*Winn*] The Superintendent reported that Miss Reilly, Principal of the John B. Winn School, was not satisfied with the blackboards. Superintendent was instructed to notify Mr. Eyres that the blackboards must be fixed in a proper manner, and, if they were not so fixed by the middle of this week, the Superintendent was instructed to have them prepared for the opening of the school.

It was ordered by the Board that a lunch be given the teachers at the second regular Institute meeting.

[*Allan Building, 208-210 East 6th Street*] The Board authorized the payment to Mr. Eyres of \$25 for his estimate on the amount of money it will take to repair the Zier-Phillips building, recently burned

The Superintendent was granted permission to go to San Antonio Saturday.

Mayor F.M. Maddox addressed the Board on the necessity of economy and using water at the different wards school buildings. It was further agreed that the Mayor [283] report the amount of water used in each building during the first month of school, and the Superintendent was instructed to notify the Principals to use all the economy with the water.

[*East Allan Street building, 208-210 East 6th Street Building*] The bill of Mr. Guy S. Boyce for \$193.43, for making plans and specifications at 208-210 East 6th Street was read. No action was taken on the payment of this bill.

The Superintendent reported that he had five painters at work on the Pease School, and the fence around the Winn School grounds was being made by Mr. Stiles.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

September 13, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse.

The Superintendent was authorized to negotiate the note due the Allan Fund by Henry Hutchings and wife.

The Superintendent reported the resignation of Miss Gertrude Lippelt, who had accepted a position as teacher of Modern Languages in the Dallas High School at an increase of salary. This resignation was accepted, and the Superintendent instructed to procure the services of a German teacher in the Austin High School.

[*208-210 East 6th Street Building*] The following bids for placing an electric elevator in the building owned by the Allan Fund on East 6th Street: Otis Elevator Company \$425, the automatic gate \$60 extra; Parkhurst Company \$1,690, the automatic gate \$90 extra. The bid of the Otis Elevator Company was accepted by the Board.

[284] The bid of J.R. Donnelly for plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, to be placed in the building now being remodeled at the corner of East 9th and Congress Avenue for \$493, was accepted, and contract awarded.

Ordered by the Board that C.H. Richter be paid \$1,200 on contract. Ordered further by the Board that a warrant be drawn for Guy S. Boyce, architect, for \$193.43.

Ordered that a holiday be given Thursday, September 19, on account of circus.

[*Hours for Dismissing*] The Board ordered that hereafter the hours for dismissing the schools be as follows: Both divisions of first grade and low second grade 1:00, the high second and both divisions of the third grade 2:00, the remaining grades to be dismissed as formerly, at 3:00.

[*Director of Music returns to Detroit*] The Superintendent reported that the Director of Music and Physical Culture arrived in Austin, but, on account of unknown circumstances, was forced to return to her home in Detroit.

The Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

September 26, 1907

The Board met in special session, with Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse and T.R. Pettway present.

Mr. Earl Smith appeared before the Board and asked free tuition in the City Schools for his two children. Mr. Smith's request was referred to the State Superintendent for final action and, on motion, it was ordered that his children be permitted to attend the City Schools until the question of free tuition is finally settled.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress*] Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, stated to the Board that erecting iron stairway on the outside at the [285] near end of the building, corner 9th Street and Congress Avenue, four feet wide, would cost \$118 additional. The new stairs to cost \$218, and the deduction of \$100 for not putting in a stairway according to the plans and specifications.

The following communication from Mr. Isaac Bledsoe, in regard to leasing the property of the Allan Fund at the corner of East 9th Street and Congress Avenue, was referred to Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund.

Honorable Z.T. Fulmore

President, Board of School Trustees, Austin

Dear Sir,

I submit the following proposition to your honorable Board in reference to leasing the first floor of the building now being remodeled, which is situated on the southeast corner of Congress Avenue and East 9th Street, and also the first floor of a warehouse building in the rear of same, as described below.

Said building in the rear, to be 25 by 46 feet, facing East 9th Street and have proper light and ventilation, the west wall of the rear building to be about 10 feet east of the east wall of the front building.

If you will construct the above-described warehouse building, I will lease the premises for a period beginning November 1, 1907 (or as soon thereafter as the buildings are entirely completed and ready for occupancy) and ending December 31, 1910, with the privilege of renewing lease at same rental until December 31, 1913, at a monthly rental of \$125 per month, payable in advance every month, and in consideration of you erecting the warehouse above-described, I further agree to pay the sum of \$1,500 cash for the first 12 months' rent when placed in possession of said buildings, it being agreed that should said buildings be destroyed or damaged by fire during said year that they [286] will be repaired, and I receive a credit for the time I was unable to occupy them in the usual manner. It being further agreed that entrance to the second floor shall be by an iron stairway on east end of the present building.

I may ask you to make some slight alterations in the interior, such as moving a sink and putting in a window and closet, but the architect advises me that the additional cost will be very small. I would ask that you kindly consider this communication strictly confidential, whether accepted or rejected, and that you favor me with a reply at the earliest possible time.

Yours truly,

{Isaac Bledsoe}

P.S., It will, of course, be necessary for you to equip the front of the building with a modern awning, to correspond with the present plans.

The President stated that Nixon's Commercial College offers \$800 per year for the upper story of building, but desires three partitions

put in. This proposition was accepted by the Board, and the President was authorized to execute leases.

The President stated that machinery for the Textile School had been ordered, and an expert employed. The question of locating the Textile School was discussed, but no definite action was taken in regard to locating the school. The Board decided to visit the High School in a body immediately after the arrival of the expert.

The President made a report of his trip to inspect the Bastrop land owned by the Allan Fund. He stated, in this connection, that the land was sandy and difficult to access, and, in his opinion, not worth more than \$2.50 per acre.

Adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office

October 4, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 6 and special meetings of September 13 and 26 were read and approved.

The report the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$598.11, a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$5,473.06, and a balance to the credit of the Textile Fund of \$1,440, was read and, on motion, the report was ordered filed.

Superintendent made in detail the statistical report showing the following grand total enrollment for the three weeks ending October 4 of 2,945.

Superintendent further reported that he had secured the services of Miss Luella Fonda as German teacher in the High School, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Lippelt. Miss Fonda's salary was fixed at \$80 per month, the regular salary of High School teachers.

[*High School (Lunch)*] Superintendent further reported that the lunchroom at the High School had been organized, and that Mrs. Raymond was put in charge of the lunchroom.

A communication from Mrs. J.B. Nitschke, thanking the School Board for the encyclopedia, etc. bought during vacation, was read.

Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee, reported that he had ordered one-half dozen stoves from Voss and Koock, the same make as previously ordered.

[Winn] A communication from Miss Reilly and the teachers of the John B. Winn School was read, earnestly protesting against the blackboards in that school. The Superintendent was authorized [288] to notify Mr. W.G. Eyres, contractor, that the blackboards at the Winn School were altogether unsatisfactory to the teachers of that school, and that, if he did not fix them within one week, the Superintendent was authorized to have the work done in a satisfactory manner.

[High School] The Superintendent reported the request from the Principal of the High School and manager of the lunchroom for an auxiliary phone to be placed in the lunchroom. This request was granted.

Superintendent was further instructed to communicate with the City Council in regard to prohibiting lunch wagons from selling lunches to the children of the different schools without first securing permission of the Board.

President reported that he had had a conversation with Mr. Isaac Bledsoe in regard to leasing the property at corner of 9th Street and Congress Avenue at \$1,500 per year, provided Mr. Bledsoe be given permission to erect a building 25 by 46 feet on the ground in the rear of the main building, the walks of said building to be at least 17 inches. The President further stated that Mr. Bledsoe desired to lease the building for four years. On motion, this offer for the lower floor of the building was accepted, and the President authorized to execute the contract.

A communication from Miss Mary Fanning, requesting free tuition in the City Schools for the three Townsend children, was read, and, on motion, the children were granted free tuition in the Schools.

[Wooldridge] Communication from the Principal and teachers of the Wooldridge School, asking for supplies for the school, was read. It was the sense of the Board that the supplies be purchased for this school.

The salary of G. Schwarzer, janitor of the High School, was fixed at \$55 per month.

Communication from Rabbi Aron P. Drucker, protesting against the use of "Merchant of Venice" in the High School, was read, and the Board ordered this [289] book dropped from the curriculum after the close of this term.

Request from Mr. N.S. Hunsdon, Director of the Manual Training Department, to be absent from the city while attending a suit pending in the courts of Indiana and Illinois, was read, and the request granted.

Miss Laura Lee Abadie was elected assistant in the Domestic Science Department in the Austin High School, salary \$45 per month.

Superintendent read a report showing the amount of insurance now held by the Stacy-Robbins Covert Company, it appearing that this company held considerably more than their proper share of insurance on school property, the opinion of the Board that the insurance be properly distributed to the different agents in the city.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

October 8, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] The contract of Isaac Bledsoe with the Board of Trustees, for the lease of the building at the corner of 9th Street and Congress Avenue, was read, and the President was authorized by the Board to sign the contract in duplicate, which was done in the presence of the Board.

Ordered that a holiday be given Friday, October 11, on account of the circus.

Adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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October 9, 1907

The Board met in special session at the call of Misters Kuse and Ramsey. The following members were present: H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse. In the absence of the President, Vice President Metz called the Board to order.

The Superintendent stated that Mr. C.T. Dowell, teacher of Science in the High School, desired to tender his resignation as a teacher, to accept the position as teacher of Science in the Oklahoma State Normal. On motion, it was ordered that the resignation of Mr. Dowell be accepted. The Superintendent was instructed to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Dr. Mathews, the appreciation of the Board was extended to Mr. Dowell for his services in the High School.

Adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

History Room, High School

October 17, 1907

The Board met in special session, with all the members present, except Mr. Jackson.

On motion, it was ordered that the Chairman of the Supply Committee, C.A. Kuse, purchase as many seats from the Southern Presbyterian Church as may be needed in the schools, the price to be paid 50 cents for the smaller seats, \$1 for the larger seats. Chairman of the Supply Committee was authorized also, at his discretion, to purchase some chairs now in use in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

[*High School*] On motion, it was ordered that a building for a kitchen and dining room be erected outside of the High School building, and that the space now given to the lunchroom in the High [291] School building be devoted to the Textile School.

The President was authorized, with Mr. C.B. Johnson, teacher in the Textile School, to inaugurate plans at once for the beginning of the school.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

October 19, 1907

The Board met in special session at 4:00 p.m. Present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, F.T. Ramsey, T.R. Pettway C.A. Kuse, W.J. Mathews.

[823 Congress Avenue, 9th St. Building] Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, was also present. Mr. Boyce stated that the contractor, Mr. C.H. Richter, of the Allan building at the corner of Congress Avenue and 9th Street was not carrying out the plans and specifications, and that he had had considerable trouble with the contractor in order to get him to adopt his recommendations and suggestions. Mr. Metz of the Building Committee, the President, and other members of the Board concurred with Mr. Boyce in this matter. On motion, it was ordered that Mr. Boyce and the President write a letter to the bondsman, Mr.

J.L. Hume, and also to Richter, to meet with the Board on Monday afternoon, October 21, at 4:30 o'clock.

It was ordered that the architect, Mr. Guy S. Boyce, be instructed to notify Richter to suspend work on building at once and until further notice.

Inasmuch as a garnishment had been issued against Mr. Richter, it was ordered that no payment be made to Mr. Richter for work done on Congress Avenue and East 6th Street buildings until further action of the Board.

[292] A communication was read from Mr. Charles A. Shurr in regard to the erection of the first floor of a Manual Training building on the High School grounds. The estimate made by Mr. Shurr was \$5,300. No action was taken, and the Superintendent was instructed to have erected on the High School grounds a bin for coal, etc.

Nothing further, the Board adjourned, to meet at 4:30 Monday afternoon, October 21.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

October 21, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, F.T. Ramsey, W.J. Mathews.

[823 *Congress Avenue, 9th Street Allan Building*] The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the progress, etc. the contractor was making on the building at the corner of Congress Avenue and 9th Street, Mr. George L. Hume, bondsman for the contractor, Mr. C.H. Richter, contractor, and Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, appeared before the Board.

A communication from Mr. Guy S. Boyce was read, in which he made the following definite objections to the work now in progress on the Allan building:

(1) That the new wall is separating from the old wall, and stated that the contractor was instructed to securely anchor masonry work together.

(2) The second story floor is not being properly done, as it is not level.

(3) Two brick arches in lower story in new addition are defective and should be rebuilt.

The Board adjourned to the building and, after a careful inspection, it was ordered that the cracks between new and old building be filled full [293] of cement without anchors.

Ordered, second, that the floors on the second story be leveled.

Ordered, third, that warrants be drawn on revised estimates of architect, and out of the first estimate \$198.25 be taken to pay Misters Allen and Hart for garnishment.

The Board then adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

November 1, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey. Absent: H.M. Metz and J.A. Jackson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 4 and special meetings of October 8, 9, 17, 19 and 21 were read and approved.

A communication from Mr. C. O Smith, asking the Board to accept his resignation as teacher of Science in the Austin High School was read. Mr. Smith appeared personally before the Board and stated his reasons for resigning. On motion, it was ordered to accept Mr. Smith's resignation when a suitable teacher could be found to take his place in the High School. The Superintendent was instructed to secure the services of a teacher and, if possible, to secure the services of a male teacher.

A communication was read from Mrs. L.E. Morton, Principal of the South Austin Colored School, asking the Board to remit the amount of one lost day attending the organizing teachers Institute on account of the illness and death of her mother. The Board ordered the [294] amount remitted.

Communication from Windom W. Burke, a student in the Austin High School, asking permission of the Board for the football team to be absent from the High School one day after the noon hour, to play a game with Coronal Institute. Inasmuch as this request was approved by the Principal of the High School, this request was granted.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showed a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$3,967.31, balance to the credit of the Trades School Fund \$1,373.10, balance

overdrawn General Fund \$5,178.99. This report was received and ordered filed.

Mr. C.A. Kuse, Chairman of the Supply Committee, stated that he had seen the authorities of the Southern Presbyterian Church in regard to the seats for the different schools and that it would be impossible to purchase them, as the Southern Presbyterian Church had made other disposition of the seats. Mr. Kuse the reported that the desks ordered from Mr. Bryant on August 12 had not yet arrived. It was ordered that the Superintendent write Mr. Bryant of Dallas that, if the desks were not in this city by November 12, he might consider the order canceled, and we would take steps to get the desks from someone else.

Superintendent reported that he had secured the services of Mr. J. G. Webb, Principal of the Brenham High School, as teacher of Physics and Chemistry in the Austin High School, vice C.T. Dowell resigned, at \$1,000 per year. This action of the Superintendent was ratified by the Board.

Superintendent made regular statistical report, showing enrollment in the different schools as follows: High School 409, Bickler 484, Pease 556, Palm 326, Wooldridge 367, Winn 239, Fulmore 194, Baker 148, total White enrollment 2,723. Robertson Hill 127, Gregorytown 196, West Austin 106, Wheatville 37, South Austin 30, total Colored enrollment 496. Grand total enrollment [295] November 1, 1907: 3,219. Increase over same date 1906 of 300 pupils.

It was ordered by the Board that all teachers hereafter must give 30 days' notice of resignation and, when they fail to give this notice, the amount of salary due them by the Board shall be deducted.

[*Baker*] A communication from 30 of the residents of Hyde Park was read, asking that the noon hour of the Baker School be changed from 1:00 to 12:00 noon. Superintendent was instructed to have the Principal of the Baker School ascertain the wishes of the other patrons of the school in regard to this matter.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned, to meet Friday, November 8.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

November 8, 1907

The Board met in special session according to adjournment, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore W.J. Mathews, H M. Metz, C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, presented plans and specifications for plumbing, gas fitting and electric wiring in the Allan building on East 6th Street. Mr. J.R. Donnelly's bid, to do the work according to the plans and specifications of Mr. Boyce for \$532.40, was accepted by the Board.

[*Allan Building, 208-210 East 6th Street*] The Board order \$250 to be paid to J.R. Donnelly for plumbing on the Allan building, corner of Congress Avenue and East 9th Street.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office

November 25, 1907

The Board met in special session at call of the President, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse.

It was ordered by the Board that a holiday be given all the Schools on Friday after Thanksgiving. It was ordered by the Board that the Textile School be placed in the room immediately east of the High School assembly hall.

Ordered that Frank Pearson be granted free tuition.

[*Robertson Hill*] Superintendent reported the necessity of an additional teacher at the Robertson Hill School, and the Superintendent was instructed to secure the services of a teacher for that school.

[*Allan Fund Land Sale*] It was ordered by the Board to accept an offer of \$700 net for the property owned by the Allan Fund immediately south of the Blind Institute, and the President was authorized to execute deed.

Ordered that a map of the city of Austin be purchased from Mr. F.G. Blair at a cost of \$50.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] Mr. Boyce made a statement to the Board concerning the necessity of connecting the water from the roof of the building at the corner of Congress Avenue and East 9th Street with the sewer, and stated that it would cost about \$60 to do

this. Ordered by the Board that Mr. Boyce be paid \$25, and the balance when a statement is made as to the necessary expenditures.

[Winn] Mr. A.O. Watson, architect of the John B. Winn School, stated that Mr. Brueggemann, waterproofed the Winn School for \$200. In this connection, communications were read from Misters Dixon and Boyce concerning the condition of the school. Ordered by the Board that these communications be filed, and that Mr. Brueggemann be given the contract for waterproofing this building, with the understanding that no money be paid to him until the Board is thoroughly satisfied that the work had been done properly.

[297] Ordered that a warrant be drawn for \$60 for W.G. Eyres in payment of balance due W.E. Condit.

Dr. Mathews made a statement concerning a resolution passed by the City Board of Health, ordering that the eyes, ears and throat of schoolchildren be examined. Dr. Mathews further stated that Doctors Steiner, Hilgartner, Harper and Houg would conduct the examinations free of charge.

Mr. Kuse made a statement to the Board concerning the desks which are in the city, but cannot be placed in the school building on account of not having received the bill of lading.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

December 4, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse, F.T. Ramsey, W.J. Mathews.

Mr. Isaac Bledsoe appeared before the Board and asked permission to store some pianos in the rear of the building leased by him, in order to save moving the pianos twice. He offered the Board \$25 for this privilege. Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, stated that, in his opinion, to accept this offer of Mr. Bledsoe would be a virtual acceptance of the whole building. This was the opinion also of the Board, and it was ordered that the proposition of Mr. Bledsoe be not accepted.

[Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue] Mr. Boyce submitted plans for the chain awning for the building, corner 9th and Congress Avenue. It was ordered that Mr. Boyce secure bids [298] for the erection of this awning, and the President was authorized to sign the contract.

[*Baker*] Mr. Ramsey stated that he had received a letter from the owner of the property near Hyde Park Pavilion, and that the owner was willing to sell one-half of this property to the School Board for \$3,500. No definite action was taken on this proposition.

It was ordered that a warrant be drawn for \$175, payable to J.R. Donnelly, as per the estimate of Mr. Boyce, the architect.

It was further ordered by the Board that the head janitor at the High School secure the services of someone to carry coal into the High School building, to be distributed on the different floors, this work to be paid for upon the recommendation of the High School janitor.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

December 6, 1907

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, F.T. Ramsey, W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 1 and special meetings of November 8, 25 and December 4 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, showing a balance overdrawn General Fund \$10,376.94, balance to the credit of the Allan Fund \$4,313.28, balance to the credit of the Trades School Fund \$982.17, was read and, on motion, ordered filed.

Superintendent's report, showing enrollment December 4, 1907: High School 412, Bicker 531, Pease 545, Palm 352, Wooldridge 400, Winn 245, Fulmore 213, Baker 160, total White enrollment 2,828; Robertson Hill 189, [299] Gregorytown 344, West Austin 163, Wheatville 66, South Austin 60, total Colored 821; grand total enrollment 3,649.

It was ordered that hereafter the Board of Trustees meet the first Thursday night of each calendar month, instead of the first Friday night, as heretofore.

Mr. John D. McCall appeared before the Board and asked free tuition for Miss Lula Odom. On motion, it was ordered that Miss Odom be granted free tuition.

Superintendent asked permission of the Board to be absent during the State Teachers Association, which is to meet at Houston December

26, and the Board unanimously requested the Superintendent to ask the next State Teachers Association to meet in Austin.

On motion, it was ordered that the President and Superintendent be authorized to make arrangements for sufficient funds for the payment of teachers' salaries and all outstanding bills.

[*Christmas*] It was ordered that the Schools close for the holidays at noon Tuesday, December 24, and resume January 2, 1908.

A communication from Mr. Charles F. More, complaining about the trouble between the White and Negro children on East 11th Street, was read. The Superintendent stated, in this connection, that he had written Mr. More that everything that could be done by the school authorities had already been done.

[*Allan, 823 Congress Avenue, 9th Street Building*] It was ordered by the Board that \$600 be paid C.H. Richter on building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street, as per the estimate of Guy S. Boyce, architect.

Superintendent reported that Mr. C.O. Smith, teacher of Science in the High School, desired to withdraw his resume as teacher. No action was taken on this matter.

Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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December 10, 1907

The Board met in special session, with the following present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey, J.A. Jackson.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved that two notes be executed in favor of the American National Bank, one to mature January 10, 1908 for \$5,000, bearing 8% interest, another for \$10,000, to mature March 10, 1908, these notes to cover overdraft and to secure payment of salaries and outstanding bills

[*823 Congress Avenue, 9th Street Allan Building*] The President stated that he had secured Mr. Brueggemann to put a cement walk around the Allan building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street, and this action of the President was ratified by the Board.

Superintendent was instructed to notify Mr. G. Schwarzer, janitor of the High School, that the lunch room, heretofore conducted by his wife in the building rented by the School Board, must be discontinued, or the Board would be under the necessity of dispensing with his services at the High School.

Superintendent was authorized by the Board to have the Lunch Department at the High School building give the teachers and the members of the Board a lunch at the next Institute, December 21.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

December 23, 1907

The Board met in special session at 4:30 p.m., with Fulmore, Pettway and Kuse present. Inasmuch as no quorum was present the Board adjourned to meet at 8:00 p.m., December 23.

[301] 8:00 p.m., December 23, 1907

The Board met in special session, with Z.T. Fulmore C.A. Kuse present. No quorum being present, the Board adjourned to meet at the request of C.A. Kuse and J.A. Jackson tomorrow morning, December 24, at 11 o'clock.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

11 a.m., December 24, 1907

The Board met in special session at the call of C.A. Kuse and J.A. Jackson. The following members were present: H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse, W.J. Mathews.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the Vice President, H.M. Metz.

[208-210 East 6th Street Allan Building] Superintendent read the estimate of Guy S. Boyce, architect, recommending the payment to Mr. C.H. Richter of \$1,000, for work done on the Allan building on East 6th Street. It was ordered by the Board that the estimate of Mr. Boyce be paid.

[823 Congress Avenue, 9th Street Allan Building] Ordered that the Board meet in the office of the Superintendent next Thursday, December 26, at 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of accepting the Allan building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street. A communication from Mr. Guy S. Boyce, in regard to accepting this building, was read, for the information of the Board.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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December 26, 1907

The Board met in special session, as per adjournment, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] A communication from Guy S. Boyce, architect, concerning the acceptance of the building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street, was read. On motion, it was ordered that the Board take up each item in the communication separately.

(1) In regard to the sill in front of the building, the Board accepted Mr. Boyce's statement that Mr. Heiermann would replace this sill.

(2) The Board allowed, as per the recommendation of Mr. Boyce, \$117.15 for extra work done by Mr. Richter, the contractor, as follows:

Footings under front piers	\$37.50
Carpenter work on new closets in rear	
material and labor	20.00
Wainscot rail in the store room	21.00
Building two new flues	36.15
<u>Setting stone door sill at 9th Street entrance</u>	<u>2.50</u>
Total	\$117.15

(3) That \$218 be retained from the amount due Mr. Richter and be paid to Mr. Heiermann upon the completion of the stairs.

(4) Ordered that \$30 be retained to cover loss of old tin removed from the premises, in violation of contract.

(5) Ordered that the amount of \$250 be deducted from the total amount due Mr. Richter, for the delay in furnishing the building.

(6) It was ordered that the front doors and plate glass taken from the old building be stored with the Hume Lumber Company, and the matter of disposition of this plate glass and front doors to be left with the Building Committee.

(7) On motion, it was ordered that the building be accepted and that the amount of \$1,037.15 be paid to the contractor, C.H. Richter, the total amount due by the School Board for all work done on the Allan [303] building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street. This amount will be paid upon the written notice of the bondsman of Mr. Richter, that he will assume all outstanding debts assumed by Mr. Richter for work on this building.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President.

Superintendent's Office

January 2, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with Fulmore, Kuse and Ramsey present. No quorum being present, the Board adjourned to meet tomorrow, Friday night, January 3, at 7:30 p.m.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

January 3, 1908

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, C.A. Kuse, J.A. Jackson, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 1907 and special meetings of December 10, 23, 24 and 26 were read and approved.

The Superintendent made his regular monthly statistical report, showing the enrollment in the White Schools to be 2,774, Colored 827, total enrollment 3,601.

Mr. Jackson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that he had taken out with the Stacy-Robbins Covert Company \$3,000 insurance on the Allan property on East 6th Street.

J.G. Taylor appeared before the Board, stating that L.B. Kinchion, teacher in the City Schools, owed him a note and, according to [304] agreement, said Kinchion promised to pay a certain amount each month. After the statement of Mr. Taylor, the Superintendent was instructed by the Board to write Mr. Kinchion and ask him to authorize the Superintendent to keep out of his warrant each month a sufficient amount to pay Mr. Taylor.

[823 Congress Avenue, 9th Street Allan Building] Mr. Steiner, a tinner, appeared before the Board and stated that the architect, according to his opinion, had no right to cut \$12 on the flues of building, 823 Congress Avenue. He further stated that a balance of \$143.75 was due him on contract. No action was taken on these matters presented by Mr. Steiner.

On motion, it was ordered that C.H. Richter, contractor, file in the Superintendent's office a written notice from J.L. Hume, bondsman of said Rector, that he (Hume) will assume all outstanding bills due by Richter on the building, corner of Congress Avenue and 9th Street. Ordered further that the Superintendent be instructed to deduct \$61.85, the amount due by Mr. Richter to the American National Bank, from the total amount due Mr. Richter, \$1,037.15, and that a warrant for \$975.30 be drawn in favor of C.H. Richter, in full payment

for the work done on the building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street.

Ordered by the Board that the bookcase selected by Mrs. Delfraisse, Principal of the Fulmore School, be purchased for the use of that school.

Superintendent was authorized to purchase filing cases for the office.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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January 9, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the President, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, H.M. Metz, W.J. Matthews, C.A. Kuse.

The President of the Board made a statement in regard to the Textile School, stating that a number of subscriptions had not been paid, several of \$100 each. The President further stated that there were a number of bills due, and no funds in the Domestic Science Department to pay these bills. After a general discussion by the Board, it was ordered that all bills to the Textile School be paid from the General Fund, as far as may be necessary. (The Superintendent reported that there were bills outstanding to the amount of \$667.92.)

[*High School Graduates*] Superintendent reported that there would be five graduates from the Austin High School at the midwinter promotion, January 24, as follows: Amelia Broline, Windom Burke, Vernon McIntyre, Emily Thomas, Grover Todd.

Ordered by the Board that diplomas be given these graduates and that the Superintendent be instructed to secure a speaker and music for the graduating exercises.

Superintendent stated to the Board that the note due the American National Bank for \$5,000 would be due tomorrow, the 10th. Superintendent was instructed to see the bank officials and ask an extension of 30 days on this note.

Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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January 20, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, F.T. Ramsey, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway.

[208-210 East 6th Street] It was ordered that C.H. Richter, contractor, be paid \$1,600 on estimate of Guy S. Boyce, architect, payment on building owned by the Allan Fund 208-210 East 6th Street.

Communication from Dr. W.S. Sutton, Professor of Education in The University of Texas, asking that the school authorities of the Public Schools of the city of Austin cooperate with University in establishing observation and practice classes in the High School and in one or two of the ward schools, was read, and it was ordered by the Board that the request of Dr. Sutton be granted, under Regulations approved by the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools.

The Superintendent was ordered to advertise the upper floor of the building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street. It was agreed by the Board that \$75 per month be asked for the rent of this building.

The Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

February 3, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore. C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson.

[208-210 East 6th St. Allan Building] Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund Committee, made a statement in regard to the building owned by the Allan Fund 208-210 East 6th Street, and it was ordered by the Board that the architect be instructed to see that the building is thoroughly anchored and that the contractor comply in all respects [307] with the terms of the contract.

Mr. Metz further stated that Mr. Lewis H. Younger had made arrangements to dispose of his note held by the Allan Fund. It was ordered by the Board that a warrant be drawn for \$37.50, payable to D.B. Gracy, this amount to be one-half of the cost of the abstract of the Younger property.

Superintendent was instructed to have flagpoles erected on all the school buildings in the city and to purchase flags for the use of the schools.

[*Miss Katherine Murrie, Music*] Superintendent reported that, according to a former resolution of the Board, giving him permission to select a Music and Physical Culture Supervisor, he had selected Miss Katherine Murrie, Supervisor of Music at Honey Grove. This action of the Superintendent was approved by the Board. Miss Murrie was present and, upon her recommendation, the Board adopted for use in the Austin Schools the Modern Music Series published by Silver, Burdett and Company at the following prices:

	Retail price	Exchange
Modern Music Primer	25 cents	15 cents
First Book	30 cents	18 cents
Second Book	40 cents	24 cents
Alt. Third	50 cents	30 cents

These books were adopted, with the understanding that, if there was any revision to the book in the near future, the publishers are to give even exchange prices.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.
{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office
February 6, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 3 and special meetings of January 9, 20 and February 3 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$1,862.03, a balance to the credit of the Trades School Fund \$41.17, and an overdraft on the Allan Fund of \$1,498.29, was read. This report was received and ordered filed.

Mrs. Cameron appeared before the Board and asked permission to send her children to the Fulmore School without the payment of tuition. Inasmuch as the petitioner lived outside of the city limits, her request was not granted.

The Board ordered an additional \$2,500 insurance to be taken out on the Allan building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street.

Superintendent made the following statistical report of the enrollment February 6, 1908: High School 503, Bickler 519, Pease 559, Palm 360, Wooldridge 383, Winn 259, Fulmore 231, Baker 171, total White enrollment 2,985; Robertson Hill 246, Gregorytown 496, West Austin 201, Wheatville 96, Brackenridge 97, total Colored enrollment 1,136; grand total 4,121.

[*Brackenridge*] On motion, it was ordered that the name of the South Austin Colored School be hereafter called the Brackenridge School.

The Teachers Committee reported that Miss Reva McLaughlin had been selected as a substitute teacher in the High School. This report was approved by the Board, and her salary fixed at \$50 per month. Ordered that the salary of Miss Laura Abadie be raised \$5 per month, inasmuch as the raising of any teacher salary during the scholastic [309] year is against the Rules and Regulations of the School Board, Section 8, Paragraph 5. This order was rescinded.

[*Baker*] Mr. Ramsey was authorized by the Board to have a sufficient amount of gravel put on the grounds of the Baker School.

The Superintendent reported that his attention had been called to the fact that back taxes were due for two years on the property recently sold to Mr. J.M. Hamilton, near the Blind Institute. It was ordered by the Board that the Superintendent ascertain the amount of the taxes and have a warrant drawn.

Communication from Mr. D.L. Wilson, abstractor of Cameron, Texas, was read and received as information.

Ordered that \$1,068.75 be paid for elevator, upon the recommendation of Guy S. Boyce, architect.

Ordered by the Board that the salary of Miss Minnie Dill, who was absent from the Pease School on account of the illness and death of her mother, be paid in full.

[*Robertson Hill*] L.C. Anderson, Principal of the Colored High School, was granted permission to visit Tuskegee, Alabama, to be present at the Conference of Industrial Teachers among Negroes, and \$30 be appropriated for the payment of his expenses.

Superintendent was given permission to attend the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association, which is to meet in Washington February 25, and it was ordered by the Board that his expenses be paid.

Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Allan Fund, reported that the note due the Allan Fund by Louis Younger had been sold, and with interest amounted to \$2,737.65.

Mr. Doyle appeared before the Board and exhibited a map of Texas. The Board postponed purchasing of any maps for the present.

[310] On motion, it was ordered that Mr. W.J. Mathews and Dr. T.R. Pettway consult with Dr. J.M. Loving, City Physician, and bring in a Rule for adoption by the Board at the next regular meeting for the quarantine of pupils in the City Schools who have or are exposed to contagious diseases.

[*Trachoma*] Dr. W.A. Harper, oculist, appeared before the Board by invitation and gave information to the Board concerning trachoma in the City Schools. The Superintendent was requested to call the oculists of the city together and to determine with them the best means of having the children reexamined by all three of the oculists.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

February 11, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the President, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey, J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway.

[208-210 East 6th Street, Allan Building] Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, Max Schneider and C.H. Richter, contractor, for the East 6th Street Allan building, were also present.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be to consider the acceptance of the Allan building, 208-210 East 6th Street.

Dr. Mathews, Chairman of the Building Committee, stated that the Committee had carefully examined the building with the architect, Mr. Boyce, also with Mr. Schneider.

Mr. Schneider objected to the acceptance of the building by the Board, on the ground that the plans and specifications had not been complied with. Mr. Boyce stated that the work on the [311] building had been done satisfactorily, and that he, as architect, had told Mr. Richter that it was not necessary. In fact, it was better for the building not to tear down the front wall "between the new steel beams and sills of the third story windows and between the two center pilasters." In the opinion of the architect, the building is strong without having these walls torn down, inasmuch as the crack did not extend through the wall.

A communication from Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, was read, recommending the acceptance of the building, less \$50 to be held for

minor matters, to be paid later, upon the recommendation of the architect.

Inasmuch as the contractor did not have the building completed by the 15th of December, as per contract, it was ordered by the Board that the balance due Mr. Richter be paid in full, less \$250 to be deducted for loss of rent sustained by the Board and for change of plans and specifications. Also that \$50, recommended by Guy S. Boyce, be retained to be paid later, upon the order of the Board.

[*High School*] The President stated the necessity of having a heating system put in the High School building during the summer months, and laid before the Board orally a proposition of Mr. J.R. Donnelly that he would prepare the plans and specifications of the heating system. The Board could accept or reject the plans presented by Mr. Donnelly, but in case the plans were accepted and the contract not awarded him, the Board was to pay him 5% of the total amount of the cost of the heating plant.

It was ordered that the Superintendent secure the services of an additional teacher in [312] the High School for the remainder of the term.

Superintendent was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Frank Heierman and brother, and urge upon them the necessity of having the stairway at the rear of the building, corner of Congress Avenue and 9th Street, put up immediately.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

February 18, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the President, with Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse present.

Dr. Harper and Dr. Howze, oculists of the city, were also present.

The President stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the report of the oculists concerning some cases of trachoma in the City Schools and take some definite action concerning this report.

[*Trachoma*] After a full discussion by all present, the following resolution was passed unanimously: Resolved by the School Board of the City of Austin that all children in the Public Schools who have not already been examined for trachoma be examined as early as possible.

Dr. Mathews offered a resolution, excluding from our Schools, from this date, all children affected with trachoma.

Mr. Ramsey offered the following resolution as a substitute for Dr. Mathews' resolution: Resolved by the School Board of the City of Austin, first, that the parents of children found to be affected with trachoma be notified of the fact and be requested to have the children treated for this disease; [313] second, that no child be excluded from school on account of this disease for the balance of this term; third, after the opening of the Public Schools next September, no pupil be allowed to attend school that is not able to show a certificate from an oculist or M.D. that such pupil is not affected or, if affected, is being treated, and the danger of infection is reduced below the stage of danger.

The vote on the substitute stood as follows: Metz, Kuse and Ramsey for substitute resolution; Mathews, Jackson and Fulmore against the substitute resolution.

Inasmuch as the vote of the Board showed a tie, Dr. T.R. Pettway being absent, it was determined that this matter be finally determined at a meeting of the Board to be held later.

[*Allan Building, 208-210 East 6th*] The Board authorized the payment to Guy S. Boyce of \$184.43, architect's fee, on East 6th Street building.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

February 20, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews, F.T. Ramsey, J.A. Jackson.

[*Trachoma*] The President stated the object of the meeting to be to consider further the question of the advisability of excluding the children in the Public Schools who have trachoma.

Mr. Metz made a personal statement to the Board, stating why he had voted not to exclude the children at a previous meeting, but he had changed his mind, finding [314] that more children would be taken out of the Schools if trachoma was not excluded, than would be taken out by excluding those thus affected.

[*Trachoma Excluded*] On motion, it was ordered that the children who have trachoma be excluded from the Public Schools until such time as an oculist says such pupil can safely return to school without

danger of infection. No child who has trachoma to be admitted except on the written statement of an oculist. The following voted aye: Mathews, Jackson, Metz, Pettway and Fulmore; No: Ramsey.

[*School Tax*] On motion of Mr. F.T. Ramsey, the President, Judge Z.T. Fulmore, was appointed a Committee of one to see the City Council in regard to the special tax of eight and two-thirds percent on this year's valuation promised the School Board in consideration of withdrawing the vote for an additional tax last year. The President was requested to report at the next regular meeting of the Board unless, in his opinion, he thought best to call a special meeting to make the report.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Judge Fulmore's Office

February 27, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the President, in the office of the President, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway.

It was ordered that the overdraft on the Allan Fund be paid from the General Fund and that the Allan Fund pay the General Fund 8% interest on all monies transferred from the General Fund to the Allan Fund in order to meet the payments on the Congress Avenue and East [315] 6th Street buildings.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office

March 5, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, F.T. Ramsey, H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 6 and special meetings of February 11, 18, 20 and 27 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, showing the balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$20,471.42, balance overdrawn Allan Fund \$3,051.70, and balance overdrawn Trades School Fund \$5.83, was read and, on motion, ordered filed.

Superintendent reported for the Teachers Committee that Miss Lucy Read had been appointed teacher of English in the High School and that Miss Clara Newton had been transferred to the vacancy in the Bickler School caused by the promotion of Miss Read. This report of the Teachers Committee was adopted by the Board.

Mr. Kuse reported that Mr. Thompson, agent for maps, stated that he would sell to the Board any kind of map desired for \$2.50 a piece.

[*Robertson Hill*] Mr. Kuse further reported that five window shades were needed for Robertson Hill, and he was instructed to purchase the necessary shades for this building.

[*Baker*] Mrs. Buchner and Mrs. Ramsdell, representatives of the Mothers' Club at Baker School, appeared [316] before the Board, requesting a school building of nine rooms for Hyde Park, and presented the following resolutions.

Resolved that we demand a new school building, which shall be adequate to the needs of our children, and desire that said building be a modern structure, steam-heated, fireproof, sanitary nine-room building on the lots on which the School Board has an option. Our reasons for this demand are as follows:

1. That we are paying full school tax and are therefore entitled to full school privileges.

2. We are further entitled to full term grades for our children, from the kindergarten to the High School, and should not be compelled to send the pupils to the Sixth Ward when they advance from a high to a low grade, that is, from a high third to a low fourth in February. To the best of our knowledge, there are from 60 to 70 children in all grades and of all ages attending Sixth Ward school who should be at Baker School.

3. We are entitled to a teacher for each grade, the same as other ward schools, and not as is the custom now: one teacher taking care of two or three grades.

4. The present building is not only a blot upon our fair city, but is absolutely unsanitary and unsafe for our children, situated as it is in a mud hole three-fourths of the year, the first floor being composed of old material. One side of the building has settled so that it has been necessary to prop it up and is in danger of collapse during every heavy wind storm. Our children are in imminent peril of being buried in its ruins.

5. The school yard is entirely too small and unsanitary.

In view of the above facts, we most earnestly desire that the honorable School Board of the City of Austin do at once take steps for the [317] erection of such building as asked for in the foregoing page of this petition, and that it be ready for occupancy by the opening of the next term of school in September 1908.

Baker School Mothers' Club

{Mrs. Frank Buchner}, President

{Mrs. M G. Hodnette}, Secretary

After a general discussion, the Board decided to postpone further consideration of this subject until a subsequent meeting of the Board. The Superintendent was instructed to secure two expert carpenters or contractors for the purpose of having the Baker School thoroughly examined.

[*Additional Tax Promised by City Council*] The President reported that he had had several talks with the Mayor of the city in regard to the eight and two-thirds cents additional tax promised the School Board by the Council, but, in his opinion, it was doubtful whether the Council would be able to pay over to the School Board the amount promised.

Mr. Pearce, Principal of the High School, appeared before the Board and stated the necessity of providing fire escapes. On motion of Mr. Ramsey, it was ordered that specifications for fire escapes for the High and Pease Schools be asked for, and that the Superintendent look into the fire escapes of the different State buildings in the city, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

It was ordered that the President sign a contract with Mr. J.W. Phillips for the lease of the Superintendent's office until June 13, 1909.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] Mr. Clay, representative of Nixon's Commercial College, appeared before the Board and made an offer of \$65 per month for the upper story of the Allan building, [318] 823 Congress Avenue, provided the Board would put in partitions, etc. desired by the commercial college. It was the sense of the Board that a meeting be called at some time the first of next week and consider the plans presented by Mr. Clay and for final action thereon. It was the general opinion of the Board that there is necessity for a commercial course to be given in the High School.

Miss Ottley, teacher of Latin in the High School, was granted a leave of absence for one year, and the Superintendent and Principal

of the High School were given power to fill Miss Ottley's place temporarily.

Superintendent reported that the different School Boards had agreed to pay the salaries of the teachers who constituted the State Textbook Board, and presented the petition of Miss Mary Carlisle, a member of the Board, that her salary be allowed for 19 days, the time she was absent from school. In the opinion of the Board, it is against the law for a teacher to draw two salaries from the State at the same time and, inasmuch as Ms. Carlisle, during the time she was on the Textbook Board, drew \$5 per day from the State, the Board declined to give her salary.

The salary of Miss Florence Burdett, who was absent one and two-thirds days on account of the death of her grandmother, was ordered paid.

The salary of Miss Laura Abadie, who was absent from the Teachers Institute on account of the accident to her brother, was ordered and paid.

The salary of Mrs. L.E. Morton, Principal of the Brackenridge School, who was absent three days on account of the death of her niece, was ordered paid for one-and-a-half days.

[*Allan Buildings, 208-210 East 6th, 823 Congress Avenue*] Superintendent reported that Mr. C.H. Richter, contractor for the Congress Avenue and East [319] 6th Street buildings, owed the water and light commission \$8.30 on the East 6th Street building and \$4.50 on the Congress Avenue building, making a total of \$12.80. It was ordered that this amount be deducted from the \$50 due Mr. Richter on the completion of the East 6th Street building.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 10, 1908

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

Judge Fulmore, President of the Board, read an article he had written in reply to an article of Dr. A.C. Ellis, concerning the dangerous conditions of the Austin Schools in case of fire. On motion, it was ordered that Judge Fulmore's paper be given to the press.

The following bills were ordered paid: Austin Electric Supply Company \$12.90; Guy S. Boyce, architect, architect's fees of elevator \$35.62; and the Otis Elevator Company \$381.25.

It was ordered that a warrant for \$10,000 be drawn in favor of the American National Bank, and payment of note due said bank March 10, 1908, and the Superintendent was instructed to ask the bank to carry the \$5,000 note 30 days longer.

The matter of placing partitions upstairs in the Allan building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street, that would suit the Nixon Commercial College, was left to the Superintendent, who was instructed to proceed with the work at once, and the President was authorized to execute the [320] contract with Misters Nixon and Clay.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

March 12, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse.

[*Baker*] Mr. Hofer, contractor of Hyde Park, and Colonel M.M. Shipe appeared before the Board. Colonel Shipe made an offer of \$1,800 for the Hyde Park School property. No action was taken on this offer. Mr. Hofer gave the Board in detail his opinion concerning the current condition of the Baker School, and it was ordered that work on this building begin at once, and all matters connected therewith referred to the Building Committee.

The Superintendent was authorized to suspend the Baker School until the work could be completed.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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Superintendent's Office

April 2, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, C.A. Kuse, W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey.

Mr. Ramsey asked permission of the Board to be absent on account of a previous engagement.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 5 and special meetings of March 10 and 12 were read and approved.

The report the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of

\$7,662.17, balance overdrawn in Allan Fund to \$3,949.89, and a balance to the credit of the Trades School Fund of \$29.35, was read and, on motion, ordered filed.

Superintendent made his regular statistical report for the month ending March 6, 1908, showing the total enrollment in the White Schools at 3,044, in the Colored Schools 1,156, a grand total of 4,200. Superintendent further reported that, on account of measles and other contagious diseases, the belonging in the Schools had fallen considerably below the average.

[*Baker*] The Building Committee recommended that the contract for repairing the Baker School be given to Mr. Charles Shurr. This report was adopted by the Board. The Superintendent reported, for the Building Committee, that Mr. Shurr had completed the work on the Baker School in a satisfactory manner.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] Superintendent further reported that the work of putting partitions upstairs in the Allan building on Congress Avenue had been completed in a satisfactory manner, and he was authorized by the Board to see [322] that the iron stairway was properly protected and to have the necessary electrical wiring for the use of Nixon's Commercial College attended to at once. The question of a cement walk from the corner to the rear of the building was postponed until June.

Ordered by the Board that the bill of McClure and Company for \$36.25 (books) be paid.

The Board adjourned to inspect the office and storeroom in the rear of the Superintendent's office, and ordered that the extra room be contracted for at an additional expense of \$5 per month.

[*High School Manual Training*] Communication from Mr. Hunsdon, asking permission to purchase new planes for the Manual Training Department, was granted.

The salary of Mrs. Raymond, head of the Lunch Room Department, was fixed at \$15 per week.

An election for three School Trustees, to take the place of those members of the Board whose terms expire in May, was ordered to be held in accordance with the State law on Saturday, May 2, voting places to be in South Austin, the courthouse, and Fourth Ward. The President was authorized to appoint the election managers.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] It was ordered by the Board that the taxes on the Allan building on Congress Avenue for last year

be paid in accordance with the agreement of Mr. Brush, who was to assume one-half of the taxes.

Superintendent reported that the plate glass that had been taken from the front of the building on Congress Avenue by Mr. Richter while reconstructing this building and stored with the Hume Lumber Company had been destroyed by fire. Superintendent reported that Mr. George L. Hume stated he would hold himself responsible for the glass. It was ordered by the Board that Mr. Hume pay the cost of the glass placed in the partitions recently put in the building.

[323] Superintendent reported that he had appointed Miss May Wilson supernumerary in the City Schools, in place of Miss Clara Newton, who had been appointed to a regular position in the Bickler School.

Salary of T.A. Beard, janitor of Palm School, who had been absent one day on account of the death of his child, was ordered paid.

Salary of Miss Hettie Hofstetter was ordered fixed at \$63 per month, to begin at the beginning of this school session. This action was taken by the Board because Miss Hofstetter was virtually granted a leave of absence for one year on account of her health, and that she had no intention of leaving the Schools permanently.

[*Gregorytown*] Superintendent was instructed to have the closets at the Gregorytown School put in proper condition.

The appointing of a census trustee was discussed by the Board, several names being mentioned, but no definite appointment was made, as this appointment, under the State law, is vested in President of the Board.

The President stated that, in making the census rolls for this year, there would be necessity for additional clerical work to cost \$18 or \$20. President was authorized to employ this extra work done.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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April 9, 1908

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

[*High School*] Mr. J.R. Donnelley appeared before the Board with plans and specifications for heating the High School building, and, after thoroughly investigating the plans, the Board decided to accept them and to advertise for bids in the *San Antonio Express*, *Dallas News*, *Austin Statesman* and *Houston Post*. It was further ordered by the Board that bids be received up to noon, April 30.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

April 23, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey, H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse.

On motion, it was ordered that notice be printed in the papers that official ballot for School Trustees will be made up at 5:00, Wednesday afternoon, April 29, and all persons who desire their names on said ballot must make application to the School Board by that time.

[*Rule*] It was further ordered that this hereafter be a Rule of the Board. The official ballot for School Trustees will be determined at 5:00 on Wednesday before the first Saturday in May.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

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April 29, 1908

The Board met in special session with all the members present.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be the making out of the official ballot for School Trustees to be voted on Saturday, May 2. The following is the official ballot declared by the Board: "Official Ballot for School Trustees. Vote for three. William G. Bell. O.D. Parker. T.R. Pettway. F.T. Ramsey."

On motion, it was ordered that the Board express their appreciation of the efforts of the Principal and teachers of the Robertson Hill High School, for the efforts in training the children in gardening and sewing.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

April 13, 1908

The Board met in special session at 5:00 p.m. Present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse.

[*High School*] On motion, it was ordered that the Board go into Executive Session. The President stated the object of the meeting to be to open bids for heating the High School building. The following bids were received: Collins Brothers \$4,780, John L. Martin \$3,641, [326] Kennison Brothers \$4,785, John R. Donnelly \$4,878, Austin Electric Supply and Plumbing Company \$5,220.

After a free discussion in the presence of all the bidders, except the Austin Electrical Supply and Plumbing Company, it was ordered that final action be postponed.

On motion, it was ordered that a Committee of three be appointed by the President to confer with the Mayor and City Council concerning the probability of securing from the Council the amount of money promised last year by the Council in case the School Board would consent to call off the election for an additional tax of eight and two-third cents. The President appointed Misters Metz, Kuse and Jackson on this Committee and, on motion, the Superintendent was added to the Committee.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

May 1, 1908

The Board met in special session, with all the members present. Mr. John L. Martin was also present.

[*High School Heating*] The President stated the object of the meeting to be the acceptance or rejection of the bids read before the Board on April 30. On motion, it was ordered that the bid of Mr. John L. Martin for heating the High School building, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Mr. John R. Donnelley for \$3,641, be accepted.

The President was authorized by the Board to sign and execute the contract with Mr. Martin, in accordance with the plans and specifications [327] prepared by Mr. Donnelly for heating the High School building.

[*High School & Bickler*] The Superintendent was instructed to purchase bookcases for the Bickler and High Schools sufficient for the

books purchased by the Mothers' Clubs and teachers of these two buildings.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

May 4, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: Z.T. Fulmore, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, W.J. Mathews.

Judge Z.T. Fulmore, President, was authorized to sign the unsigned minutes of the Board.

[*High School*] Mr. John L. Martin appeared before the Board, and the contract for heating the High School building in accordance with the plans and specifications, etc. were signed by the President of the Board, Judge Fulmore, and Mr. Martin, in the presence of the Board.

[*High School*] On motion, it was ordered that the work of completing the heating apparatus to be installed in the High School building be fixed for the fifth day of September, 1908.

The President appointed Misters Jackson and Metz as tellers to count the vote of the Trustee election held Saturday, May 2. The following vote was pulled:

South Austin Fire Hall: W.G. Bell 31, O.D. Parker 42, T.R. Pettway 88, F.T. Ramsey 59.

[328] Wukasch's Store: W.G. Bell 206, O.D. Parker 211, T.R. Pettway 258, F.T. Ramsey 296.

Courthouse: W.G. Bell 410, O.D. Parker 407, T.R. Pettway 580, F.T. Ramsey 625.

Total: Bell 647, Parker 660, Pettway 926, Ramsey 980.

The President declared that Misters O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway and F.T. Ramsey were duly and officially elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Independent District for two years, and Misters O.D. Parker and T R. Pettway took the oath of office prescribed by law, propounded by the President.

The President declared that the old Board was dissolved and, on motion, Dr. W.J. Mathews was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year. Mr. H.M. Metz was unanimously elected Vice President, and Dr. T.R. Pettway, Secretary for the ensuing year.

Dr. Mathews, on accepting the Presidency of the Board, expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred and also the fact that, in the

retirement of Judge Fulmore, the best wishes of the Board went with him, and that his interest and fidelity to the cause of public education in the city would always be appreciated by the Board and by the people.

The Superintendent was instructed to prepare a paper expressing the high appreciation of the services rendered by Judge Fulmore to the cause of public education in this city. On motion, all election bills were ordered to be paid, as presented by the election managers.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for Treasurer, in accordance with the State laws.

[329] Miss Etta Porter was unanimously reelected Clerk for the ensuing year.

The salary of the Superintendent was fixed at \$2,500 per year, to begin the first of May, 1908.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{Z.T. Fulmore}, President

Superintendent's Office
May 7, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 2 and special meetings of April 9, 23, 29, 30 and May 1 and 4 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer, showed the balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$9,331.21, the balance overdrawn on the Allan Fund of \$4,658.01, balance overdrawn in the Trades School Fund of \$109.63. This report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made the following statistical report for the month ending May 1, 1908: Enrollment in High School 506, Bickler 552, Pease 567, Palm 365, Wooldridge 398, Winn 265, Fulmore 247, Baker 172, total enrollment in the White Schools 3,072; Robertson Hill 248, Gregorytown 515, West Austin 208, Wheatville 101, Brackenridge 103, total enrollment in Colored Schools 1,177, grand total enrollment 4,247.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] The bill of Mr. Frank Heierman for \$218.50 was ordered paid, when approved by the architect, Mr. Guy S. Boyce, and the Superintendent was authorized to have the stairway at the rear of the Allan building on [330] Congress Avenue painted.

The President of the Board announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Teachers, Etc.: H.M. Metz, Chairman; J.A. Jackson; O.D. Parker.

Supplies: C.A. Kuse, Chairman; F.T. Ramsey; T.R. Pettway.

Building: O.D. Parker, Chairman; H.M. Metz; F.T. Ramsey.

Finance: J.A. Jackson, Chairman; O.D. Parker; H.M. Metz.

Rules, Etc.: F.T. Ramsey, Chairman; C.A. Kuse; T.R. Pettway.

Hygiene, Sanitation, Etc.: T.R. Pettway, Chairman; C.A. Kuse; H.M. Metz.

Applications of Mr. E.S. Blackburn and Miss Eleanor H. Nesbitt, to have classes during the summer months in the Manual Training and Domestic Science Departments of the High School, was considered and referred to the Superintendent and Director of Manual Training, for final action.

A communication from the Austin Ministerial Association, requesting the Board to permit a baccalaureate sermon to be preached each year, was read. The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the Austin Ministerial Association be permitted to select a minister to deliver the [331] graduating sermon before the High School on Sunday before the closing exercises of each year, and the Superintendent is authorized to request the High School faculty to make a place on the program for this exercise.

Salary of Miss Minnie Mayes, who had been absent for two days on account of a death in the family, was ordered refunded in full.

Salary of Miss Mary Carlisle, who was absent one hour attending the State Textbook Board, was ordered paid.

Superintendent reported that he had selected the Honorable N.A. Stedman of Austin to make the final graduating address.

It was ordered that the Teacher's Examinations be held on June 10, 11 and 12, and Special Examinations June 13.

Permission was granted the Superintendent to attend the Conference for Education in Texas, which meets in Dallas the eighth and ninth of May.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 19, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse.

[*High School*] The object of the meeting was to consider and pass upon the bond of John L. Martin for installing the heating plant in the Austin High School. The bond was carefully read by the Board and, an opinion of Judge Z.T. Fulmore, ex-President of the Board, was also read.

[332] On motion, after thorough discussion, it was ordered that the surety bond of John L. Martin be not accepted, and that Mr. Martin be requested to furnish a bond in compliance with the contract by tomorrow night at 8:00, or the Board at that time will declare all negotiations concerning the heating plant with Mr. Martin off, and that the certified checks will be forfeited.

The Board adjourned to meet tomorrow night, May 20, in the Superintendent's office at 8:00.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 20, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse.

The meeting was called for the purpose of investigating the bond of the American Surety Company.

[*High School*] Mr. John L. Martin and Mr. Berghaus, representative of the company, also appeared before the Board. Mr. Berghaus made a detailed statement concerning the bond and, after a general discussion by the Board, it was decided to adjourn, to meet tomorrow at 8:00 p.m., and that the full membership of the Board be earnestly requested to be present at that meeting.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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May 21, 1908

The Board met in special session, pursuant to adjournment, with all the members present.

Judge Fulmore was also present, at the request of President Mathews.

[*High School Heating*] The question of the bond offered by Mr. Martin, as a guarantee that the heating apparatus in the High School would be properly installed, was discussed. It was finally ordered that a Committee consisting of Mr. Ramsey and the Superintendent be appointed to confer with Mr. Martin concerning the bond of the American Surety Company, to discuss with him the clauses in the bond and in the plans and specifications previously adopted by the Board, which conflict. The Committee was further instructed to ask Mr. Martin, the contractor, to sign the bond appended to the contract.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 25, 1908

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

[*High School Heating*] Mr. Ramsey, Chairman of the Committee appointed at a previous meeting to confer with Mr. Martin, the contractor, in regard to the bond, reported that he had seen Mr. Martin and showed him wherein the bond and the plans and specifications were in conflict. He further reported that Mr. Martin would sign the bond appended to the contract provided the Board would allow him (Martin) \$275. In addition to the \$3,641, the amount of said Martin's bid, this amount of \$275 to be for a larger boiler than Mr. Martin contemplated [334] putting in, in his bid. After a thorough discussion by the Board, and after consultation with Mr. John L. Martin, it was ordered that the contract entered into with Mr. Martin be rescinded, and the Superintendent was instructed to return to Mr. Martin his certified check for the bond of the American Surety Company and to erase Mr. Martin's name from the plans and specifications.

This action was taken by the Board on the following grounds:

(1) That Mr. John R. Donnelly, the architect, had stated at a previous meeting of the Board, in the presence of Mr. Martin, that he would not accept the boiler which Mr. Martin stated would be sufficient for heating the High School building.

(2) That Mr. Donnelly would not charge for his plans and specifications.

(3) That the American Surety Company's bond be rejected on account of its conflict with the plans and specifications, and not because they do not consider the American Surety Company financially able to carry out the bond.

(4) On account of the lack of funds necessary to do this work.

On motion, it was ordered that the Finance Committee meet with the Special Committee appointed to see the City Council and ascertain from the Mayor and the Council when the eight and two-third cents on the \$100 valuation on this year's tax values could be expected by the Board.

It was ordered further that this committee meet with the Mayor and the City Council tomorrow at 5:00.

The Superintendent informally reported that Mr. N.S. Hunsdon had accepted the position of Director of Manual Training in El Paso and would not be an applicant for the same [335] position in this city for another year. On motion, the Superintendent was instructed to secure the services of a Director of Manual Training for the Austin Public Schools.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 28, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker.

Upon recommendation of the faculty of the High School, diplomas were ordered awarded to the following graduates of the Austin High School, May 29, 1908: Salome Eric Anthony, Carl Walter Arlitt, Lucy Dupuy Blocker, Carmine Katherine Briggs, James Robert Bright, Robert Fariss Campbell, Annie Fariss Campbell, Lillian Frances Clarke, Katherine Jane Clarke, Frankie Cochran, Ralph Conrad Goeth, Louise May Layton, Agnes Louise Lambie, Rosa Frances Maas, Mabel Maud, Anna Jessie Megee, John Dodd Miller, Raymond Phelps, Preston Pope Reynolds, Pauline Jane Rex, Agnes Ethel Robertson, Mae Belle Robbins, Lena Sayers Rogan, M.E. Rogers, Jr., Julius Herman Runge, Florence Redden Sears, Inez Slaughter, Nettie B. Sullivan, Nannie E. von Rosenberg, Mary Edna von Rosenberg,

Pauline von Rosenberg, Janie Tannehill, Anna Laura Tucker, Rufus M. Waterston.

The Superintendent reported that he had made arrangements for decorations for the High [336] School commencement, and this action of the Superintendent was endorsed by the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

June 1, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the President, with all the members present.

Mr. N.S. Hunsdon, Director of the Manual Training Department in the Austin High School, was also present.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be to hear Mr. Hunsdon concerning his resignation. He stated further that, inasmuch as there seemed to be a misunderstanding between the Board and Mr. Hunsdon, he thought that the Board would like to hear what Mr. Hunsdon had to say personally.

On motion, it was carried that Mr. Hudson be granted the privilege to make any statement he saw fit to make to the Board.

Before his verbal statement, the Superintendent was requested to read the following communication from Mr. Hunsdon.

[*Mr. Hudson's Letter*]

Austin, Texas

May 29, 1908

To the Honorable Board of Education,
Austin Public Schools, Austin, Texas
Gentlemen,

After careful consideration, I have decided to sever my connection with the Austin Schools. As you know, I have labored faithfully with you for 11 years and having organized this, the first Manual Training School in the state, you may imagine my feelings in taking this step. I have given you my best, considering what I have had to work with, and, while our [337] school ranks high, it has not grown and is not what I wanted and expected to make it.

For more than five years, I have urged you to give me more room in order that our Manual Training work might be developed and give the Austin children what is due them. Last year, we went forward some and took in the seventh grade, and

it was planned to give the work in the first four grades this year. But when school opened in September, our Department in the High School was so crowded I could not find time to handle any grade work. This condition was reported to you, but no assistance came to my aid, so the work could not be given. In the High School, conditions have been very unsatisfactory. Mr. Blackburn and I have been compelled to hold some of our classes in the same room at the same time. I have had a drawing class in one end of the building, at the same time I had a woodworking class in the other end of the building. A man cannot be in two places at the same time, and I am sure a teacher cannot get the best results unless he can be with his class all the time they are working under his instructions. I have repeatedly reported these conditions, but have had no relief.

On the 11th day of May, I consulted with Dr. Mathews, the President of the Board, and Mr. McCallum, your Superintendent, calling their attention again to these conditions, and asked if there would be any change in this respect. Before another year, I knew that the contract had been let to put a heating plant in the High School, and it was to be placed in one of the Manual Training rooms, so that I saw that we would have still less space if this were [338] done. I also told them that several places were open to me where the salary would be higher and opportunities greater than here, but I preferred to stay in Austin for less money, if I could have proper equipment and room to handle the work and a chance to expand. I called their attention to the fact that we could not stand still, but must go forward or backward. I have worked hard to build up this department and fully expected to have some encouragement. I impress them with the fact that I must have an answer soon, as these other people were urging me to accept a position with them. The President said that he would report the matter to the Board at the next meeting in June. But I told him that I could not wait that long. I asked him for an answer at once and told the Superintendent that I must know what they were going to do if any meeting was called. I have not learned of it. Nothing has been said to me, and not a member of the Board or Superintendent has said anything to me since.

I waited nearly two weeks without any reply, before being called to El Paso to look over the situation there. I found the

school there doing excellent work, and a splendid opportunity for a man to develop a fine system of Manual Training. I did not seek the position and tried to put the matter off until the first of June, but they urged me to accept at once and made me such a splendid offer, with plenty of money at my command to equip the school. I felt it was a rare opportunity and does not often come to a young man.

I desire to have you understand that it was not the salary that appealed to me, for I have received a good salary here. And I might say that I have always earned it. But there are many reasons why I preferred to remain in Austin.

[339] I have not failed to appreciate all you have done for me in the past, and I take this occasion to thank you. I most sincerely wish the Austin Schools success in every sense of the word.

Respectful yours,
{N.S. Hunsdon}

After a full and general discussion of the written statement of Mr. Hunsdon, and after assuring Mr. Hunsdon of the Board's appreciation of his past services in the Schools, and desiring to retain him, Mr. Hunsdon was asked what the Board could do to continue his services in the Schools. Mr. Hudson stated that, if the Board desired him to remain in Austin, it would be necessary for the Board to make him a written proposition assuring him a new building, etc.

On motion, it was carried to go into Executive Session.

After a thorough discussion, the Superintendent was instructed to see Mr. Hunsdon and to express to him the appreciation of the Board for his past services, to say to him that it is the present intention of the Board to make the Manual Training Department in the High School the best in the state, but that the Board regrets that they are not in a position to comply with his demands.

On motion, it was ordered that all purchases in the Manual Training Department hereafter be made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing the general supplies for the Schools.

The Superintendent was instructed to ascertain the cost of removing the Robertson Hill School from its present location to [340] the one recently purchased from Miss Florence R. Brooke.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

June 4, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 7 and special meetings of May 19, 20, 21, 25, 28 and June 1 were read, corrected and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, showing the balance to the credit of the General Fund at \$7,121.89, a balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund to \$5,448.98, and a balance overdrawn in the Trades School Fund of \$109.63, was read and, on motion, this report was received and ordered filed.

[208-210 East 6th, Allan Building] Mr. C.H. Richter appeared before the Board and stated the Board still owed him something on the building that he had remodeled, but inasmuch as Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, was not present, the Board took no action in the matter.

Professor G.A. Sievers appeared before the Board and urged the appointment of Victor Schmidt as instructor in the Manual Training Department.

Mr. L.C. Anderson, Principal of the Robertson Hill School, also appeared before the Board and urged the introduction of Domestic Science and Industrial Work in the Colored Schools.

[Baker] Mr. Hofer, contractor, appeared before the Board with plans and specifications for the Hyde Park School. In addition, his bid was \$1,165 and the contract was awarded him with the understanding that the ceiling was to be put perpendicular. The Superintendent was instructed to draw up the contract and have the rooms in the Hyde Park addition 24 by 32, on the same *pro rata* costs, instead of 24 by 26.

[341] [Fulmore] The Superintendent was instructed to have built on the South Austin School grounds an additional room, like the one last built. Superintendent and Dr. Pettway were appointed a Committee to select place and arrange for the erection of this school at once.

The Superintendent was instructed to advertise the Robertson Hill school grounds for sale.

[Principals] The following Principals were elected for the next scholastic year: Mr. J.E. Pearce, Principal, High School; Mr. J.L. Taff, Principal, Bickler School, Mr. T.A. Brown, Principal, Pease School; Miss Florence R. Brooke, Principal, Palm School; Miss Mary Johnson, Principal, Wooldridge School; Miss Margaret Reilly, Principal, Winn School; Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Principal, Fulmore School; Miss Mary Lowry, Principal, Baker School; L.C. Anderson, Principal, Robertson

Hill; G.W. Norman, Principal, Gregorytown; W.H. Passon, Principal, West Austin; J.H. Pickard, Principal, Wheatville; Mrs. L.E. Morton, Principal, Brackenridge.

[*Allan building, East 6th*] Superintendent stated that Mr. Zier complained that the skylights of the building occupied by him were in a bad condition, and he was instructed to see Mr. Boyce, the architect, and have them fixed.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 5, 1908

The Honorable Members of the Board of Trustees

Gentlemen,

We, you Committee on Finance and Special Committee appointed to see the Mayor and Finance Committee of the City Council, beg to submit the following.

First, those present at the meeting: Jackson, Metz, Parker, Kuse and the Superintendent, on the part of the Board; Aldermen Haynes, Meredith and Mayor Maddox, on the part of the City Council.

Second, Alderman Haynes, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council, stated that the Council regretted their inability to keep faith with the Board, that they recognize the promise made to the Board, and had endeavored to keep that amount in this year's budget. The Mayor stated that there was a large deficiency in the City Hall, but he would call the Finance Committee and the City Council together and have the amount due the city budgeted next year, and that the Council would pay all interest due on overdraft of this amount.

It was agreed that the Board meet next Wednesday night at the Mayor's office at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

{J.A. Jackson}, {O.D. Parker}, {H.M. Metz}, {C.A. Kuse},
Committee

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June 8, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the President. Present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be to consult in regard to Edwin S. Kreisle. It appeared that young Kreisel had a call to the directorship of the Manual Training Department at Cuero for \$900, but that he asked \$1,000 to remain in Austin. A letter from Superintendent John F. O'Shea, recommending Mr. Kreisle, was read.

The Chairman of the Teachers and Finance Committees called the meeting of those committees in the Superintendent's office at 4:30 tomorrow, June 9.

[*Baker*] Mr. Hofer stated to the Board that it would cost \$220 additional to make the rooms 24' by 32', instead of 24' by 26' at Baker School. On motion, the contract for the erection of this building was awarded to Mr. Hofer, and the amount of \$220 was appropriated for this extra work, and, on motion, the erection of these rooms was to be completed by August 25, and the Superintendent and Mr. Ramsey were instructed to supervise the work.

Superintendent reported that the floors of several of the rooms in the city should be oiled during the summer months. This was referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation, and it was decided to fumigate the rooms with formaldehyde before oiling the rooms.

On motion, the Board adjourned until Wednesday, June 10, at 5:00 p.m., to hear the reports at that time of the Teachers and Finance Committees.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

June 10, 1908

The Board met in special session, with all the members present. The following report of the Teachers Committee was adopted.

[*Teachers*]

Superintendent's Office

June 9, 1908

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of the following teachers for the year 1908 to 1909: Miss Nina Hill, Miss Effie Graves, Miss Helen Phipps, Miss Clovie Hill, Miss

Pauline Trueblood, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Eleanor Nesbitt, Miss Laura Abadie, W.C. Vernon, E.S. Blackburn, Fred Hofstetter, Edwin S. Kreisle, Miss Janie Warren, Miss Mary Copes, Miss Louise Thomas, Miss Hettie Hofstetter, Miss Emmy Jessen, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Emma Puckett, Mrs. Eva H. Thayer, Miss May Johnston, Miss Cecil O'Banion, Miss Minnie Mayes, Miss Alice Humphrey, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss Mary Hynes, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Emily Numbers, Miss Grace Ketchum, Miss Julia Beazley, Miss Mae Sappington, Miss Lula May Jackson, Miss Alice Harrell, Miss Lucile Atkinson, Miss Bertha Cook, Miss Georgie Walker, Miss Daisy Gilliam, Miss Katherine Gray, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Mary Carlisle, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Kate Eanes, Miss Dorinda Pillow, Miss Jessie Roy, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Bessie Hutchings, Miss Beatrice Killingsworth, Miss Florence Burdett, Miss Linnie Humphrey, Miss Ada Blackburn, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham, Mrs. Elizabeth Winn, Miss Angla Broline, Miss Zuma Tucker. [347; note that page 345-346 was torn from the book of minutes]

Colored Teachers: Mrs. C.L. Woodard, Miss Clara Threadgill, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, Mrs. L.E. Lee, Timothy Chandler.

We recommend that E.S. Blackburn be elected Director of the Manual Training Department, Miss Katherine Murrie Supervisor of Music, Miss Janet Downie Supervisor of Drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

{H.M. Metz}, Chairman {J.A. Jackson} {O.D. Parker}

Committee on Teachers

Dr. Mathews, President of the Board, made a statement concerning Mr. Kreisle and urged that what he had done in the case was done from conscientious convictions. Mr. Parker replied on behalf of the Board and stated that the Board had the highest confidence in the President, and the Board was sure that the President had done nothing that had not been prompted by the highest motives and for the welfare of the Public Schools.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Superintendent's Office

June 9, 1908

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Finance, recommend that the following salaries be fixed for the scholastic year 1908-1909.

Mr. J.E. Pearce, Principal, High School \$1,750 per year

Head of the Mathematics Department \$1,100 per year

Head of the Science Department \$1,100 per year

Director of Manual Training \$1,200 per year

First Assistant in Manual Training \$1,000 per year

Second Assistant in Manual Training \$900 per year

[348] Miss Eleanor H. Nesbitt \$800 per year

Miss Laura Abadie \$60 per month

The lady teachers in the Academic Department of the High School who have successfully passed all the Examinations required by the Board \$85 per month

Mr. J.L. Taff, Principal, Bickler School \$1,350 per year

Mr. T.A. Brown, Principal, Pease School \$1,350 per year

Miss Florence R. Brooke, Principal, Palm School \$1,000 per year

Miss Mary Johnson, Principal, Wooldridge School \$1,000 per year

Miss Margaret Reilly, Principal Winn School \$900 per year

Mrs. B Delfraisse, Principal, Fulmore School \$95 per month

Miss Mary Lowry, Principal, Baker School \$95 per month

Colored:

L.C. Anderson, Principal, Robertson Hill School \$900 per year

G.W. Norman, Principal, Gregorytown School \$85 per month

W.H. Passon, Principal, West Austin School \$70 per month

J.H. Pickard, Principal, Wheatville School \$60 per month

Mrs. L.E. Morton, Principal, Brackenridge School \$50 per month

Supervisor of Music \$900 per year

Supervisor of Drawing \$75 per month (nine months)

Miss Etta Porter, Clerk \$780 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

{J.A. Jackson}, Chairman {O.D. Parker} {H.M. Metz}

Committee on Finance

Inasmuch as it was uncertain whether Mr. Kreisle would accept the position to which he was elected as instructor in Manual Training, the Superintendent was instructed to nominate someone else for this position.

The Superintendent read to the Board his recommendations concerning the tenure of office and salaries, Section 8 in the Rules and Regulations, and suggested that this matter be not acted upon at once, that it was a matter of vital importance to the welfare of the Schools. Mr. Parker suggested that a copy of these recommendations be sent to each member of the Board, so that the members individually could study the recommendations. [349] Final action on these recommendations was postponed.

[*Teachers*] Miss Mary L. Rogers was elected teacher of Latin in the High School for next year, vice Miss Ottley.

A communication from Dr. Ralph Steiner, concerning Miss Mary E. Johnson, Principal of the Wooldridge School, was read. Dr. Steiner stated that, in his opinion, it would be unwise on account of Miss Johnson's health for her to undertake summer school work, according to the Rules of the Board. On motion, Miss Johnson was excused from making the work this summer, with the understanding that she take the work next summer.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

June 17, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the President, with all the members present.

[*Teachers*] Mr. Metz, Chairman of the Teachers Committee, made the report for that Committee, recommending the election of teachers in the Austin Public Schools for the next, ensuing year: Misses Luella Fonda, Willie D. Barbee and Corelia Whitten. And they further recommend that the resignation of Miss Mary Carlisle will be accepted. This report to the Teachers Committee was adopted.

[*Palm*] A petition from the citizens of the 10th Ward, asking permission to use one room of the Palm School building for the purpose of holding fire meetings, until a building could be erected for this purpose, was read and considered. Inasmuch [350] as Section 18, Paragraph 2 of the Rules and Regulations of the School Board prohibit the use of school property for any other purpose, except for school

purposes, the Board was unable to grant the petition, and the Superintendent was instructed to so notify the Committee, informing them that personally the Board would be delighted to grant their request, but they were barred from doing so by the Rules and Regulations of the Schools, and also by State law.

[Winn] Mr. A.O. Watson, architect of the Winn School building, appeared before the Board and asked permission to repair the broken places in the plaster and to repaint the walls injured by rain, and to do other necessary things on the building, before he presented his final bill. On motion, it was ordered that this matter in connection with Winn School be referred to the Building Committee, with instructions to report to some subsequent meeting of the Board.

The following Rules and Regulations concerning the tenure of office and salaries of teachers in the Austin Public Schools was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Section 8

Tenure of Offices and Salary

[*Offices and Salary*] 1. The Superintendent, Principals, teachers and other employees of the Board shall be elected annually, provided that the employment of any teacher who fails to give satisfaction may be terminated by the Board at any time, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Committee on Teachers, Textbooks and Examinations, and provided further that the Superintendent may be elected for a term of two years.

2. The salaries of the Superintendent, Principals and High School teachers shall be fixed annually. Primary and intermediate teachers holding first-grade City Certificates shall be paid the following salaries: first year \$50 per month, second year [351] \$55 per month, third year \$60 per month, fourth year \$62.50 per month, fifth year \$65 per month, sixth year \$67.50 per month, seventh year \$70 per month, eighth year \$72.30 per month, and the ninth year the maximum salary of \$75 per month. It is provided, however, that no teacher salary shall be raised without the recommendation of the Principal, the Superintendent, Teachers Committee, and approved by the Board of Trustees.

3. The Principal shall report at the close of the year whether or not he recommends a decrease in the salary of any teacher. If the Superintendent, Teachers Committee and Board of Trustees approve the decrease recommended, there shall be the decrease

of not less than \$2.30 per month, nor more than \$5 per month. If a decrease is recommended and approved a second time, the teacher shall not be reelected.

4. Teachers who have not had at least one year's (nine months') experience shall not be paid more than \$45 per month for the first year, \$50 per month for the second year, and thereafter, as scheduled in Section 8, Paragraph 2.

5. Teachers who are graduates of The University of Texas or State Normals of Texas and have taken sufficient courses in Education to receive a permanent State Certificate may receive \$50 per month, and thereafter as scheduled in Section 8, Paragraph 2.

6. Teachers who have had as much as three years' successful experience in a regular system of graded schools or five years (nine months each) in rural schools shall receive \$60 per month for their first year's work, and thereafter as scheduled in Section 7, Paragraph 2.

7. The Board of Trustees, by unanimous vote and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, [352] may waive the City Examinations where teachers have had at least three years' successful experience and are graduates of The University of Texas or some reputable college or university of equal standing with the University of Texas (such applicant must file with the Superintendent a record of his university work).

8. Salaries shall be paid by the scholastic month, and shall not be changed or altered during the scholastic year.

9. A teacher having taught a full term in the Austin Schools as a substitute or temporary teacher on a second-grade City or other legal Certificate may be elected as a regular teacher on the basis of a year's experience, provided she shall have obtained a first-grade City Certificate.

10. N.B., It is not advisable for any teacher who desires an appointment in the Austin Schools to individually press his or her claims for appointment, or that any friend or relative of any applicant endeavor to use any personal, political, social or religious influence with a member of the Board or with the Superintendent.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Board.

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees:

1. That, in adjusting the schedule of salaries adopted, the Superintendent is directed to call a meeting of the Principals as soon as possible and go over the list of teachers with them, and report to a subsequent meeting of the Board their recommendations for an increase in salaries for the next scholastic year.

2. The schedule of salaries adopted shall be introduced gradually: Those teachers who receive \$60 per month under the old schedule shall receive \$63.50. Those teachers who receive \$63 shall receive \$65. Those teachers who receive \$66 shall receive \$67.50. Those teachers who receive \$70 shall receive \$72.50.

3. In case there would be an increase in the salary of any teacher of 5% under the old schedule, [353] said teacher shall be raised in the next hire under the new schedule.

4. That the maximum salary of \$75 per month shall not be paid to any teacher until the beginning of the school year, September 1909.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

June 20, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the Teachers Committee. Present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse.

[*Teachers*] Superintendent reported that he had been advised by Mr. Edwin S. Kreisle, who had been elected teacher in the Manual Training Department, that he had decided to accept the directorship of Manual Training in the Cuero Schools, and he desired to tender his resignation as a teacher of Manual Training in the Austin High School. On motion, the place to which Mr. Kreisle was elected was declared vacant, and the Teachers Committee recommended the election of Mr. Victor Schmidt, teacher of Manual Training in the Austin High School. This report of the Teachers Committee was unanimously adopted. On motion, Mr. Schmidt's salary was fixed at \$900 per year.

The Superintendent and Mr. J.E. Pearce, Principal of the High School, recommended the election of Miss Jonnie Megee, a graduate of the Austin High School and of The University of Texas, as teacher of United States History in the High School. Superintendent read to the Board the record of Miss Megee in The University of Texas for

four years, during which time her record showed that she had made a fine average, only three C's [354] being made during the four years. The six members of the Board present agreed to her election, and the Superintendent was instructed to secure the endorsement of the absent member, Mr. F.T. Ramsey, to this recommendation.

A communication was read from Miss Eleanor Nesbitt, teacher of Domestic Science in High School, and from Mr. J.E. Pearce, Principal of the High School, urging that the Domestic Science Department be made separate from the Manual Training Department, and that Miss Nesbitt be placed at the head of this department. On motion, it was ordered that the departments be separated, and that Miss Nesbitt be placed as the head of the Domestic Science and Art Departments at a salary of \$900 per year.

A communication from Miss Janet Downie, asking that Drawing be put upon the same plane in the Public Schools as Music, and that she be given a salary of \$900 per year as Supervisor of Drawing, was read and carefully considered by the Board.

Inasmuch as the status of Drawing in the City Schools was entirely satisfactory to the Superintendent and to the School Board, it was ordered that no change be made, and that the former recommendation of the Teachers Committee, fixing Miss Downie's salary at \$50 per month, be reconfirmed.

A communication was read from Emil R. Steiler and Karl Muenzinger, asking permission to use a room in the Wooldridge School building for the purpose of giving private lessons in German two-and-one-half hours daily for two months. Superintendent was instructed by the Board to notify these gentlemen that it was impossible for them to grant the request.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office
July 2, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway, F.T. Ramsey.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 4 and special meetings of June 5, 8, 10, 17 and 20 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer, showed a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$5,261.47, an overdraft in

the Allan Fund of \$5,708.02, and an overdraft in the Textile School Fund of \$109.63. This report was received as information and ordered filed.

Superintendent made his regular annual statistical report, showing grand total enrollment in the Schools at the end of the year 4,247, total amount of expenditures for teacher salaries \$57,595.36, length of session in days 171, number of school houses owned by Independent District 13, total seating capacity in the City Schools 4,738, value of school grounds and school houses \$204,615, value of school furniture \$17,550, libraries \$2,975, apparatus \$4,500, Manual Training equipment \$11,500, total value of all Schools property \$241,140, numbers of volumes in libraries 3,691, number of grades in the system: Elementary 7, High School 4.

[*Pease, Wooldridge, Palm*] Superintendent further reported that the floors of the Pease, Wooldridge and Palm School buildings had been oiled and fumigated with formaldehyde. The Board instructed the Superintendent to continue this work, as needed, under the direction of the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation.

A letter from Miss Maud Jenkins, applying for a position in the City Schools, was read, and the Superintendent was instructed to notify Miss Jenkins of the date of the August Examinations.

[356] The Board authorized the August Examinations to be given to applicants for City Certificates on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the third, fourth and fifth days of August.

The resignation of Mrs. Emma Puckett Weir, who had been a teacher in the City Schools, was read and, on motion, the resignation was accepted and the Superintendent instructed to express the appreciation of the Board to Mrs. Weir for her valuable services for so long a time as teacher in the City Schools.

The resignation of Miss Bertha Cook, as a teacher in the City Schools, was also accepted.

The Board discussed the advisability of passing a Rule relating to the marriage of the teachers in the City Schools. This was referred to the Teachers Committee.

Bids were read from the following persons for painting the South Austin School: Daly & Partlow \$42, T.D. Reeves \$45, Roberts & Kersey \$42. The bid was let to Daly & Partlow.

[*Rule*] The following resolution was adopted by the Board: Whereas an emergency exists in the City Schools caused by the resignation of two of the first primary teachers, and whereas the

Board recognizes the difficulty of securing properly-equipped primary teachers with special training, be it resolved that the Superintendent be given authority to select primary teachers and report to the Teachers Committee his selection for approval.

Superintendent reported that Mr. Pearce, Principal of the High School, had selected Gus Broden, janitor at the University, to be head janitor at the High School next year, and it was the sense of the Board that, at the proper time, Mr. Broden be given the same salary that Mr. Schwarzer was paid last year.

[357] [*Robertson Hill*] Mr. Parker for the Building Committee reported that he and Mr. Kuse had visited the Robertson Hill School, and that he thought it impossible to remove the old building, that it would be difficult to fix it up in a proper manner if they were removed, and suggested putting an addition on the new grounds of four rooms. On motion, the erection of a suitable building for the Colored High School was referred to the Building Committee, with instructions to report to the Board, as soon as possible, their recommendations.

On motion, it was ordered that the grounds at Robertson Hill be offered for sale, land and buildings, separately or together.

Mr. Parker, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that he, Mr. Kuse and the Superintendent had met with the Mayor and Finance Committee of the City Council, and after, the Finance Committee had agreed to give the Board \$6,500 in part payment of the promise made last year to pay to the City School Board eight and two-third cents on this year's valuation of property.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] Ordered that the Superintendent secure from Brueggemann & Maufrais bids to put a cement walk north of the Allan building, corner of Congress Avenue and 9th Street.

[High School] Superintendent was given permission to use the flagstones taken from the sidewalk of the Allan building and make a suitable walk to the High School building. On motion, it was ordered that the Superintendent request, in the name of the Board, the City Council to take steps to put sidewalks on East 9th Street, from the Avenue to the High School building, in proper condition before the opening of schools in September.

Superintendent was instructed to draw warrants for the census enumerators as follows: T.L. Purnell \$133.60, L.C. Anderson \$94.70.

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July 14, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the Finance Committee, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse, O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway.

[*Schools Open*] It was ordered by the Board that the schools open Monday, September 21, 1908.

The President, at his own request, was excused for a few minutes, and Dr. Pettway was elected President *pro tem*.

The following report of the Teachers and Textbooks Committee was read and adopted.

Superintendent's Office

July 9, 1908

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools

Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers and Textbooks, recommend that the following books be adopted for use in the Austin City Schools, in accordance with the report of the Principals, attached thereto.

New Century Spelling Book

Cyr's Primer, Our Country's Readers, 1 to 5

Art Literature Readers, 1 to 3

Buehler & Hotchkiss Modern English Lessons

Buehler's Modern English Grammar

Webster's Elementary Composition

Myers-Brooks Elementary Arithmetic

Myers-Brooks Grammar School Arithmetic

Hopkins & Underwood's Mental Arithmetic

The Beginner's History of Our Country

Berry's Writing Books, 1 to 7

Dodge's Primary Geography

Dodge's Advanced Geography

One of *Krohn's Physiologies*, to be decided on later

We further recommend, in accordance to the recommendation of the Principals, that the State Board of Education be petitioned to permit the use of *Well's Essentials in Algebra* in the [359] high seventh grade, as this will save the children of this city the purchase of an extra book in algebra.

Respectfully submitted,

{O.D. Parker} {J.A. Jackson}, Committee on Teachers

[*Teachers*] The Teachers Committee recommended the election of Mr. Ernest W. Breihan and Miss Charlie Wilson as teachers in the Science Department of the Austin High School, and Miss Alice Carman as a teacher in the Austin City Schools, to be assigned later.

These teachers were elected, without Examination, in accordance with the Rule of the Board, Section 8, Paragraph 7. The record of each of these teachers were filed with the Board before election.

Permission was granted to the Superintendent to have the textile machinery, etc. moved from the annex adjoining the High School assembly hall, to the building immediately east of the High School, erected for Textile School work. The Superintendent was instructed to have the machinery properly oiled and stored away.

Superintendent reported, in this connection, that he had made arrangements with the American National Bank and with Major Littlefield, who had promised \$200 as subscription to the Textile School Fund, to cancel this obligation, provided the bank would take up the overdraft of \$109.63 in Textile School Fund. This report of the Superintendent was unanimously approved by the Board.

[*High School*] The Building Committee was instructed to look into the matter of arranging fire escapes for the High School, and to report at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

[*A.F. Note*] On motion, it was ordered that the Board execute a note to be signed by all the members, as members of the School Board, for \$5,233.33, in [360] favor of the American National Bank of Austin, Texas, Treasurer of the School Funds, due February 14, 1909. This note is given in settlement of overdraft of Allan Fund in said bank.

Communication from Mr. J.H. Tobin, manager of Tobin's Bookstore, was read and received as information.

[*Robertson Hill, Olive Street*] The following bids were read for moving the one-room school building on Robertson Hill School grounds, to the property recently purchased by the School Board from Miss Florence R. Brooke, corner of Curve and Olive Streets: Mr. Duke \$95, Mr. Ezell \$75. It was ordered by the Board that Mr. Ezell be employed to move this building.

[*Pease*] A bid for plastering the broken places in the plaster of Pease School was read, from Mr. Mauthe for \$25, and action deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

The following report of the Building Committee was read and adopted.

Dr. W.J. Mathews, President

City

Dear Sir,

[*Robertson Hill*] We, your Building Committee, would respectfully report, recommending the sale of the Colored High School building and lots at the corner of San Marcos and 11th Street, and the proceeds from said sale be used in erecting a new school building for Colored at the corner of Olive and Curve streets. This does not include the small house.

Yours Truly,

{O.D. Parker} {H.M. Metz}

The following report of the Building Committee was also read and adopted.

Dr. W.J. Mathews, President

City

Dear Sir,

[*Bids Robertson Hill*] We, your Committee on Buildings, report having [361] received the following bids for the Colored High School building and grounds:

L.L. Campbell, all, \$700

L. Cohen, all, \$900

W.A. Harper, all, \$1,078

Charles E. Johnson, all, \$1,031

C.M. White, \$500 [building] and \$105 [grounds] \$605

Dave Sinola, \$147 building & \$267 grounds = \$419

L.C. Anderson, building \$175

And recommend that the sale be awarded to the highest bidder W.A. Harper, not including the small house.

Yours truly,

{O.D. Parker} {H.M. Metz}

[*Robertson Hill*] The President and Secretary of the School Board were instructed to execute the necessary papers, and the transfer of this property awarded to Dr. W.A. Harper.

[*Allan Building Congress*] The following bids for placing a cement walk north of the Allan building, corner of 9th Street and Congress Avenue, were read: R.H. Cuyler \$105, J. Brueggemann \$133, Maufrais \$130. The Superintendent was instructed to investigate the reliability of the first bidder and report at the next regular meeting of the Board.

[*Trustee*] The resignation of Mr. F.T. Ramsey as a member of the School Board was unanimously accepted by the Board, with reluctance. Mr. George W. Walling, Jr. was unanimously elected a member of the School Board, to take Mr. Ramsey's place.

[*Olive Street*] Ordered by the Board that the Building Committee be authorized to secure a competent carpenter and determine whether it is advisable to sell the buildings on the Brooke property or remodel them for school purposes. And the Committee was also authorized to call for plans and specifications and bids on a two-story, four-room building.

[362] A communication was read from Miss Downie, asking that her salary be increased to \$75 per month and given a part of the room in the Textile School building, east of the High School, for her kiln, and that she would visit the schools regularly, once each month. On motion, this communication was left over for action until the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion, it was ordered that all bills against the Public School Funds be presented the first of each month, and that no bills be paid during the month except contract bills.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

July 23, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, George W. Walling, Jr.

It was ordered by the Board that the delinquent taxes on the property recently purchased from Miss Florence R. Brooke and the Allan property, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street, and on the Allan property near the Blind Institute, sold to Mr. Hamilton, be paid, and the Superintendent was authorized to advise with Judge Fulmore, ex-President of the Board, in regard to these matters before making payment.

[*Allan Building Congress*] It was ordered further that a water meter be put in Allan building, corner Congress Avenue and 9th Street, for the use of the Nixon Commercial College.

[208 East 6th, *Allan Building*] Superintendent reported that Zier-Phillips Furniture Company were again delinquent in the payment of

rent on the Allan building, and this matter was referred to the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The President of the Board, Dr. Mathews, appointed [363] Mr. George W. Walling, Jr. member of the Supply and Building Committee, and Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Miss Etta Porter was granted a leave of absence, and it was ordered by the Board that no salary be deducted on account of vacation.

The resignations of Misses Minnie Mayes and Janie Warren were read to the Board, and both accepted.

Miss Janet Downie, Supervisor of Drawing, appeared before the Board and made a personal statement, asking that the Board raise her salary to \$75 per month and give her the use of the north room in the building erected for the Textile School, and also erect a kiln in the south room of said building. Miss Downie further stated to the Board that, in case this was done, she would visit the schools and give a lesson in drawing to each grade once a month. No action was taken on this matter, and the Building Committee decided to visit the High School tomorrow morning, and determine the possibility of acceding to Miss Downie's request.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

July 24, 1908

The Board met in special session at the request of the Building Committee. Present: Dr. W.J. Mathews, President of the Board, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, and George W. Walling, Jr.

The following report of the Building Committee was read.

[364] Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

[*Building Committee Report, Robertson Hill, Olive Street*] We, your Committee on Buildings, beg to report.

(1) That we have carefully examined the buildings on the property recently purchased from Miss Florence R. Brooke, and recommend that all the buildings on said property be sold to L.C. Anderson for \$300, one-half cash, the balance on one year's time, secured by Mechanics Lien.

(2) We recommend that the building on the ground of the Robertson Hill School, recently sold, which was reserved in the

advertisement, be sold to Dr. W.A. Harper for \$150, making a total of \$1,228 received for the entire property on Robertson Hill owned by the School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

{H.M. Metz} {George W. Walling, Jr.} {O.D. Parker}

Committee on Buildings

A full discussion by different members of the Board concerning this report was had, and, on motion, final action was deferred until a later meeting of the Board.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

July 28, 1908

The Board met in special session at the call of the President, with the following present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, O.D. Parker.

[*Clarksville*] Inasmuch as only a quorum was present at the appointed time, final disposition of the report of the Building Committee was postponed, and the Board adjourned, to inspect the West Austin Colored School, and to meet tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock.

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Superintendent's Office

July 29, 1908

The Board met in special session, pursuant to adjournment, with the following members present: O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, Jr.

On motion, Mr. Kuse was elected President *pro tem*.

[*Olive Street*] Inasmuch as only a quorum was present in the advisability and practicability of erecting a six-room school building on Curve Street for the Negroes, a matter of so much importance, on motion, the Board adjourned until tomorrow at 5:00 p.m., and all the members requested to be present

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

July 30, 1908

The Board met in special session, according to adjournment, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway.

The following report to the Superintendent was read and received as information.

Superintendent's Office

July 13, 1908

The Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools

Gentlemen,

Inasmuch as the City Schools are to open on September 21, I beg to call your attention to the necessity of making immediate arrangements for the opening of the Colored High School.

[*Olive Street*] If possible, I recommend the erecting of a building of six rooms, something like the West Austin Colored School. This building was erected in 1896 by Mr. William Schoenert, the contract price being \$2,562, with \$135 additional for the galleries, making a total of \$2,697. Some changes should be made in this building, in order that the four [366] rooms should front either the east or south. I do not believe that the Colored High School can be successfully carried on much longer with less than six teachers, unless the fifth grades are concentrated in two of the ward schools. In my opinion, it would be inadvisable to send the fifth grade from East Austin across the city to the West Austin Colored School, although there is in that building two unoccupied school rooms in splendid condition. If the fifth grades are to go back into the ward schools, it will require an additional room at Gregorytown. The total enrollment at Robertson Hill last year was 248, 95 of whom were in the fifth grade. Some were promoted to the sixth grade, but 50 pupils were promoted from the different ward schools to the fifth grade, and it will be reasonable to suppose that there will be at least as many pupils in the fifth grade next year, as in the past year. 37 out of the total 50 are promotions to the fifth grade from Gregorytown. If new building is erected, we may reasonably expect some increase in this grade.

Permit me also to call your attention in this report to the financial condition of the Board. There are 5,234 children of scholastic age in the city, and we may reasonably expect from the state \$6.25 *per caput*, making, in round numbers, \$32,700, an

increase of \$1,600 from the State of Texas. Estimating city taxes on the basis of \$500,000 additional evaluations this year, we may reasonably expect to get from the City \$43,000, from tuition \$1,000, from County transfer \$600, from the County Permanent Fund \$850, making a total of \$78,150, in round numbers.

Estimated amount of teachers' salaries for nine months is \$56,500, salary of Superintendent and Clerk \$3,280, makes \$59,780. This, of course, does not include the salary of the janitors, which has not yet been fixed by the Board, furniture, insurance, science apparatus, printing, rent and repairs.

[367] Last year, the Board spent, in round numbers, \$2,330 in repairs, and we may safely estimate on the same amount being spent this year. Fuel bill last year was \$1,200. This makes a total of \$63,310 expenditures, leaving hold the items mentioned and other incidentals connected with the running of the Schools. Deducting the amount of expenditures given from the probable income, there will be, in round numbers, \$14,500 to the credit of the School Fund.

I strongly recommend the exercise of the most rigid economy in the expenditures of the School Funds, and yet I do not see at the present how the Board can be relieved from the obligation of building a new school on Curve Street, unless some arrangements can be made with Dr. W.A. Harper, and the Colored High School kept next year on 11th Street as heretofore.

I also respectfully recommend that the Board take some final action on the request of Miss Janet Downie, Supervisor of Drawing. This matter has been in suspense for some time, and some definite action should be taken concerning her communication to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

{A.M. McCallum}, Superintendent

Mr. Carl Hartman, County Superintendent, appeared before the Board and asked the cooperation of the City School Board to secure an Assistant Superintendent or Clerk for the County Superintendent. He asked further that the Board aid him in his efforts to have this question made part of the Democratic platform in this county. On motion, it was ordered that the Board endorse the suggestion of Mr. Hartman, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted. [368] "Resolved that we heartily endorse as a progressive educational measure the proposition of employing a Clerk to the County

Superintendent and request that a resolution be adopted by the County Democratic Convention, demanding a bill to be introduced by our Representatives in the Legislature, authorizing the appointment of such a Clerk."

The following report of the Building Committee was also adopted unanimously by the Board. (See report at top of page 364.)

[*Olive Street*] Mr. O.D. Parker moved that the Superintendent be instructed to take the necessary steps for the erection of the six-room school building on Curve Street, to have the plans and specifications used by the contractor in erecting the school building for Colored children on West Avenue revised, and that bids be advertised for in the papers, all bids to be opened at the next regular meeting of the School Board, Thursday, August 6, at 8:30 p.m. This motion was seconded and carried.

Upon recommendation of the Teachers Committee, Miss Janet Downie's salary was raised to \$75 per month, in accordance with the terms of her communication of July 9, 1908. On account of the question of legality, insurance, etc., the Board did not think it wise to permit the use of the building erected for the Textile School for drawing purposes.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office
August 6, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway.

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 2 and special meetings of July 14, 23, 24, 28, 29 and 30 were read and approved.

[*Allan Building, 208 East 6th*] Mr. C.H. Richter, contractor, appeared before the Board and presented a statement from Guy S. Boyce, architect, recommending the payment of \$50 balance due Mr. Richter on contract price of the Allan property on Sixth Street. Inasmuch as the Superintendent stated that the Board had paid \$12.81 water rentals for Mr. Richter, the whole matter was referred to the Finance Committee, with power to act.

[*Colored High School*] The following bids for erecting a Colored School on Curve Street were read: Hofer & Shannonhouse \$3,649.50,

William Schoenert \$3,880, Simon Gillis \$4,795. The bid was let to Hofer & Shannonhouse for \$3,649.50.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress*] Superintendent reported that he had investigated the reliability of Mr. Culyer, who had made a bid of \$105 for replacing the cement wall north of the Bledsoe building, and he was instructed to let this cement work to Mr. Culyer.

[*Baker*] The Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation and the Superintendent were instructed to have the closets at the Baker School moved as near the west line of the grounds as possible.

Superintendent reported that an estimate of the Science and Manual Training supplies for the ensuing school year was ready and, on motion, these reports were referred to [370] the Supply Committee, which committee was given power to purchase said supplies.

Mrs. Raymond was elected to take charge of the lunchroom in the High School building on the same terms as last year.

Report of the American National Bank, Treasurer, showed a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$3,888.71, balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund \$5,019.62, was read and ordered filed.

Mr. Kuse, for the Supply Committee, reported that he had purchased desks for the two rooms at Hyde Park and one room at South Austin. This report was received by the Board.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

August 7, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse.

The following report of the Teachers Committee was adopted.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

[*Teachers*] We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of the following teachers for the Austin City Schools for the year 1908-1909.

White: Miss Clara Newton, Miss Edna Slaughter, Miss Rena McLaughlin, Miss Clara Cook, Miss Julia Robertson, Miss Ethel Bennett, Miss Janie Stephens.

Supernumeraries: Miss Mary Alice Kelleher, Miss Maggie McInnis, Miss Frankie Wren, Miss Jeanette Littman.

[371] Colored: C.M. White, E.T. Yerwood, Miss Parthenia Polk, Miss Lolla Kimball, Miss Lillie Rhambo, Miss Tennie Hardwell, Miss Cora Mitchell, Miss Addie Clements, Miss W.M. Caldwell, Miss Laura Pierce, with the understanding that she secure a Certificate before the opening of schools.

Respectfully submitted,
 {O.D. Parker} {J.A. Jackson}
 Committee on Teachers.

No further business, the Board adjourned.
 {T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

August 24, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, Dr. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling, Jr., H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse.

The Superintendent made the following report concerning the cost of the textbooks recently adopted by the City of Austin, and, on motion, it was ordered that this schedule of comparative prices be furnished to the newspapers. Following is the schedule.

[*Cost of Textbooks*] *Cyer's Primer* 20¢, exchange price 10¢, last year's reader cost 24¢.

Art Literature, No. 1, price 30¢, exchange 12¢.

Our Country, No. 1, price 18¢, exchange 9¢, last year's reader cost 25¢.

Art Literature, No. 2, price 40¢, exchange 16¢, last year's cost 40¢.

Our Country, No. 2, 24¢, exchange price 12¢, last year's reader cost 36¢.

Art Literature, 50¢, exchange price 20¢, [372] last year's reader cost 45¢.

Buehler & Hotchkiss, Modern English Lessons, 35¢, exchange 19¢.

Last year's *Language Lessons* cost 35¢. This book is used in the low third, high third low fourth, high fourth, low fifth and high fifth grades.

Our Country's Reader, No. 3, 30¢, exchange 15¢, last year's reader cost 48¢.

Dodge's Primary Geography, 45¢, exchange 23¢, last year's geography cost 40¢. This book is used in the low third, high third, low fourth, high fourth and low fifth grades.

Our Country's Reader, No. 4, 32¢, exchange 16¢, last year's reader cost 50¢.

Our Country's Reader, No. 5, 35¢, exchange 18¢, last year's reader cost 60¢.

Buehler's *Modern English Grammar*, 55¢, exchange price 28¢, last year's cost 60¢. This book is used in the high fifth, low sixth, high sixth, low seventh, and high seventh grades.

Dodge's *Comparative Geography*, 90¢, exchange price 45¢, last year's cost 88. This book is used in the high fifth, low and high sixth, low and high seventh grades.

Myers-Brooks' *Grammar School Arithmetic*, 39¢, exchange price 20¢, last year's book cost 42¢. This book is used in the low and high sixth, low and high seventh grades.

The New Century Spelling Book takes the place of *The Modern Speller*, price 18¢, exchange 9¢, price of *Modern Speller* 18¢.

Barry's *Writing Books* have been adopted in the place of the *Natural System of Writing*, price 5¢, same price as *Natural System*.

Beginner's History of Our Country, 40¢, exchange price 20¢, last year's cost 60¢.

Krohn's *Graded Lessons in Hygiene*, 50¢, exchange price 25¢, last year's cost 50¢.

In the High School, Webster's *Elementary Composition*, 60¢, exchange price 39¢, last year's Scott & Denny, 80¢. This book is used in the [373] low eighth, high eighth, and low ninth grades.

Towne's *Civil Government*, 75¢, exchange price 50¢. This book takes the place of Fitch's *Civics*, price 85¢.

Davis' *Elementary Physical Geography*, 90¢, exchange price 45¢, formerly used Dryer's *Physical Geography*, \$1.20.

Coleman's *Hygiene Physiology*, 47¢, exchange price 31¢, takes place of Colton's *Physiology*, 90¢.

[Allan Building, 823 Congress] The Board adopted for use in the Public Schools Webster's *Elementary Composition*, Towne's *Civil Government*, Davis' *Elementary Physical Geography*, Coleman's *Hygienic Physiology*. These books are the State-adopted texts.

[Winn, Pease] The Board ordered that R.H. Cuyler be paid \$105 for cementing sidewalks north of the Winn building on 9th Street, and Henry Mauthe to be paid \$25 for repairing the plastering of the Pease School.

[High School] T.R. Pettway recommended that the floors of the closets in the High School be cemented on account of the unsanitary

condition of the floors at the present. It was ordered that the contract for this work be given to our R.H. Cuyler, price \$33.

The following report of the Building Committee was read and adopted.

Dr. W.J. Mathews, President

City

Dear Sir,

[Winn] Your Committee, to whom was referred Mr. A.O. Watson's claim on account of the Winn School building, beg to state that they are unable to find any records or papers showing the agreement between the School Board and Mr. Watson, and therefore refer the whole matter back for action by the whole Board.

Yours Truly,

{O.D. Parker} {George W. Walling} {H.M. Metz}

Building Committee

[374] [Teachers] The following report of the Teachers Committee was adopted.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools

Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of the following for the year 1908-1909: Miss Mamie L. Lockett, Miss Effie White (Colored). We recommend that Miss Corelia Whitten be assigned to the first primary grade in the Bickler School.

Respectfully submitted,

{H.M. Metz} {O.D. Parker}

The following report to the Finance Committee, fixing the salaries of janitors, was adopted.

Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools

Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Finances, recommend that Miss Mamie Lockett's salary be fixed at \$62 per month.

[Janitors' Salaries] We recommend the following salaries for the janitors in the Austin Schools:

High School head janitor, \$60 per month for nine months, \$45 per month for three months.

High School assistant janitor, \$30 per month, and house.

Bickler School janitor, \$40 per month, and house.

Pease School janitor, \$50 per month.
 Palm School janitor, \$35 per month, and house.
 Wooldridge School janitor, \$40 per month.
 Winn School janitor, \$32 per month, and house.
 Fulmore School janitor, \$27 per month.
 Baker School janitor, \$30 per month.
 Robertson Hill janitor, \$15 per month.
 Gregorytown janitor, \$25 per month.
 West Austin janitor, \$15 per month.
 Wheatville janitor, \$5 per month.
 Brackenridge janitor, \$5 per month.

We further recommend that the janitors be required to be present at the school buildings on Saturdays, unless excused by permission of [375] the Principal and Superintendent.

{O.D. Parker} {H.M. Metz}

Nothing further appearing. the Board adjourned.
 {T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office
 September 3, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, Jr.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 6 and special meetings of August 7 and 24 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, for the month ending September 1, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$4,070.46, and a balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund of \$151.81, was read and, on motion, the report was ordered filed.

[Wooldridge] Bids were received from the following parties for painting the walls, etc. at the Wooldridge School: Mrs. Val C. Giles \$159, C.M. Miller \$162.75. Inasmuch as these bids seemed too high, the Board ordered that new bids be called for and that the Building Committee meet at the Wooldridge School tomorrow morning, September 4, to determine the necessary repairs on said building, and power to act was given to the Committee.

The following bids for supplying the City Schools with coal for the next year were received: [376] Austin Coal & Wood Company \$8 per

ton (2,000 pounds), McAlister Fuel Company \$7.60 per ton (2,000 pounds). On motion, it was ordered that the bid be let to the McAlister Fuel Company.

The Superintendent was given leave of absence, to attend the Central Texas Presbytery.

The Superintendent read to the Board the applications of Misters Steiner, Mitchell and Landrum for the janitorship of the Palm School. On motion, the appointment of this janitor was referred to the Superintendent.

Superintendent reported that he had numerous requests to be transferred from one school to another, and, after discussion, he was instructed not to transfer any child unless, in his judgment, it was for the best interest of the City Schools.

The application of Mr. William S. Roberts for free tuition for his niece Ila Long, whose parents reside at Round Rock, was read and, on motion, the request was refused on the grounds that the School Board has no right to grant free tuition to non-resident children.

Mr. R.M. Stiles, carpenter for the Schools, handed in his resignation, through Dr. Pettway, and the appointment of his successor was left to the Superintendent.

[*High School*] Mr. O.D. Parker, Chairman of the Building Committee, asked permission of the Board to have plans and specifications drawn up by an architect for placing two fire escapes at the High School. On motion, this request was granted, and Mr. Parker was instructed to secure an architect and have the plans drawn.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Parker and unanimously adopted. "Resolved that the Superintendent be instructed to ascertain the cost of establishing a night school in the Manual Training Department of the High School, and report to the Board as early as possible the advisability of establishing such [377] a school. Resolved further that the Superintendent be instructed to ascertain the cost of a night school in academic work."

Mr. J. Geggie and Mr. J.B. Webb. representatives of the Carpenters' Union in the city, appeared before the Board and asked that the Manual Training Department be opened at night, so that instruction in this work could be given young men in this city who find it impossible to attend the High School. Inasmuch as the Board had already passed the resolution instructing the Superintendent to ascertain the cost of a Manual Training night school, no further action was taken.

[*Olive Street*] On motion, it was ordered that Mr. William Schoenert be paid \$15 for plans and specifications for erecting a Negro school on Curve Street.

Mr. Kuse, for the Supply Committee, reported that the Committee had request for supplies for the Manual Training Department made by Mr. Blackburn, the Director, and recommended that these supplies be purchased. This report was adopted.

The Superintendent reported that the cocoa matting at the High School had worn out, and suggested linoleum in the place of the matting. This matter was left entirely in the hands of the Supply Committee, with power to purchase linoleum.

Mr. Metz reported a child, Nodine Doyle, who was not able to purchase books. It was ordered by the Board that provision be made for this child, and the Superintendent was instructed to refer the matter to the Board, and the individual members would make up the necessary amount to purchase the books for the child.

[*Winn*] It was ordered that Mr. D.J. Pickle be paid [378] \$21.05, the cost of two suits against the King property, near the Blind Institute and formerly owned by the Allan Fund.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

September 16, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway, George W. Wallace, Jr.

The following report of the Finance Committee, fixing the teacher salaries for the ensuing school year, in accordance with the Rule of the Board recently adopted, was approved. The assignment of teachers by the Teachers Committee, as indicated in the report, was also approved.

High School (per month): Miss Nina Hill \$85, Miss Effie Graves \$85, Miss Helen Phipps \$85, Miss Luella Fonda \$85, Miss Mary Rogers \$85, Miss Lucy Read \$85, Miss Clovie Hill \$85, Miss Pauline Trueblood \$85, Miss Jonnie Megee \$85, Miss Charlie Wilson \$85, Miss Eleanor Nesbitt \$100, Miss Laura Abadie \$60, W.C. Vernon \$122.22, E.W. Breihan \$122.22, E.S. Blackburn \$133.33, Fred Hofstetter \$111.11, Victor Schmidt \$100.

Bickler School: Miss Mary Copes \$65, Miss Hettie Hofstetter \$65, Miss Louise Thomas \$65, Miss Emmy Jessen \$62.50, Miss Eva Brown \$65, Miss Clara Newton \$40, Miss Willie Barbee \$50, Miss Rena McLaughlin \$40, Miss Mary A. Kelleher \$40, Miss Julia Robertson \$50, Miss Corelia Whitten \$62.50.

Pease School: Miss Alice Carman \$60, Miss May Johnston \$62.50, Miss Cecil O'Banion \$62.50, Miss Ellen Maddox \$67.50, Miss Alice Humphrey \$62.50, Miss Gilbert Cone \$65, Miss Mary Hynes \$62, Miss Minnie Dill \$72.50, Miss Emily Numbers \$72.50, Miss Janie Stephens \$40, Miss Ethel Bennett \$40.

Palm School: Miss Julia Beazley \$62.50, Miss Mae Sappington \$60, Miss Alice Harrell \$60, Miss Lula May Jackson \$55, Miss Bessie Hutchings \$55, Miss Lucile Atkinson \$50, Miss Mamie Lockett \$62.50.

Wooldridge School: Miss Daisy Gilliam \$62.50, Miss Grace Ketchum \$65, Miss Katherine Gray \$55, Miss Ellen Cooke \$67.50, Miss Georgie Walker \$60, Miss Kittie Carlisle \$72.50, Miss Kate Eanes \$72.50.

Winn School: Mrs. Elizabeth Winn \$60, Miss Jessie Roy \$60, Miss Dorinda Pillow \$50, Miss Laura Allison \$72.50, Miss Josephine Houston \$65, Miss Mary Downie \$72.50.

Fulmore School: Miss B. Killingsworth \$62.50, Miss Florence Burdett \$62.50, Miss Zuma Tucker \$60, Miss Clara Cook \$60, Miss M.E. Cunningham \$65.

Baker School: Miss Ada Blackburn \$67.50, Miss Linnie Humphrey \$55, Miss Edna Slaughter \$40, Miss Angla Broline \$60.

Supervisors: Miss Katherine Murrie \$100, Miss Janet Downie \$75.

Supernumeraries: Miss Maggie McInnis \$25, Miss Jeanette Littman \$25, Miss Frankie Wren \$25.

Colored High School: Mrs. C.L. Woodard \$67.50, Miss Clara Threadgill \$62.50, C.M. White \$67.50, E.T. Yerwood \$40.

Gregorytown: Mrs. J.E. Lampkin \$70, Mrs. L.E. Lee \$65, Miss Lillie Rhambo \$40, Miss Tennie Hardwell \$40, Miss Cora Mitchell \$40, Miss Effie White \$40, W.M. Caldwell \$40.

West Austin: Miss Laura Pierce \$40, Miss Parthenia Polk \$40, T. Chandler \$63.

Wheatville: Miss Lolla Kimball \$40.

Brackenridge: Miss Addie Clements \$40

Respectfully submitted,

{J.A. Jackson} {O.D. Parker} {H.M. Metz}, Finance Committee

The following district boundaries for the various schools of the city were fixed for the year 1908-1909.

[*Boundaries*] Austin High School: the city limits.

Bickler School: north of the MK&T railroad on 4th and 5th Streets, to center of 15th Street, and east of center of Congress Avenue, to city limits.

Pease School: west of the center of Congress Avenue, to city limits, and from the Colorado River, north to center of 18th Street.

Palm School: from center of Congress Avenue, east to city limits, and from Colorado River, north to [381] MK&T railroad on 4th and 5th Streets.

Wooldridge School: north of center of 18th Street, to center of 33rd Street, and west of Walnut Creek, to city limits.

John B. Winn School: north of center of 15th Street, to center of 19th Street, thence on 19th Street to Waller Creek, and east of Walnut Creek, to city limits.

Fulmore School: south of Colorado River.

Baker School: north of center of 33rd Street, to the Speedway, thence south on Speedway, to 29th Street, thence east on 29th Street to Duval street, thence north on Duval Street, to south boundary of Sidon Harris property, then east to city limits.

(Children living in Groom's Addition will attend Baker School.)

The Superintendent reported that he had spoken to Dr. W.A. Harper and had secured permission from Dr. Harper to use the Robertson Hill School building until the new Negro High School building on Curve Street was completed. The Board approved this action of the Superintendent and instructed him to write a note to Dr. Harper, thanking him in the name of the Board for his generosity.

The Superintendent was instructed to purchase as many desks and chairs as may be necessary for supplying the needs of the schools at present.

On the recommendation of the Principals at a meeting held in the Superintendent's office at 9:30 a.m., September 16, the Board [382] ordered that all teachers of the first, second and third grades be required to remain at their respective school buildings until the close of school at 3:00 p.m.

[*Colored High School Olive Street*] Mr. George W. Walling reported that \$3,500 insurance had been taken out on the new Negro High School building. This action was approved, and it was ordered that \$2,000 insurance be taken out on the Textile School machinery.

A communication from Mr. J.E. Pearce, Principal of the High School, asking for an additional teacher in the High School, and also lockers, was read, and it was the sense of the Board that an additional teacher should be placed in the High School if, at the opening, there should be necessity therefor.

[*Winn*] The bill of Mr. Julius Brueggemann for \$200, for fixing and repairing the outside of the Winn School so as to make it waterproof, was read. Inasmuch as it was understood that Mr. Brueggemann, when this work was contracted for, was to give perfect satisfaction to the School Board, no final action was taken on this bill, the Board preferring to wait until there was a thorough test as to its effectuality.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

September 23, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, Jr.

The resignation of Mr. Fred Hofstetter as teacher of drawing in the Manual Training Department [383] was accepted, and Mr. Louis Fox was elected to fill this position at a salary of \$980 per year.

[*Winn*] The Superintendent was instructed to notify the Building Committee immediately after the next rain, so that the Committee might visit the Winn School and determine if the waterproofing of the building by Mr. Brueggemann was successful.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office
October 1, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse, O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 3 and the special meetings of September 16 and 23 were read and approved.

Superintendent made the following statistical report for the first nine days of school enrollment: High School 464, Bickler School 451, Pease School 462, Palm School 329, Wooldridge School 330, Winn School 268, Fulmore School 189, Baker School 198, total enrollment in the White Schools 2,691; Colored High School 52, Gregorytown 65, West Austin 43, Wheatville 19, Brackenridge 22, total enrollment in the Colored Schools 201; grand total enrollment 2,892.

Superintendent read a letter from Dr. L.H. Kirk, who had examined Gustaf Peterson for trachoma and gave a certificate stating that he had entirely recovered from trachoma.

Superintendent was instructed to take no certificates for trachoma from general practitioners in [384] medicine, and it was ordered that a Board of specialists consisting of Doctors Harper, Hilgartner and Howze be appointed, and the Superintendent was instructed to take certificates from no other physician than this Board

A communication from Misses Lillie Rhambo, Tennie Hardwell Laura Pierce and Parthenia Polk, asking the Board for a raise in salary, was read and, on motion, referred to the Teachers Committee.

The Teachers Committee reported that, in view of the number of grades at the Baker School, they recommend the appointment of an additional teacher and, for this position, they recommended Mrs. Beulah Straus. This report was adopted by the Board.

The Superintendent was instructed to draw a warrant in favor of L.C. Anderson for 10 cents for each additional child enumerated in the Colored scholastic census for this year over last year.

Superintendent was instructed to pay Misters Hofer and Shannonhouse, contractors, \$1,000.

[Winn] Mr. Parker reported, for the Building Committee, that the Committee had a meeting at the Winn School and investigated as thoroughly as possible the condition of the building, and recommend the payment to Mr. J. Brueggemann of \$100 in part payment for work done in waterproofing said building.

Superintendent reported that he had many applicants for admission to special classes in the High School, especially in the Manual Training Department, from young people who are attending private schools or the university, and stated that he had refused entrance into any department to those pupils inasmuch as they would have to register as regular pupils in the High School. He [385] stated further that permission had been given to graduates of the High School to return after graduation. This action of the Superintendent was endorsed by the Board, and the following Rule was passed.

[Rule] "Graduates of the Austin Public High School may return after graduation and take any subject not in their courses for graduation while regular students, provided there is room for them in the classes in which they wish to enroll, and equipment with which to work."

It was ordered that the night school in the Manual Training Department be open to young men who are unable to attend any day school.

Mr. Richey, representing a postal card company from San Antonio, asked permission to photograph the different rooms in the city, stating there would be no cost to the Board for trouble to the teachers. On motion, this matter was referred to the Superintendent, with power to act.

The following Committees were appointed to visit the schools during next year.

High School: W.J. Mathews, George W. Walling, Jr.

Wooldridge School: J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz

Bickler School: W.J. Matthew, C.A. Kuse

Winn School: C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway

Pease School: J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway

Fulmore School: T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker

Palm School: H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker

Baker School: George W. Walling, Jr., W.J. Mathews

[386] Colored High School: W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse

Wheatville: J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz

Gregorytown: George W. Walling, Jr., C.A. Kuse

Brackenridge: T.R. Pettway, W.J. Mathews

West Austin: H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker,

Dr. Pettway, Chair of the Sanitary and Hygiene Committee, reported that Ellis Monroe had been employed as scavenger for the public schools, and his salary fixed at \$15 per month.

It was ordered that a holiday be given next Friday, October 9, on account of circus day.

Superintendent reported to the Board that the regular Teachers Institutes are held on the second Saturday of each scholastic month, the White Teachers Institute at 9:00 a.m., and the Colored Institute at 3:00 p.m. He further reported that the grade meetings are held previous to the regular Institute meetings.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

October 7, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling, Jr.

[387] [*Evening Schools*] The following Rules, in regard to evening schools, were adopted.

Pupils shall be admitted to evening schools on the following conditions:

1. No pupil shall be eligible to enroll in any evening school who is attending or financially able to attend any day school, public or private.

2. All pupils attending evening schools shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the School Board.

3. No pupils shall be permitted to enroll in any evening school who has been suspended from any public day school.

4. No pupil under 14 years of age shall be eligible to enroll in any evening school.

5. The sessions shall begin at 7:30 and continue to 9:00.

The Superintendent reported that Miss Georgie Walker, a teacher in the Wooldridge School, had failed to get her first-grade Certificate renewal on account of a misunderstanding with the Educational Department at the University, and the Superintendent was instructed to renew Miss Walker's first-grade City Certificate for one year.

Mr. Parker reported that Dr. Hilgartner complained about the number of school children sent to his office for examination for trachoma, and Dr. Mathews was appointed a Committee of one to see Dr. Hilgartner and arrange with him concerning this matter.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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October 19, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker.

[*Report Cards*] The Superintendent reported to the Board that he had made a change in the report cards and in the method of grading in the City Schools as follows: A 100-90, B 90-80, C 80-70, D 70-60, E failed. Pupils making D in more than one subject, unless their term average is C or over, must repeat the work of the grade. This was approved by the Board.

Authority was given the Superintendent to organize a night school in academic work, said school to begin as early as possible.

Quite a discussion arose concerning the money to be paid to the School Board by the City Council, and whether it was best to sign a note or to leave an overdraft in the bank. After a full discussion, no definite action was taken.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

November 5, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with all the members present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 1 and special meetings of October 7 and 19 were read and approved.

Report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showing a balance overdrawn in the General Fund of \$5,714.53, a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$170.22, balance in the Textile School Fund of \$5, was read [389] and, on motion, this report was ordered filed.

Superintendent made his regular statistical report for the month ending October 16, 1908, showing a total enrollment in the White schools of 2,757, in the Colored schools 258, grand total enrollment 3,015.

Superintendent further reported that 34 young men were in attendance at the night school, and that this school, under the organization of the Board, was progressing from every point of view.

Communication from Mrs. L. Palmer, stating that she had given the care of her daughter, Lewellyne Davenport, to her aunt, Miss M.J. Townsend, to live with and educate, was read and, on motion, the

Superintendent was instructed to secure a ruling from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction whether this child should be admitted to the Austin Schools without tuition charges.

Communication from Carl Twidwell, asking free tuition in the Austin Schools on the ground that he was a resident of Austin, earns his own support, pays his own board, buys his own schoolbooks and clothes, was read and, on motion, permission was given him to attend the Austin Schools without the payment of tuition.

It was ordered that the salary of J.L. Taft, Principal of the Bickler School, who had lost one day and part of another from his school duties on account of his home being destroyed by fire, was ordered to be paid in full.

A duplicate warrant was ordered to be drawn for Tom D. Smith for \$55.30, for supplies for Domestic Science Department.

Bill for the Austin Electric Supply Company, for work done at the High School, was referred to E.S. Blackburn, Director of Manual Training, and the Superintendent, for adjustment. This bill was not approved by the Director of Manual Training [390] because some of the items in the bill were considered extravagant.

[*Olive Street*] Bids for the erection of the closets on the grounds of the new Negro High School, to be of boxing, was referred to the Building Committee and the Superintendent.

Superintendent was given permission to be absent from the city Saturday.

[*High School*] Mr. Parker of the Building Committee reported that he had ascertained as nearly as possible the cost of fire escapes, and that one could be erected for about \$1,000. The Building Committee was authorized to secure all of the information concerning fire escapes they could, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

On the recommendation of Mr. Guy S. Boyce, architect, a warrant was ordered drawn for Mr. C.H. Richter, balance due on East 6th Street property, for \$50 less the amount of water bills paid by the Board, \$12.81.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

November 11, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway.

Bids were opened for the erection of closets on the grounds of the new Negro High School building, as follows: J.C. Adrian \$110, Hofer and Shannonhouse \$135. On motion, it was given to J.C. Adrian.

Superintendent was given permission to be absent from the city to attend the State Federation of Women's Clubs at San Angelo November 17.

[391] [*High School Fire Escape*] Mr. Parker, of the Building Committee, reported that one fire escape at the High School erected in the proper manner would cost \$1,140, with \$25 additional for placing the escape, total \$1,165. On motion, Mr. Parker was authorized to secure a written contract from Mr. Finley and submit the contract to the Board for ratification.

[*Winn*] Mr. Parker further reported that Mr. W.E. Condit, contractor for the heating plant at the Winn School, would be in town in a few days and would be glad to see the Board in regard to the heating plant at that school.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

November 14, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway.

[*High School*] The Superintendent read the contract prepared by Mr. Finley for the erection of one fire escape at the Austin High School, and, on motion, the contract was ordered closed and the President authorized to sign the contract for the Board when the following stipulations were put in the contract in proper order. First, necessary to put in the contract when the work is to begin and to be completed. Second, the Board is to select the place for the erection of the fire escape. Third, the date of payment changed from March 1 to April 1.

The Superintendent was instructed to notify all Principals to leave all outside doors opened or unlocked during school hours.

[392] [*Colored High School, Olive Street*] Mistfers Hofer and Shannonhouse appeared before the Board in regard to the new Negro High School, which they had erected. Inasmuch as there seemed to be a misunderstanding between the contractors and the Board in regard to folding doors between the two rooms upstairs, it was ordered by the Board that the proposition of the contractors to put in the folding doors at the cost of the materials be accepted at no charge for labor being made for placing these doors between the two rooms upstairs. With this understanding between the contractors and the Board, and upon the recommendation of the Building Committee that the building be accepted, this recommendation was approved, and the Board ordered a warrant to be drawn for \$1,649.50 in full payment of the contract price for the building.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

November 23, 1908

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

On motion, it was ordered that a luncheon be given in the lunchroom of the Austin High School December 19.

Mr. J.A. Jackson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that he had collected \$150 from Zier-Phillips Furniture Company, and that Mr. Zier had promised to pay \$150 on Monday of each week until the total amount due the Schools was paid.

[*High School*] Mr. Parker of the Building Committee stated that Mr. Metz desired to have the matter of fire escapes come before the Board again, and Mr. Metz stated that, with one fire escape, it was the opinion of some of the best men of [393] the town that it would increase the danger from fire, as all children would attempt to get out of the fire escape at the same time, and panic would be the result. After a thorough discussion by all members of the Board, it was the opinion that, with the other exits from the building, all children would not attempt to make the exit from the school building at the same place at the same time, and the Board instructed the President and the Superintendent to adjust the contract with the fire escape company to have it properly prepared, and the President was again authorized to sign the contract in the name of the Board.

[*N. High School*] On motion, it was ordered that the Building Committee be authorized to investigate the necessity of having beams

put under the floor at the new Negro High School, and that this Committee have authority to act in the premises.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

December 3, 1908

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 5 and special meetings of November 14 and 23 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showing a balance overdrawn in the General Fund of \$14,525.34, a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$145.80, [394] and balance to the credit of Textile School Fund of \$5, was read and, on motion, this report was received and recorded and filed.

The following general statement of the condition of the School Funds, December 1, 1908, was read and received by the Board as information: Amount due the Austin City Schools from all sources \$91,645.12, amount received to date \$3,076.82, amount still due \$88,568.30.

Superintendent made statistical report for the month ending November 13, 1908, showing enrollment in the White schools 2,883, in the Colored schools 636, grand total enrollment 3,519, remaining in the White schools 2,606, in the Colored schools 607, total remaining 3,213.

Superintendent called the attention of the Board to the number of pupils in the different White schools who had been neither absent nor tardy during the past month, 1,241 against 541, for the month ending November 8, 1907. Superintendent further reported that the Teachers Institute, grade and section meetings were regularly held on the second Saturday of each scholastic month.

[Fulmore] Dr. T.R. Pettway was authorized by the Board to ascertain the cost of lots north of the Fulmore School, and report to the Board at a later meeting.

[Winn] The Building Committee was authorized to take Mr. Condit to the Winn School, to show him the condition of the heating plant at

that school and make the best arrangement possible with him for having the school heated in a satisfactory manner.

[*High School*] The question of heating the High School building came up for discussion and, on motion, Mr. J.A. Jackson was appointed a Committee of one to ask if Mr. John L. Martin wished to make a bid for this work.

[*Christmas*] Schools were ordered to be closed the afternoon of December 23, 1908 and to resume January 4, 1909.

[395] Salary of Floyd Hutchinson, assistant janitor of the High School, was raised \$5 per month on account of extra work done at the night school, this extra pay to stop at the close of the night school.

The salary of the janitor of the new Colored High School was raised from \$15 to \$20 per month, beginning December 1.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

December 14, 1908

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse. Called to order by President Mathews.

[*Winn*] Mr. Parker, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that Mr. Condit had agreed to repair the heating plant at Winn School for \$30. Inasmuch as it was necessary to have this work done at once, the Building Committee was authorized by the Board to have Mr. Condit proceed with the work.

[*Winn*] Mr. Parker further reported that the condition of the closets at the Winn School was bad and, on motion, this question was referred to the Building Committee for further investigation, with instructions to ascertain the cost of plant, etc., and report to a later meeting of the Board.

[*Olive Street*] Mr. Metz reported that he had let the bid for putting beams under the new Negro High School to Hofer and Shannonhouse for \$20.

Nothing further, the Board adjourned.

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December 23, 1908

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

Superintendent read the resignation of Miss Daisy Gilliam as a teacher in the Austin Schools, which was accepted by the Board.

The Supply Committee was instructed to have shades put up at the new Negro High School during the Christmas holidays.

[*Winn*] Mr. Parker, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that Mr. Condit had finished the work of repairing the heating plant at the Winn School. Total cost of \$26. Also, Mr. Condit had a bill for grates of \$9, put in the furnace. This report was received by the Board as information.

[*Winn*] Mr. Parker of the Building Committee and Dr. Pettway of the Sanitary Committee reported in regard to the sanitation of the Winn School. Dr. Pettway suggested that a trial for one month be given the closets as they now stand, and the Superintendent was instructed by the Board to report regularly to the Sanitary Committee the conditions of the closets at said school.

[*Olive Street*] Mr. Metz reported that the underpinning at the Negro High School, at a cost of \$20, had been completed, and a warrant was ordered to be drawn for \$20 in favor of Hofer and Shannonhouse at the next regular meeting of the Board.

[*High School*] Mr. Jackson, of the Special Committee to see Mr. John L. Martin and to ascertain from him whether he wished to put in his original bid for heating the High School with steam, reported that he had seen Mr. Martin and that the Chicago parties with whom Mr. Martin was dealing were not willing to furnish the material at the same cost they would when he originally made his bid. Consequently, Mr. Jackson reported that Mr. Martin did not care to renew his former bid for this work. On motion, it [397] was ordered that the work be let to Mr. John R. Donnelly, who was the next lowest bidder. Further ordered that Mr. Donnelly shall give good surety bond for the faithful performance of the work, [and] contracts, etc. be drawn up and reported at the regular meeting of the Board, to be approved by the Board.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office
January 7, 1909

The Board met in regular session, and was called to order by Vice President Metz in the absence of the President. The following members were present at the meeting. H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse, W.J. Mathews.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 3 and special meetings of December 14 and 23 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showed an overdraft in the General Fund of \$17,453.34, balance to the credit of the Allan Fund \$406.69, and the balance to the credit of the Textile School Fund of \$5. This report was received and ordered filed. In connection with this report, the Superintendent read the general report of the School Funds, showing total amount due to City Schools from all sources \$91,795.42, amount received to date \$8,316.79, amount still due to the City Schools \$3,478.33.

Superintendent made his monthly statistical report for the month ending December 11, 1908, [398] showing total enrollment in the White schools 2,949, in the Colored schools 949, grand total enrollment 3,898, remaining in the White schools 2,660, in the Colored schools 907, grand total remaining 3,636. Superintendent further report in regard to the number of cases of tardiness, number of pupils truant, etc. This report was received and ordered filed.

Superintendent read instructions that he had sent out to the Principals in regard to having the children visit the tuberculosis exhibit at 8th Street fire hall. The arrangement that the Superintendent made with the management of the exhibit was approved by the Board.

Superintendent stated that \$50.87 tax is due on the Allan building, corner 9th Street and Congress Avenue, to the State, [and] was called to his attention by the Controller's Department. On motion, it was ordered that the Superintendent ascertain from Judge Fulmore whether the School Board should pay this money, or, if not, to call the attention of Major Robinson to this matter.

Superintendent reported that, after a consultation with the Teachers Committee, he had appointed Miss Elise Brown, a teacher in the Wooldridge School, in place of Miss Daisy Gilliam, resigned, at a salary of \$40.

Superintendent further reported that he had appointed Miss Cleo Rice and Miss Mamie Birge as substitutes in the City Schools.

[*High School*] Communication was read from the Dow Wire and Iron Works, stating that the fire escapes had been sent and, on arrival, they wish to have the fire escapes hauled to the High School building, and that they would pay all expenses incident thereto. On motion, the Superintendent was instructed to have the fire escapes placed at the High School building and draw the necessary warrants, paying freight, hauling, etc.

[399] [*Colored High School, Olive Street*] Communication from L.C. Anderson, Principal of the Negro High School, asking to have the new building wired, that new furniture be placed in the double room upstairs, and that a platform be built across the east side of the double room. On motion, the Superintendent was authorized to have the building wired and stage built.

Communication was read from W.H. Passon, Principal of the West Austin School, asking for an additional teacher at that school. On motion, this question was referred to the Superintendent, who was given power to employ an additional teacher, if the needs justify such employment.

Superintendent stated the request of Miss Cecil O'Banion, a teacher in the Pease School, that she be excused from attending the Summer Normal next summer, inasmuch as she attended the National Education Association at Los Angeles in 1907. Without establishing a precedent to recognize such attendance, inasmuch as Miss O'Bannon had attended the NEA in 1907, she was excused from attending the Summer Normal this year, with the understanding that she attend next year.

Communication from J.E. Pearce, Principal of the High School, signed by all the teachers in the High School, asking permission to establish a school book and supply store in the High School building, was read. This matter was discussed generally by the Board, and ordered filed, for further consideration.

[*Fulmore*] Dr. Pettway reported that he had inquired, in accordance with a previous request of the Board, concerning the lots near the Fulmore School in South Austin, that he had been unable to ascertain the exact cost, and requested further time in order [400] to make a final report.

[*Allan Building, 208 East 6th*] Mr. Parker of the Building Committee reported the condition of the skylights in the Zier-Phillips building on 6th Street, and he further reported that he had ordered the skylights fixed at a cost of \$7.50. This report was approved by the Board.

[*High School*] It was ordered by the Board that the name of the contractor for putting in the heating apparatus at the High School be changed from the name John R. Donnelly, to the present firm name of Donnelly & White.

[*High School*] The contract for heating the High School building was read before the Board, and the President was authorized to sign the contract plans and specifications.

Superintendent reported that the warrants for the last scholastic year had been checked by the Finance Committee of the School Board, and also by the Commissioners Court, and had been found correct.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

January 13, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following numbers present: W.J. Mathews, O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson.

Mr. J.O. Buaas and Miss Margaret Reilly, Principal of the John B. Winn School, were also present.

[*Winn*] Mr. Buaas stated to the Board that he had examined the heating plant at Winn School, at the request of the Building Committee, and found the furnace in a dangerous condition. He said that the heat was excessive, and at any time the smokestack [401] might be burned, causing the stairway to catch fire.

[*Winn*] On motion, it was ordered that Mr. Buaas be instructed to put the heating plant at the John B. Winn School in as good condition as possible. On motion, it was ordered that that school be adjourned until Monday morning, January 18.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

January 28, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse.

On motion, it was ordered that diplomas be given the following graduates of the Austin High School, upon recommendation of the faculty of the High School: Fannie Willie Anderson, Mary Juliet Bachman, Edleen Begg, Lester Clarence Brenizer, William Hobbs

Bright, Norma Burleson, Samuel Welsh Crawford, Margaret Louise Downie, James Howard Goodman, Dora Louise Graves, John Frank Halden, Henry Hutchings, Jr., Myrtle Estelle Miller, William Henry Murray, Alice Bassett Nitschke, Elida Marion Pearson, Alva Simpson, Meta Elenora Schutze, Antonio Bertha Ulit, Bessie Wells, Elmer Nathaniel Widen.

Dr. Pettway read a letter from Mrs. J.M. Young, President of the High School Mothers' Club, asking [402] the members of the Board and their wives to assist in receiving the graduates of the High School at Protection Hall, Friday night, January 29, and the Superintendent was instructed to notify the absent members of the Board of this invitation.

Miss Goldie Horton, graduate of The University of Texas, was elected assistant teacher in the High School, at a salary of \$80 per month.

The Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

February 4, 1909

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, George W. Walling, Jr., J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse.

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 7 and special meetings of January 13 and 28 were read and approved.

Report of the American National Bank, showing an overdraft of \$17,673.15 from the General Fund, a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$173.97, and the balance in the Textile School Fund of \$5, was read and, on motion, this report was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent made a general report on the condition of the School Funds, showing full amount due from all sources, \$91,620.52; amount received up to February 1, \$16,040.52; leaving a balance still due the City Schools from all sources, \$75,580.

Superintendent made the following statistical report of February 2, 1909: net total enrollment High School 568, Bickler 471, Pease 514, Palm 375, Wooldridge 353, Winn 255, Fulmore 216, Baker 230, total White enrollment 2,982; Robertson Hill 269, Gregorytown 526, West Austin 227, Wheatville [403] 100, Brackenridge 95, total Colored

enrollment 1,217; grand total enrollment 4,199, plus 69 in night school, making 4,268.

A.H. Robinson, an applicant for a position in the Robertson Hill School, appeared before the Board. After a statement by said Robinson, the question of his election was referred to the Teachers Committee and the Superintendent.

The following reported the Teachers Committee was approved.

Inasmuch as Miss Goldie Horton, who was elected an assistant teacher in the High School, was unable to accept the appointment, we, your Committee on Teachers, recommend that Miss Willie Barbee be elected to this position, and we further recommend that Miss Frankie Wren be transferred from the supernumerary list to the position of substitute teacher in the Bickler School, to take the place of Miss Barbee.

Respectfully submitted,

{H.M. Metz} {J.A. Jackson}, Committee

Superintendent made a statement to the Board in behalf of Mr. Paul Smith, whose sister Bessie fell several months ago at the High School building while coming down the stairway. Mr. Smith thought that the Board should pay the doctor's bill in this case. The Superintendent was instructed to inform Mr. Smith that the Board had no money which could be appropriated for other than school purposes.

On motion, the Superintendent was instructed to attend the Department of Superintendence, National Education Association, which meets in Chicago, the 22nd through 24th, [404] and it was ordered that his expenses be paid.

On motion, it was ordered that the question of the machinery of the Textile School, the taking of this machinery by the Business League, etc., be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Board.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

February 19, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway.

On motion, it was ordered that a warrant for \$50.87 be drawn in favor of John P. Kirk, County Tax Collector, for taxes for the year 1907 on the property purchased from John H. Robinson, north one-half of Lot 6, Block 97, City of Austin.

Superintendent reported that he had appointed Mrs. C.A. Crawford substitute teacher at the Robertson Hill School, at a salary of \$40 per month, according to the Rules and Regulations. This action of the Superintendent was endorsed by the Board.

Superintendent read a note from Misters Kerbey and Smith, offering to sell Lots 20 and 21, Block 1-B, Swisher Addition in South Austin, for \$45 each, a total of \$90 for both lots. It was ordered by the Board that these lots be purchased for the use of the South Austin Negro School, and that a warrant be drawn for \$90 when deed is received.

[Fulmore] Dr. Pettway, of the Special Committee to see about property in South Austin for the Fulmore School, stated that he had seen the parties to whom the adjacent property belonged, except Miss Julia Pease. He had so far [405] been unable to see her.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

March 4, 1909

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 4 and special meeting of February 19 were read and approved.

Superintendent reported that it was impossible for the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, to have a report ready for the month ending March 1, in time for the Board meeting.

Superintendent made the following statistical report for the scholastic month ending February 12, 1909: total enrollment in the White schools 3,249, Colored schools 1,209, grand total enrollment 4,458, remaining in the White schools 2,873, Colored schools 1,115, grand total remaining 3,988.

A letter from Mr. M.S. Hughes, asking free tuition for his daughter Nellie in the Austin Public Schools on the grounds that he is a citizen of Austin and paid his poll tax in this city, but at this time he is temporarily absent from the city, was read, and, on motion, free tuition was granted this child.

One-half of the salary regularly paid to Miss Mary Lowry, Principal of the Baker School, was allowed her during the time of her illness.

One-half of the monthly salary regularly paid to Mrs. B. Delfraisse, Principal of the [406] Fulmore School, who had been absent on account of the serious illness and death of her mother 18 days, was allowed her.

The question of the payment to J. Brueggemann of \$100, final payment on waterproofing the Winn School building, was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress*] A warrant for \$55.13, in place of the warrant of \$50.87 previously ordered to be drawn in favor of John P. Kirk, Tax Collector of Travis County, for taxes due on the Randolph Robinson property, corner of Congress Avenue and East 9th Street, was ordered.

It was ordered the Board renew the note due the American National Bank for \$5,233.33, on account of Allan Fund, for 60 days.

[*High School*] Superintendent reported that the bill for the fire escape had been presented, and it was ordered by the Board, on account of the insufficiency of funds, the payment of this bill be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

[*Lots, \$125.00*] Superintendent stated that he had seen Mr. John T. Smith, agent, and Mr. Yarrington, owner of Lots 19, 20 and 21, immediately west of the Brackenridge School in South Austin, and that these lands could be purchased for \$125. It was ordered by the Board that these lots be purchased, and a warrant for \$125 be drawn when the deed is delivered.

On motion, the Superintendent was instructed to prepare a bill and ask the Travis County Representatives in the Legislature to introduce and have passed as early as possible, asking the Legislature to transfer the northwest quarter of Block 94 of the City of Austin from church to school purposes.

The following report of the Committee on Sanitation was read, approved and received as [407] information by the Board.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin Public Schools
Gentlemen,

We desire to report that the Superintendent called together the janitors of the different buildings on the afternoon of January 23, and instructions were given the janitors in regard to ventilation, sweeping, scrubbing, mopping and dusting the school rooms.

It is the opinion of your Committee that these meetings of the janitors regularly called will aid materially toward keeping the school rooms of the city in the proper sanitary condition.

The janitors were instructed to ventilate the school rooms properly, so that the necessary supply of fresh air and sunshine could be had. They were instructed to sweep daily the rooms and hallways, with clean powders, moistened with 1% Kreso mixture. They were further instructed to mop the floors and hallways with Kreso as often as practicable. In place of the old feather dusters, they were instructed to use a cloth moistened with 1% Kreso mixture, and to wipe off the window sills, baseboards, mouldings, and crayon holders with the same mixture twice a week. In regard to closets and urinals, janitors were instructed to keep them washed daily with 2% Kreso mixture.

On February 13, the janitors were all called together again, at which meeting the Chairman of your Committee on Sanitation was present, and instructions were given them in detail, showing how this work ought to be done, and the absolute necessity for keeping schoolrooms, halls, etc. in the proper sanitary condition.

[408] The Rules in regard to sanitation prepared by the State Board of Health were adhered to largely, and your Committee is of the opinion that, with careful and systematic work along this line, much good can be done for the health of the children of Austin.

Future meetings of the janitors will be called whenever necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

{T.R. Pettway} {C.A. Kuse}, Committed on Sanitation

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress*] Mr. Clay of Nixon Commercial College appeared before the Board and requested that the Board have the plastering on the Allan building repaired, and also asked to have

closets for books made. These requests were referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

Superintendent brought to the attention of the Board the necessity of having a Manual Training building built during the summer months, on account of the crowded condition at the High School, and the utter impossibility of developing the High School any further without this building. This matter was referred to the Building Committee, and they were instructed to bring in at the next regular meeting of the Board plans and specifications.

The Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

March 15, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker.

[*High School*] Misters Metz and Parker of the Building Committee reported the acceptance of the fire escape erected at the High School [409] building by the Dow Wire and Iron Works. This report was approved by the Board, and the warrant for \$1,185 was ordered to be drawn in payment in full for this escape.

Mr. Metz of the Finance Committee reported that he and the Superintendent had seen Mayor Maddox and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council, Haynes, and had asked the Council to appropriate \$6,500, the amount promised the School Board by the Council, and further reported that the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee promised to have the Council appropriate this money and to have a warrant drawn in favor of the Austin Public Schools payable July 1. The Mayor and Mr. Haynes further promised that, if possible, this amount would be paid to the School Boards before July.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

April 1, 1909

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker and George W. Walling, Jr.

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 4 and special meeting of March 15 were read and approved.

The report of the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showing an overdraft in the General Fund of \$2,434.42, an overdraft in the Allan Fund of \$148.56, a balance to the credit of the Textile School [410] Fund \$5, was read and, on motion, this report was received and ordered filed.

Superintendent read the general report of the School Funds up to April 1, 1909, which showed total amount due from all sources \$91,636.59, amount received \$49,310.22, amount still due the City Schools from all sources \$42,326.57. This report was received as information by the Board.

Superintendent made his regular statistical report, showing enrollment as follows in the different schools for the month ending March 12, 1909: High School 597, Bickler 548, Pease 551, Palm 411, Wooldridge 380, Winn 275, Fulmore 231, Baker 235, Night School 70, total enrollment in the White schools 3,298; Robertson Hill 280, Gregorytown 534, West Austin 227, Wheatville 102, Brackenridge 100, total enrollment in the Colored schools 1,243; grand total enrollment in the city schools 4,541.

[823 Congress, Allan Building] Mr. A.O. Watson appeared before the Board and asked if the Board would sell the property immediately in the rear of Bledsoe's Piano Store. After discussing the proposition, it was the unanimous opinion of the Board that this property was not for sale.

[Winn] Mr. Watson, architect of the Winn School, also stated to the Board that architect fees for \$400 for the Winn School was still due him by the Board. After discussion, this matter was referred to the Building Committee, with instructions to report to the Board as soon as possible, and it was agreed between the architect and the Building Committee that they meet in the Superintendent's office Monday night to discuss this question.

On motion, a warrant was ordered to be drawn for \$5, transferring the amount in the Textile School Fund to the General Fund.

[*Allan Building, East 6th*] Superintendent read a communication from the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company enclosing a [411] check for \$26.70, 10% dividend on the amount due the Board by the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company. The Board ordered this check returned to the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company, as the Board had not entered into any agreement with the company to accept a 10% dividend for the amount due the Board for rent by the company. Superintendent was further instructed to state to the company that the School Funds are overdrawn, and request a settlement.

A communication from Mrs. J.T. Robison, asking free tuition for Miss Helen Matern in the City Schools, on the ground that she is a resident of the city of Austin and is supported by her sister, who is also a resident of the city, was read and, on motion, free tuition was granted this young lady.

The question of taking the census came up, and the Superintendent was instructed to take charge of the census for this year, appointing the enumerators and performing such other duties as may be necessary in the proper taking of the scholastic census of this city. The following Rule regarding the taking of the census was adopted.

[*Census*] "Resolved that as many census enumerators as may be necessary shall be appointed by the President to take the scholastic census of the City of Austin for the year 1909-1910, and the pay of enumerator shall be as follows: (1) for White children two cents from the State, plus four cents from the City *per capita*, (2) for Colored children two cents from the State, plus four cents from the City *per capita*, (3) for every child in excess of the scholastic enrollment for the year 1908-1909, the enumerator shall be paid 10 cents *per capita* in addition to the above, provided that this extra amount shall be equally distributed among the White [412] census enumerators for taking the White census, and among the Colored census enumerators for taking the Colored census."

[*Anderson High School, Olive Street*] A communication from L.C. Anderson, Principal of the Colored High School, suggesting names for the school, was read. Mr. Anderson suggested the following names: Booker T. Washington, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Horace Mann, Henry Barnard, H.T. Kealing, Killer Miller. After discussing, and on motion, it was ordered that the school hereafter be called Anderson High School, in honor of a brother of the present Principal of the school. This action was taken because, in the opinion of the Board, it was thought wise to name the school after some Texas Negro who

had devoted his life to educational purposes and advancement in this state among his people.

[*Palm*] Superintendents stated to the Board that he had bills from the Palm School Mothers' Club for erecting the drinking fountains on the school grounds, and it was ordered that the warrants be drawn for one-half amount of these bills, the other half being paid by the Mothers' Club.

[*Manual Training Building*] The question of the erection of a Manual Training building came up for discussion and, on motion, it was referred to the Building Committee, with instructions that the Building Committee select an architect and report back to the Board plans and specifications as soon as practicable.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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April 19, 1909

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President, and the following members were present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, J.A. Jackson, George W. Walling, Jr., T.R. Pettway.

[*Winn*] The following report to the Building Committee was read, approved, and a copy ordered sent to Mr. A.O. Watson. (See Exhibit A on page 414.)

The Board ordered an election for School Trustees, to be held on May 1, in accordance with the State laws governing such elections. The following proclamation was ordered to be posted in no less than three places in the city. (See Exhibit B, page 414.)

On motion, it was carried that the outgoing members of the Board be requested to resubmit their names as candidates for School Trustees at the election to be held on May 1.

Superintendent reported that he had appointed Mr. Jerry Martin as census enumerator for the city of Austin, north of the Colorado River, and Mr. E.L. Whitehead as census enumerator for South Austin.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

[Exhibit A]

Superintendent's Office
April 7, 1909

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,
Public Schools, City of Austin
Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Buildings, to whom was referred for adjustment the matter of architect fees on the John B. Winn School, beg to report as follows.

1. The minutes of the School Board of May 14, 1906 show that the specifications of Mr. A.O. Watson were accepted, with the understanding that bids be secured to carry out said specifications, etc. for \$12,000.

2. The minutes of the meeting of the Board of May 31, 1906 show that all bids for erecting the John B. Winn School exceeded the price named, \$12,000, and consequently all bids were rejected.

3. On June 4, 1906, Mr. A.O. Watson appeared before the Board and asked that the Board give him until the following Wednesday, June 6, stating that, if the Board would grant him this extension of time, he was sure he could secure the bid to erect the building for the amount named by the Board, \$12,000, according to his plans and specifications.

4. On June 6, 1906, Mr. Watson presented bids from several contractors on different parts of the building, each contractor bidding on particular parts, the total amount of all contractors to be \$12,000. This was accepted by the Board, and the Committee instructed to close the contracts, fix bonds, etc.

5. We beg to report that the contract price of the John B. Winn School building, excluding all extras, exceeds the maximum amount repeatedly stipulated by the Board.

6.A. We further desire to report that the specifications (page 18) state that all rooms, halls and runs upstairs shall be wainscoted with Keen or Portland cement for the finished coat, and the finish wainscot cap and base mould, as per detail, etc.

B. The specifications (page 13) state that all walls of school rooms to be plastered with finished coat of Keen's cement for wainscot before any plastering is done, proper grounds for all wainscoting base boards and corners shall be securely placed and trued, so that cement and plaster can be finished to the same.

C. All lathe work to be plastered one good coat of well-fibered mortar made of one part Acme or Portland cement and seven parts of clean, sharp bank sand.

D. The specifications (page 20) state to "build insulate composition blackboards on four sides of each classroom, 135 feet to each room, and, after plastering all walls in the first and second stories, apply American plastic slating (Almstead or equal) on each wall of school room three feet high, and make proper finish for blackboards with mould at top."

E. Plans and specifications further state in regard to heating, that the building shall be heated with a warm air furnace, each proposal to be accompanied with a design of the proposed heater and full specifications, and to guarantee or bond that the building will be heated and ventilated in a satisfactory manner to the approval of the School Board of Trustees, and the temperature maintained at 70 degrees when the weather is at zero or the coldest spell during the first winter after the heater is placed, and, if it fails, to be removed without cost to the owner, for testing the same

In regard to the above, your Committee, after careful inspection, as far as we are able to ascertain, beg to report as follows.

1. The mortar used in the building throughout where the wainscoting should be and on the plastered walls seems to be nothing more than ordinary lime mortar, with no Acme, Keen or Portland cement.

2. Your Committee finds that the blackboards were altogether unsatisfactory, and later paid the sum of \$105 for satisfactory blackboards in place of the ones contracted for the School Board.

3. Your Committee further reports that several members of the Board declare that Mr. Watson stated before the Board that if the building, according to contracts, should cost more than \$12,000, the excess was to be deducted from his fees as architect.

4. The heating plant has never been satisfactory, the building has never been heated properly, and the furnace has not given satisfaction or warmed the building, as stated in the specifications.

5. Inasmuch as the payments on this work were made, on the recommendations of Mr. Watson, the architect, and inasmuch as he was in the employ of the Board of School Trustees to look

after their interests in erecting this building, and inasmuch as we believe that he failed in his obligations to the Board to see that the specifications were properly and faithfully carried out, we recommend in order to amicably settle the difference between the Board and Mr. Watson:

1. That the matter of payment of balance claimed by Mr. Watson be left to a Committee of arbitration, as follows:

A. The Board to select and pay one member.

B. Mr. Watson to select and pay one member

C. That the third member of the Committee be selected by the other two members of the Committee, and that the Board and Mr. Watson each assume half of the expense for the service of the third member.

D. That the Board and Mr. Watson agree in writing to receive the report of this Committee as final.

Respectfully submitted,

{O.D. Parker} {H.M. Metz} {George W. Walling, Jr.}

Committee on Buildings

[Exhibit B]

Election Proclamation

By virtue of the authority in me vested by the laws of the State of Texas, I, W.J. Mathews, President of the Board of Trustees of the Independent School District of the City of Austin, do hereby order and direct that an election be held in the following places in the City of Austin on Saturday, May 1, A.D. 1909, for the purpose of electing four trustees for the Independent School District of the City of Austin.

The polls shall be opened at the following places, and the following named persons shall act as judges of said election outside places, viz.,

For all qualified voters living south of the Colorado River, the place of election shall be South Austin fire hall, and the judges of election shall be E.L. Whitehead and J.C. Adrian.

For all qualified voters living between the Colorado River and the center of 19th Street, the place of election shall be the County Courthouse, and the judges of election shall be Orlando Caldwell and W.W. Harris.

For all qualified voters living north of the center of 19th Street, the place of election shall be Volz Store, corner 26th and

Guadalupe Street, and the judges of election shall be W.N. McElroy and Louis Marcuse.

Every male inhabitant of the city qualified to vote for State and County officers of Travis County, who shall have resided six months in the limits of the City of Austin, shall be qualified to vote in said election.

The polls will be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

The laws of the State of Texas regulating the closing of saloons and the sale of intoxicating liquors on election day must be observed and enforced.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and have affixed the seal of the School Board at Austin, Texas this 19th day of April, A.D. 1909.

{W.J. Mathews}

President, School Board

attest {T.R. Pettway}, Secretary, School Board

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April 22, 1909

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President. Present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse.

The President stated that the managers of the carnival, which is to be held in this city next week, desired that the school children give a parade on the opening of the carnival or some date suitable to the management. After a full discussion, the President and the Superintendent were appointed a Committee to see the carnival committee in regard to this matter.

It was ordered that two clerks be allowed at the courthouse box for the School Trustee election to be held May 1, in addition to the two judges appointed.

[*High School Manual Training*] It was ordered further that the bill of the Austin Electrical Supply Company for \$24.55, which has not been paid before by the Board, on account of the refusal of Mr. Blackburn to okay this bill to be paid. This action of the Board was taken on account of the inability of the Superintendent to get anyone to arbitrate this matter between the Supply Company and Mr. Blackburn.

In accordance with the order of the Board of April 23, 1908, the Board adjourned, to meet Wednesday, April 28, at 5:00, to declare the official ballot for the School Trustees.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.
 {T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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April 28, 1909

The Board met in special session, according to the Rules of the Board, to prepare the official ballot for School Trustees at the election to be held on May 1. Present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling, Jr., H.M. Metz, Charles A. Kuse, J.A. Jackson.

The following was declared the official ballot: "Official Ballot for School Trustees. Vote for four: W.G. Bell, J.A. Jackson, Charles A. Kuse, W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz.

The Board decided to meet tomorrow at 8:30, to receive plans and specifications from architects, to erect a Manual Training building. The Building Committee of the Board agreed to meet in the Superintendent's office at 7:30, in order to go over the plans and specifications before the meeting of the Board.

The Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

6:00 p.m., May 3, 1909

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President, with all members present.

[*Fulmore*] Mr. John T. Smith appeared before the Board and made a statement concerning the purchase by the Board of Lots 19, 20 and 21 and Block 1-B, Swisher Addition, South Austin. Mr. Smith stated to the Board that Lot 19 had been previously sold by Misters Yarrington and Covert to some Negroes for church purposes, and that the deed had been made to these parties, [417] and inasmuch as the Negroes had failed to take Lots 20 and 21, according to their contract, these people thought they were justified in making the Board a deed to Lot 19. Mr. George W. Walling, Jr. was requested to see Mr. Gracy and ascertain if the deed to these three lots was in all respects satisfactory from a legal standpoint. It was further suggested by the Board that the Board pay one-half the expense of an abstract, and Misters Yarrington and Covert the other one-half, provided the title was satisfactory. Mr. Smith was requested to ascertain from Mr. C.Q. Horton the price of the lots immediately east of the Brackenridge

School, and to report at the regular meeting of the Board to be held Thursday night.

On motion, it was ordered to pay the managers and clerks of election for School Trustees, held on May 1, 25 cents an hour, and that the rent of Volz Store, corner 26th and Guadalupe, in which the election for North Austin was held, be paid the same amount as paid the South Austin fire hall.

The question of organization of the Board was postponed until the regular meeting Thursday night.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

May 6, 1909

The Board met in regular session at 8:00 p.m. Present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, George W. Walling, Jr., O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 1 and special meetings of April 19, 22, 28 and May 3 were read and approved.

[*Fulmore*] Mr. John T. Smith and Mr. A.H. Yarrington appeared before the Board, in regard to the sale of Lots 19, 20 and 21, Block 1-B, Swisher Addition. Mr. Smith made a statement in regard to the title of Lot 19, and, on motion, Mr. Walling was requested to ascertain if the title of Lot 19 is in all respects valid, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

[*Brackenridge*] On motion, it was ordered that the two lots owned by Mr. C.Q. Horton immediately east of the Brackenridge School be purchased for \$125, each of the owners to furnish abstract to said lots brought down to date.

Inasmuch as June 3, the birthday of Jefferson Davis, was declared by the 38th Legislature to be a legal holiday in Texas, it was ordered that hereafter this day be observed by the schools of this city.

The Superintendent made the following statistical report for the month ending April 9, 1909: enrollment in the White schools 3,316, remaining 2,776; enrollment in the Colored schools 1,254, remaining 1,064; grand total enrollment 4,570; remaining 3,814.

The salary of Miss Ethel Bennett, absent one and one-half days on account of the death of an uncle, and Mrs. L.E. Morton, absent two days on account of the death of an aunt, was ordered paid.

The City Examinations for teachers were ordered to be held the 9th, 10th and 11th of June.

[Winn, Anderson] Superintendent was instructed to see the Commissioners of the City and ask that the John B. Winn and Anderson High School be connected with electric wiring.

[419] On account of the absence of two members and the inclemency of the weather, the Board ordered that the regular meeting adjourn, to meet in the Superintendent's office at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, when the reorganization of the Board for the ensuing year will take place.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 8, 1909

The Board met, according to adjournment, in the Superintendent's office at 5:30 p.m., with all the members present.

[Allan Building, 208 East 6th Street] Superintendent reported that Mr. Harry Zier of the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company desired to pay \$50 per month on the amount due for rent on the store owned by the Allan Fund on East 6th Street, and the Superintendent was instructed to say to Mr. Zier that the Board could not grant any extension at all.

American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showed a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$14,033.10, balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund of \$458.33.

The President appointed Misters Parker, Pettway and Walling as tellers, to count the ballots in the Trustee elections held on May 1. Tellers reported the following counts:

South Austin: Bell 22, Jackson 46, Kuse 44, Metz 45, Mathews 37.

Volz's Store: Bell 82, Jackson 99, Kuse 88, Metz 106, Mathews 91.

Courthouse: Bell 321, Jackson 348, Kuse 317, Metz 367, Mathews 318, L.M. Crooker 1.

Total vote cast: Bell 425, Jackson 493, Kuse 449, Metz 518, Mathews 146, Crooker 1.

[420] President declared that Metz, Jackson, Kuse and Mathews were legally elected at the Trustee election held on May 1, these four having received the largest vote.

On motion, it was ordered to go into permanent organization, and the following members took the oath of office: H.M. Metz and J.A. Jackson as Trustees for the next two years. On motion, it was ordered to go into the election of President. Mr. H.M. Metz nominated Mr.

W.J. Mathews, and he was elected unanimously. Mr. H.M. Metz was elected Vice President; Dr. T.R. Pettway, Secretary. The election of Treasurer was postponed until a later meeting. Miss Etta Porter was reelected clerk.

The following report of the Building Committee was received

Honorable Board of Trustees, Public Schools, City of Austin
Gentlemen,

[*High School*] We, your Building Committee, beg to report that on March 5, in accordance with a resolution of the Board, a bill was drawn, asking the Legislature to transfer the northwest quarter of Block 94 of the City of Austin, from church to public free school purposes, and that, inasmuch as the time set for the adjournment of the Legislature was close at hand, our representatives were unable to get this matter before the Legislature at the regular session.

We further beg to report that some members of the Committee, together with the Superintendent, asked the Governor to submit this matter to the Legislature in a special message, and that the Governor refused to do so under existing conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

{O.D. Parker} {George W. Walling, Jr.} {H.M. Metz}
Building Committee

[421] [*Winn*] A communication from Mr. A.O. Watson was read, discussed, and his proposition to arbitrate differences between himself and the School Board was rejected on the grounds that it was unfair, and that the arbitrators should be allowed free access to the minutes, and also to receive any information they could from any source in regard to this matter, either oral or written. On motion, this matter was left with the Building Committee.

Mr. Walling reported that he had seen Judge Doom in regard to the purchase of Lot 19, Block 1-B, Swisher Addition, and that Judge Doom did not regard the title to this lot as satisfactory.

The Board then adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 13, 1909

The Board met in special session at the request of the Building Committee, and the following members were present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, George W. Walling, Jr., O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse.

The following report of the Building Committee was read, discussed, and final action thereon was postponed until next Monday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Office

May 12, 1909

Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools

Gentlemen,

[*Manual Training Building*] We, your Building Committee, recommend that the plans for the erection of a Manual Training building on the High School grounds, prepared by Mr. George Endress, be accepted, with the understanding that the passageway [422] connecting the Manual Training building with the High School building be left off for this year, and that an entrance to the Manual Training building, somewhat after the plans prepared by E.S. Blackburn, Director of Manual Training, be substituted in place of the passageway.

We make this recommendation after careful consideration of the plan submitted by Mr. Page and Mr. Endress, and after consultation with the Director of Manual Training.

Respectfully submitted,

{O.D. Parker} {George W. Walling, Jr.} {H.M. Metz}

Committee on Buildings

[*Manual Training Building*] Referring to the above, I believe Mr. Page's plans make better provision against vibration in the building, a very important feature, and suggest that feature be fully considered.

{O.D. Parker}

The following letter to Mr. A.O. Watson was read and ordered forwarded to him through the mail, signed by the President.

Austin, Texas

May 13, 1909

Mr. A.O. Watson, Austin

Dear Sir,

[Winn] The contract for arbitrating the differences between you and the Board of Trustees, in regard to architect's fees on the John B. Winn School, was read before the meeting of the Board, and I am instructed to say that the conditions named in the contract you have sent me are not acceptable to the Board.

Yours very truly,

{W.J. Mathews}, President, Board of Trustees

[*Manual Training Building*] It was suggested and agreed upon that the architects Misters Endress and Page be requested [423] to meet with the Board on Monday afternoon, Mr. Endress to appear before the Board at 6:00, and Mr. Page at about 7:00.

Superintendent A.N. McCallum was unanimously reelected for two years, and salary fixed at \$2,750.

The Board then adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 17, 1909

The Board met in special session, according to adjournment, with all members present.

[*Manual Training Building*] Misters Endress and Page, architects who had submitted plans for the Manual Training building to be erected on the High School grounds, appeared before the Board and explained their plans in detail. The plans were thoroughly discussed by the Board, and Mr. J.A. Jackson moved to accept the plan submitted by Mr. C.H. Page. This motion was seconded by Mr. O.D. Parker. Mr. Metz moved as a substitute that the plans submitted by Mr. Endress be accepted, the substitute being seconded by Mr. George W. Walling, Jr. The vote on the substitute was as follows: H.M. Metz, George W. Walling, T.R. Pettway and C.A. Kuse. Opposed to the substitute motion: J.A. Jackson, W.J. Mathews and O.D. Parker. The President declared the substitute motion carried, and the plans of George Endress were accepted by the Board. The vote to accept the plans of Mr. Endress was made unanimous.

It was further ordered that the architect insert in the plans and specifications the suggestions of the Board, and to act under the advice of the Building Committee in the erection of the building.

On motion, it was further ordered that the Building Committee consult with the [424] architect as soon as possible, to procure the plans and specifications which are to be submitted to the Board of Trustees before final acceptance.

The Board then adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 31, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway, George W. Walling, Jr., J.A. Jackson.

It was ordered that diplomas be awarded the following graduates of the Austin High School, in accordance with the recommendation of the Principal and teachers: Grace Anthony, William Frederick Ayres, Ruth Beaver, Katherine Belger, Lucille Bell, Julia Emma Bissell, Margaret Naville Breck, Willard D. Brenizer, James Roswell Brown, August Fox, Annie Lavinia Garrison, Kathleen Gould, Doc Hill Hart, Jr., Katherine May Hill, Walter Charles Hornaday, Alta Hornsby, Ray Haddon Jones, Ethel Bragg Massie, Robert Ross Munro, Nora Norwall Mowinckle, Hilda Laura Norman, Donald Mitchell Penn, Jeanie Mary Pinckney, Mary Lou Rogan, Annie Victoria Schmidt, Henry Gray Stokes, Jr., Lois Deats Thrasher, Jonnie Elizabeth Trotter, Charlotte Vinson, Louisa Eugenia Wilson, Maut Adele Yarbrough, Mary Louise Young.

It was further ordered that diplomas be issued to the following graduates of the Anderson High School, Colored: Robert Samuel Harrison, Harrison Benjamin White, James Blaine Yerwood.

[425] On motion, it was carried that the Examinations, which were ordered to be held on the 9th, 10th and 11th of June, be postponed until after the University Normal Examinations. This action by the Board was taken because there were so few applicants at the Examinations to be held in June.

[Winn] A letter from Mr. Joseph W. Cloud, attorney for Mr. A.O. Watson, in regard to the differences existing between the Board and Mr. Watson, was read. After a thorough discussion, it was ordered that Mr. A.O. Watson be paid \$200 as compromise architect's fees on

the John B. Winn School, said Watson to sign a receipt in full. Mr. Cloud called up Mr. Watson over the phone and asked him if he would accept this offer of the Board. Mr. Cloud reported to the Board, which was still in session, that Mr. Watson would accept the offer, provided the Board would pay his attorney's fees of \$50. This the Board declined to do. Mr. Cloud again called Mr. Watson and reported to him that the Board had declined to pay the attorney's fee. Mr. Watson thereupon informed Mr. Cloud that he would accept the proposition made by the Board of \$200, payment in full, for all architect fees on the John B. Winn School. The Superintendent was authorized to draw a warrant for A.O. Watson for \$200, in payment in full for all architect's fees on the Winn School.

Ellis Monroe was allowed \$2 per month more on account of extra scavenger work at the Gregorytown school.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office
June 11, 1909

The postponed regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees met at 8:30 p.m. Present: H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, J.A. Jackson, George W. Walling, Jr., T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse. In the absence of Dr. Mathews, President of the Board, Vice President Metz called the Board together.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 6 and special meetings of May 8, 13, 17 and 31 were read and approved.

[Winn] The question of turning over the plans and specifications prepared by A.O. Watson and used by him in the erection of the Winn School building was referred to the Building Committee. Dr. Mathews, President of the Board, appeared, and the following report of the American National Bank was read and ordered filed: Balance on hand June 1, 1909 in the General Fund \$7,588.62, balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund \$763.39.

The following report of the Teachers Committee was adopted.

June 11, 1909

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Austin City Schools
Gentlemen,

[*Teachers*] We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of the following Principals and teachers for the year 1909-1910:

J.E. Pearce, Principal, High School

J.L. Taff, Principal, Bickler School

T.A. Brown, Principal, Pease School

Miss Florence R. Brooke, Principal, Palm School

Miss Mary E. Johnson, Principal, Wooldridge School

Miss Margaret Reilly, Principal, John B. Winn School

Miss B. Delfraisse, Principal, Fulmore School

Miss Mary Lowry, Principal, Baker School

Miss Florence Burdett, Miss May Johnston, Miss Emmy Jessen, Miss Grace Ketchum, [427] Miss Alice Harrell, Miss Linnie Humphrey, Miss Nina Hill, Miss Jonnie Megee, Miss Mary Copes, Miss Ellen Maddox, Miss Ellen Cooke, Miss Louise Thomas, Miss L. Mae Sappington, Miss Josephine Houston, Miss Ada Blackburn, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Winn, Miss Beatrice Killingsworth, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Lucy Read, Miss Gilbert Cone, Miss Elfrieda Jessen, Miss Minnie Mayes, Miss Kate Eanes, Miss Mary Downie, Judge Sludor of San Antonio Miss Alice Humphrey, Miss Maclovio Hill, Miss Dorinda Pillow, Miss Hettie Hofstetter, Miss Pauline Trueblood, Miss Lula May Jackson, Miss Laura Allison, Miss Effie Graves, Mrs. Kate Z. Williams, Miss Minnie Dill, Miss Clara Cook, Miss Charlie Wilson, Miss Kittie Carlisle, Miss Cecil O'Banion, Miss Frances Ottley, Miss Bessie Hutchings, Miss Helen Phipps, Miss Mamie Lockett, Miss Eleanor H. Nesbitt, Miss Willie Barbee, Miss Mary Hynes, Miss Zuma Tucker, Miss Luella Fonda, Miss Emily Numbers, Miss Jessie Roy, Miss Laura Abadie, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham, Miss Georgie Walker, Miss Alice Carman, Miss Julia Robertson, Miss Mary L. Rogers, Miss Julia Beazley, W.C. Vernon, E.W. Breihan, E.S. Blackburn, Louis W. Fox, Victor Schmidt.

We recommend the election of the following teachers with the understanding that they secure a first-grade Certificate before the opening of schools, otherwise this election to be void, and the Superintendent is instructed to notify these teachers: Miss

Rena McLaughlin, Miss Janie Stephens, Miss Edna Slaughter, Miss Clara Newton, Miss Ethel Bennett, Miss Mary Alice Kelleher, Mrs. Beulah Straus.

We recommend the election of Miss Catherine Murrie as Supervisor of Music, and Miss [428] Janet Downie as Supervisor of Drawing.

We further recommend the election of the following Principals and teachers for the Colored Schools:

L.C. Anderson, Principal, Anderson High School

G.W. Norman, Principal, Gregorytown School

W.H. Passon, Principal, West Austin School

J.H. Pickard, Principal, Wheatville School

Mrs. L.E. Morton, Principal, Brackenridge School

Miss Laura Pierce, Miss Lillie Rhambo, Miss Clara Threadgill, Miss Tennie Hardwell, Mrs. L.E. Lee, Miss Cora Mitchell, Miss Effie White, Miss Parthenia Polk, Mrs. C.L. Woodard, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin, Miss Addie Clements, C.M. White, E.T. Yerwood, Timothy Chandler.

Respectfully submitted,

{H.M. Metz} {J.A. Jackson} {O.D. Parker}

Committee on Teachers

The Superintendent was instructed to secure the services of a teacher for the first grade in the Bickler School, and, if necessary to do so, to go outside the bounds of the state.

The university record of Miss Mary Rogers, substitute teacher of Latin in the High School last year, was read and, inasmuch as this record came up to the requirements and she had previously taught three years successfully, she was elected a teacher in the Austin City Schools.

The city Certificates of Miss Bessie Hutchings and Miss Georgie Walker were ordered extended one year, with the understanding that these young ladies take Primary Methods under Miss Winn in the University Summer Normal this year.

A duplicate warrant for Miss Esther Melasky for \$14 was ordered drawn.

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June 15, 1909

The Board met in special session, according to the call of the President, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, Jr.

[*Brackenridge*] Mr. John T. Smith, agent, appeared before the Board, in company with Mr. Yarrington and Mr. Covert, and stated inasmuch as an abstract of the lots in South Austin, near the Brackenridge School, owned by Mr. Yarrington and ordered purchased by the Board of Trustees would cost about \$75, and the purchase price of these lots was only \$125, that Mr. Yarrington did not feel justified in furnishing an abstract. After a full discussion, the Board agreed to accept an abstract from the time of Swisher's purchase of this addition, and to pay one-half the amount of this abstract, with the understanding that Mr. Yarrington would furnish a certificate from Mr. D.B. Gracy, stating that the title to the last was in all respects perfect.

[*Manual Training Building*] Mr. George Endress, architect, presented plans and specifications for the new Manual Training building, and, on motion, it was authorized to advertise for bids for the erection of this building. The Superintendent, with the Building Committee, were instructed to go over the plans and specifications in detail, and see that they conform to the Rules and Regulations of the School Board.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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June 21, 1909

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President, with the following present: H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, George W. Walling, Jr., J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse. In the absence of President Mathews, Vice President Metz called the meeting together.

Miss Mary Carlisle was elected teacher in the Austin Public Schools for next year.

The resignation of Miss Alice Harrell was accepted, and her certificate was ordered renewed.

The Board instructed the Superintendent to accept attendance at the NEA in Denver, in lieu of Summer Normal work, this summer for all teachers, except those who had to secure some Certificates.

The Board ordered a warrant drawn for E.L. Whitehead for \$24, for extra work during census, furnishing his horse and buggy, etc.

[Winn] Mr. J.R. Donnelly and Mr. George Endress appeared before the Board and presented plans for heating the John B. Winn School, and also plans for heating the Manual Training building. No definite action was taken on these matters.

The question and discussion of an additional tax for school purposes came up, and it was the unanimous opinion of the Board that this additional tax was an absolute necessity for the continued efficiency, growth and development of the Schools. It was further the opinion of the Board that the Schools could not continue in efficiency nine months each year and at the same time build the new buildings necessary without this additional tax.

The Board then adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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June 24, 1909

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President. Present: T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, George W. Walling, Jr., C.A. Kuse.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Dr. T.R. Pettway was elected President *pro tem*. The Superintendent was instructed to keep the minutes of the meeting.

[Manual Training Building] The following bids for the erection of the Manual Training building near the High School building were opened: Ledbetter & Mundt \$16,200, Brydson Brothers \$18,435, Charles A. Shurr \$17,300, C.W. Moore \$22,895.75. These bids were thoroughly discussed and, on motion, on account of the absence of three members of the Board and the unwillingness of those present to take all the responsibility to let the contract for the erection of the Manual Training building, the Board agreed to postpone definite action until tomorrow, Friday evening, at 8:30 o'clock.

[Winn] A communication from Donnelly and White for enlarging the smokestack to be built in the boiler room, of sufficient size for two boilers, at an extra cost of \$58, was read and, on motion, this amount was appropriated for this purpose.

The School Board then went into the discussion of the additional tax for school purposes, the amount of tax to be levied, the time for the vote to be taken, and other details connected with this.

A resolution was read, asking the City Council to call an election for the purpose of increasing the tax, but, inasmuch as three members of the Board were absent, final action on this matter was postponed until Friday evening at 8:30

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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Friday, June 25, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, George W. Walling, Jr., C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway. The President called the meeting to order.

[*Brackenridge*] Mr. John T. Smith appeared before the Board and stated that the abstract of the three lots of the Yarringtons, with the lots owned by Mr. C.Q. Horton, would cost \$50, and, according to a previous agreement, \$25 was ordered paid, one-half the cost of the abstract, and, on motion, the Board confirmed the former resolutions, authorizing the payment of \$125 in payment of the lots immediately west of the Brackenridge School owned by Mr. Yarrington. The Superintendent was instructed to draw a warrant for \$125 and also a warrant for \$25 when the abstract was delivered to the School Board office, together with the opinion of Mr. D.B. Gracy, as the title to said property.

[*Fulmore*] On motion, it was ordered that Dr. Pettway be appointed a Committee of one to purchase the lots owned by Miss Pease and Mr. Heierman adjoining the lots now owned by the School Board, known as the Fulmore School grounds.

[*Manual Training Building*] On motion, it was ordered that the bid of Ledbetter and Mundt of \$16,200, for the erection of the Manual Training building on the High School grounds, according to plans and specifications of George Endress, be accepted, with the understanding that the Board of Trustees retains the power to stop the work on said building at any time, paying for the work actually done. This motion was unanimously carried.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board: Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Austin City Schools that the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin be requested to pass an ordinance calling an [433] election on the third day of August, 1909 for the purpose of increasing the present rate of taxation in the City of Austin for School purposes, not exceeding eleven and two-thirds cents on the \$100 valuation of property,

making a total tax for School purposes of 45 cents on the \$100 valuation of property in the City of Austin.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning informally at 10:00 at the City Hall.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

June 28, 1909

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling, Jr., C.A. Kuse

[Manual Training Building] Misters George Endress, architect, and Ledbetter and Mundt, contractors, were present to discuss the contract for erecting the Manual Training building on the High School grounds, as per plans and specifications prepared by Endress. After a full discussion, it was ordered that the signing of this contract be postponed until the second of July.

On motion, the Superintendent was instructed to present the warrant drawn by the City Council for \$6,500 on the first day of July, and the Superintendent was further instructed that if the warrant was not paid, to let it go to protest.

George W. Walling was appointed to represent the Board before the City Council tomorrow afternoon at 3:00, when the proposition to increase the school tax will come before the Council.

[434] Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

City Hall

June 30, 1909

At the call of the President, the School Board met in joint session with the City Council, to discuss the payment of the warrant for \$6,500 issued by the former Council for the purpose of erecting in part a Manual Training building on the High School grounds, this warrant being issued by the former Council pursuant to an agreement with the School Board that, if the Board would consent to calling off the election for an eight and two-thirds cent tax on the \$100 valuation of property, in view of the supposed increase of the taxable values in the city on account of the Robertson Insurance Law, the Council would grant to the Board eight and two-third cents on the \$100 valuation of property for building purposes. The following members of the Board

were present: O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, H.M. Metz and Dr. W.J. Mathews.

Mr. J. Bouldin Rictor, City Attorney, gave his opinion to the Council and to the School Board and expressed his doubt as to the legality of taking money out of the General Revenue to build school buildings, inasmuch as this was virtually a donation by the City Council to the School Board. He further stated that, in his opinion, it is discretionary with the Council whether they pay or recall this appropriation of \$6,500, if it will in any wise impair the credit of the city, and, in his opinion, it would impair such credit.

Mayor Wooldridge stated that the only question was the legality of the appropriation: If it was legal for the former Council to appropriate [435] this money, then this Council must pay it.

A full discussion arose, participated in by Mr. Powell and Mr. Gracy of the Council, Mayor Wooldridge, Dr. Mathews, Mr. Parker, Mr. Metz, Mr. Kuse, and Mr. George W. Walling, Jr. of the School Board. On motion of Mr. O.D. Parker, the former resolution, authorizing the Superintendent to present the warrant for \$6,500 for payment on the first of July was rescinded, and the Superintendent was instructed to hold said warrant until such time as he is authorized by the Board to present it. On motion, it was further ordered that, before the Board present this warrant, the City Council be notified.

Inasmuch as the Board has met so frequently in the past weeks, and no business of a special importance is urgent to be transacted at the regular meeting to be held tomorrow night, it was moved that this meeting be postponed until the call of the President. The vote on this question, to change the Rules and Regulations, was unanimous.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office
July 2, 1909

In accordance with a motion of the School Board on June 30, postponing the regular meeting from July 1 to July 2, the Board met in regular session, with the following members present: J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse. Mr. J.A. Jackson was elected President *pro tem*.

[*Manual Training Building*] The Board discussed the advisability of erecting the Manual Training building and also discussed the tax proposition to be voted [436] on August 13.

Inasmuch as there were only four members present, and these matters are of vital importance to the welfare of the Schools, it was ordered that the regular session adjourn, to meet the 6th of July.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

July 6, 1909

An adjourned meeting of the Board was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the President, with all members present.

The minutes of the regular session of June 11 and special meetings of June 21, 24, 25, 28 and 30 were read and approved.

The report to the American National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showed a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$4,769.77, and the balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund of \$776.88, was read and ordered filed.

The Teachers Committee recommended the election of Miss Bertha Cook as a teacher in the Austin Public Schools for next year. This recommendation was approved by the Board, and Miss Cook was elected.

The resignation of Miss Minnie Mayes was accepted, and the Superintendent was instructed to say to Miss Mayes that, under the conditions, the Board would be glad to have her application next year.

[Gregorytown] A communication was read from Miss Ross, asking permission to teach sewing in a room in the Gregorytown building for two months this summer, and the Superintendent was instructed to say to the applicant that it is impossible for the Board to grant the request, inasmuch as the Board could have no supervision over the classes and that it is against the State law for the public school buildings [437] to be used for any other purposes except public school purposes.

[Manual Training Building] Misters Endress and Mundt appeared before the Board and, after a general discussion participated in by all members of the Board, in regard to whether the Manual Training building should be erected this summer or not, the following motion, made by George W. Walling, was carried.

1. That the contract, as written, be awarded to Ledbetter and Mundt, the work on the Manual Training building to begin immediately or as soon as possible.

2. That the contractors are to stop work on said building at any time when notified by the Board or the duly-accredited representative of the Board.

3. That any time after the work on the building has been stopped, the contractors are to resume work on the building after ten days' notice.

On this proposition, all the members of the Board voted aye, Mr. Parker reserving the right, in the event it was necessary, to borrow money for the erection of the building, not to sign the note.

On motion, it was ordered that the Building Committee go over the contract for the erection of the Manual Training building carefully, and the President was authorized to sign said contract, upon the recommendation of the Building Committee.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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July 16, 1909

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President. Present: H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, George W. Walling, Jr., O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse. In the absence of the President, Vice President Metz called the Board together.

A communication to the citizens of Austin, setting forth the necessity of the additional tax for school purposes, was read, and this communication was ordered given to the press of the city, after the corrections, as suggested by the Board, remain.

The City Examinations were ordered to be held August 2, 3 and 4.

The Superintendent was instructed to have printed the course of study and the Rules and Regulations.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

August 10, 1909

The Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools met in special session, at the call of the President. Present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling, C.A. Kuse, J. A Jackson.

The Board took up the question of the School tax election to be held on August 13, for formulating plans, etc.

The question of making a graduated reduction in the rate asked for, and pledging the Board to ask the City Council to make this graduated reduction, if the taxable values of the city were increased, was discussed, and it was the general sense of the meeting that no such graduated reduction be made.

[439] The Superintendent read a statement to be signed by the School Board and, after certain corrections, it was ordered to be published.

[*Manual Training Building*] The Board referred the bond of Ledbetter and Mundt, for the erection of the Manual Training building to the Superintendent and to the President of the Board, for final action.

The Board then adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

August 13, 1909

The Board met in postponed regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, Jr., J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 2 and special meetings of July 6, 16 and August 10 were read and approved.

Mr. Parker moved that the Secretary be instructed to ask the various banks of the city to submit the highest bid for School Fund deposits, said bids to be in the office of the Superintendent August 20 at 8:30 p.m.

The Board authorized the following Certificates to be given:

First-grade City Certificates: Miss Ethel Bennett, Miss Ada Youens, Mrs. Beulah Straus, Miss Rena McLaughlin, Miss Maggie McInnis;

Colored: Mrs. A.N. Hunt, E.F. Dennis E.T. Yerwood.

Second-grade City Certificates: Miss Eunice Carman, Miss Lois Cook, Miss Alice Lane, Miss Madge Roberts, Miss Joe Hannah Gray, Miss Lillian Krohn, Miss Jeanette Littman, Miss Anne E. Rogers.

The Superintendent read the report of the Board Examiners, in regard to the Certificates of Miss Agnes Robertson, and he was instructed to refer [440] her case to the State Superintendent, and, upon the State Superintendent's recommendation, to issue a Certificate to Miss Robertson.

[*High School Pease Winn*] The Building Committee was authorized to investigate the cost of a heating plant at the Winn School, moving closets at the Winn School, and fire escapes at the High and Pease Schools.

[*High School*] The condition of the grounds at the High School building was referred to Building Committee, with power to act.

Mr. Walling moved that the moving of the janitor's house on the High School grounds be referred to the Building Committee.

Mr. Parker made the motion that the Rules Committee insert in the Rules and Regulations of the School Board a rule requiring fire drills to be given at the different buildings.

The report of the American National Bank, August 1, 1909, which showed a balance in the General Fund of \$1,936.13, and the balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund of \$56.80, was received, and this report was ordered filed.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

August 20, 1909

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President, with all the members present.

[*Schools Open*] On motion, it was ordered that the schools open on Monday, September 20.

On motion, a vacation was granted Miss Etta Porter.

The resignation of Miss Bertha Cook, a teacher in the White Schools, and Miss Clara Threadgill, a teacher in the Colored Schools, were accepted.

The following report to the Teachers Committee was adopted.

August 17, 1909

To the Honorable Board of Trustees. Austin City Schools

[441] Gentlemen,

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the election of the following teachers for the ensuing year.

Miss Mary Taliaferro, Miss Frankie Wren, Miss Anne E. Rogers, Miss Jeanette Littman.

For the Colored schools, we recommend the election of Miss M.M. Houston, Miss M.M. Washington, E.S. Dennis.

We recommend as supernumeraries for the White Schools Miss Lillian Krohn, Miss Alice Lane.

In regard to Certificate to be issued Miss Agnes Robertson, we recommend that a Certificate be not issued to her for the following reasons.

1. In the communication signed by the Board of Examiners, it appears that the loss of a paper upon school laws was an accident, and yet a Certificate cannot be issued without the paper being filed in the office.

2. A communication has been received from the State Department of Education, and, from this ruling, we do not think that we have a right to instruct the Superintendent to issue her a Certificate under the State laws of Texas.

3. We refer you to the communication of the Board of Examiners, the ruling of the State Superintendent, and the school laws, as justification for this action.

Respectfully submitted,

{H.M. Metz} {O.D. Parker} {J.A. Jackson}, Committee

[*High School*] The action of the Building Committee, in advertising the janitor's house for sale, for reason that there was no suitable [442] place on the High School grounds to which said building could be moved, was ratified by the Board.

[*Brackenridge*] Mr. John T. Smith appeared before the Board in the interest of the transaction between the Board and Mr. A.H. Yarrington, concerning Lots 19, 20 and 21, Swisher Addition, South Austin. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Yarrington had been to considerable expense in preparing the deed to said property and in securing a deed from the Negro church. On motion of Mr. Metz, it was ordered that the Board pay \$25 additional for the lots, making a total amount to be paid \$150, and also have the abstract, grand total to be paid for the three lots \$175. Mr. Smith stated that he would see that this year's taxes was paid on these three lots, and the Superintendent was instructed to draw a warrant for the payment of these lots and the abstract, upon the recommendation of Mr. George W. Walling.

The bids for the janitor's house were opened, as follows: W.W. Porter \$57.50, C.E. Johnson \$77.50, C.M. Brown \$60.

[*High School*] A letter from Mr. H. Bouchard was read, stating that, if the Board would move the house to one of his lots near the High School building, the Board could have the use of the house free of rent for two years. This bid was not considered by the Board.

All bids were, on motion, rejected, and the Superintendent was instructed to advertise again for bids, to be opened at 5:30 p.m. next Monday, August 23.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the bids for the School Fund deposits for the year 1909-1910 were opened. The National Bank bid 3.5% on deposits, 7% on overdrafts. American National Bank bid 2.25% on deposits, 8% on overdrafts. Central Bank & Trust Company did 2% on deposits, 8% on overdrafts. [443] On motion, the bid was awarded to the Austin National Bank, as Treasurer for the School Funds, for the school year beginning September 1, 1909.

[*Manual Training Building*] Mr. Parker, in behalf of the Building Committee, read a notice to be served on the contractors of the Manual Training building, notifying them not to make preparations to build more than the basement or the first story. This recommendation of the Building Committee was approved.

[*Allan Building, 208 East 6th Street*] Mr. Walling made a statement, concerning the balance due by the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company on rent for the building owned by the Allan Fund on East 6th Street. It appeared from this statement that the company had gone into bankruptcy, that the attorney of the company had agreed that the rent for the building was prior claim, but that it was the opinion that this company could hold the building until January 1, according to the terms of the contract.

The following amounts, paid to the judges and clerks for holding the election on August 13, were approved by the Board:

First Ward: 2 judges, 2 clerks, at \$4 per day, \$16.

Second Ward: 2 judges, 2 clerks, at \$4 per day, \$16.

Third Ward: 2 judges, 2 clerks, at \$4 per day, \$16.

Fourth Ward: 2 judges, 2 clerks, at \$4 per day, \$16.

Fifth Ward: 2 judges, 2 clerks, at \$4 per day, \$16.

Sixth Ward: 2 judges, 3 clerks, at \$4 per day, \$20.

Seventh Ward: 2 judges, 2 clerks, at \$4 per day, \$16.

Making a total of \$116.

The Finance Committee was instructed to see the City Council concerning the payment of the warrant for \$6,500, now held by the School Board, and ascertain what arrangements could be made for the

payment of this warrant, and report to the Board next Monday afternoon at 5:30.

[Winn] On motion, it was ordered that the Building [444] Committee inform themselves concerning the necessity of heating the Winn School property, moving the closets, etc., and report to the Board next Monday afternoon at 5:30.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

August 23, 1909

The Board met, according to adjournment, with all the members present.

[*High School Bids*] The following bids, on the purchase of the janitor's house on the High School grounds, were opened and read: W.W. Porter \$57.50, Fred S. Nagel \$105, C.M. Brown \$60, Rufus H. Smith \$115, G.W. Norman \$51.50, C.E. Johnson \$81.50, Pat Malone \$80. On motion, the house was awarded to Mr. Rufus H. Smith for \$115, as his bid was the highest, with the understanding that Mr. Smith is to move the building at once.

Mr. J.A. Jackson reported that, at the request of the Board, he had had an interview with the Mayor and City Council in regard to the payment of the \$6,500, and that he received very little encouragement. He, however, stated that the Council had instructed the City Attorney to go over the matter and report by September 1, and, if legal, Council would agree to pay \$1,000 per month until the amount was liquidated. This report of Mr. Jackson was received by the Board as information, it being distinctly understood that the Board was not committed to the terms.

[Winn] Mr. Parker moved that the plans and specifications for heating the John B. Winn School [445], removing the closets outside of the building, prepared by J.R. Donnelly, be accepted. This motion was duly seconded, and a thorough discussion followed. Dr. Pettway spoke against the adoption of the Donnelly plans, on account of the extra expense. He thought best to leave the closets in the present location, and have the heating plant put on the outside of the building.

Mr. Walling and Mr. Metz spoke in favor of the plans, insisting that it would be better to put the closets on the outside, and the heating plant in the basement.

Mr. Metz moved to adjourn. On this motion, Metz and Jackson voted aye; Kuse, Walling and Pettway voted no; Parker not voting.

The discussion on the heating plant continued, and the motion by Mr. Metz, that all the bids for heating the building and removing the closets, according to plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Donnelly, be opened, was carried. The following were the bids:

John L. Martin: steam heating \$1,476, building new toilet rooms \$957, latrine closets \$356, pay \$6 each for the 9 old closets.

C.O. Peterson bid \$2,345.60, old closets \$7 each.

Austin Electric Supply Company \$2,400.20, latrine closets extra \$200, old closets \$80

Donnelly & White \$2,316, latrine closets extra \$180, old closets \$100.

On motion, it was agreed to adjourn until Wednesday night at 8:00.

[446]

Wednesday, August 25, 1909

The Board met in special session, according to adjournment, with all the members present.

[Winn] The meeting was called to order by the President, who stated that the object of the meeting was to consider further the bids opened at the last special meeting, for heating the John B. Winn School.

Mr. Parker stated that the Building Committee recommended putting the heating plant in the basement of the John B. Winn School and moving the closets outside of the building.

Dr. Pettway moved, as a substitute, that the heating plant be put on the outside, and the closets inside and be made more sanitary, and that Mr. Donnelly be instructed to change plans and specifications, so that bids could be had on the substitute motion.

On the substitute, the following members voted aye: Mathews, Kuse and Pettway. The following voted no: Metz, Walling, Jackson and Parker. The substitute motion being lost, the Board adopted the Committee report, as follows. Aye: Metz, Walling, Jackson and Parker. No: Kuse, Pettway and Mathews. The President declared the report of the Committee adopted.

Mr. Metz moved that the plans and specifications of J.R. Donnelly for heating the John B. Winn School and removing the closets outside be adopted. Metz, Walling, Jackson, Parker and Kuse voted aye;

Pettway and Mathews no. On motion, it was ordered that the bid be let to Donnelly & White.

Mr. Parker, of the Building Committee, recommended that Mr. H.D. Thetreau be employed to spend two days a week at the Manual Training building, now being erected, to see that the plans, specifications, etc. are fully complied with, and that his salary be fixed at \$3 per day. The Building Committee was instructed to employ Mr. Thetreau.

[447] [*Manual Training Building*] On motion of Mr. Jackson, the Building Committee was authorized to do the necessary wiring in the Manual Training building.

[*Winn*] On motion, the Building Committee was instructed to go carefully over the plans and specifications submitted by Mr. Donnelly, and the President was authorized to sign the contract plans and specifications, on the recommendation of the Building Committee.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

August 31, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling, Jr. All the members were duly notified of the meeting, called by direction of the President. In the absence of the President and Vice President, Mr. Kuse moved that Mr. J.A. Jackson be elected President *pro tem*. This motion carried.

The bond of the Austin National Bank, as custodian of the School Funds for the year 1909-1910, for \$170,000, was approved, and, on motion, the Superintendent was instructed to transfer all funds from the American National to the Austin National Bank.

Mr. Parker moved that the City Treasurer and the Department of Education be notified of the change of Treasurer of the School Funds of the City of Austin. This motion was carried, and the Superintendent was instructed to make these notifications.

Superintendent read extracts from the [448] course of study, and the course, as outlined, with the few changes in the textbooks, were adopted, and the Superintendent was instructed to have the course printed as early as possible.

Miss Eunice Carman and Miss Flora Goodwin were elected supernumeraries.

[*Manual Training Building Supervisors*] Mr. Parker read the following report of the Building Committee, which was adopted by the Board.

We, your Building Committee, beg to report that we have selected Mr. Thetreau to look after the Manual Training building work. Mr. Thetreau will be at the building a third of the time and as such as may seem best. He will charge for his service \$10 per week. We would therefore ask authority to employ Mr. Thetreau for such time as may be necessary, to be determined by the Building Committee.

{O.D. Parker} {George W. Walling, Jr.}

Superintendent was granted leave of absence for two or three days. No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office
September 9, 1909

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President. Present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, J.A. Jackson, George W. Walling, C.A. Kuse.

The following bids for furnishing coal for the year 1909-1910 were opened:

Consumers Fuel & Ice Company, Dora, Alabama: McAlister \$7.75 per ton.

Austin Coal & Wood Company: McAlister \$7.60 per ton.

McAlister Fuel Company: McAlister \$7.60 per ton.

On motion, all of these bids were rejected, and the Board instructed the Superintendent to call for new bids. [449]

Bids for doing the scavenger work for the schools next year were read, as follows. Burdett \$15 per month, Monroe \$15 per month. On motion, the work was awarded to Monroe.

[*Manual Training Building*] A communication from Mr. Endress to the Building Committee, in regard to increasing the foundation to the Manual Training building, now being erected, stating that 69 yards of concrete could be added for \$483, and reinforcing material for \$150 additional. The Building Committee referred this communication to

the Board and, on motion of Dr. Pettway, it was unanimously carried that the Building Committee consult with the architect, Mr. George Endress, and, if after consulting the Committee, and the architect thought it necessary to strengthen the foundation, as stated in the communication of Mr. Endress, power was given the Committee to proceed, to strengthen the foundation, as they thought best.

The Teachers Committee recommended the election of Miss Hattie Campbell as a teacher in the Colored schools. This report was approved by the Board.

The Teachers Committee further reported to the Board that Miss Mary Copes, a teacher in the Bickler School, failed to secure her first-grade Certificate at the Examination held last week, failing to make the required grade in physics, a subject she has not taught in years. They recommended that Miss Copes be continued on the force, and that her salary be increased the same as it would have increased had she received the first-grade Certificate. This recommendation is made because Miss Copes is one of the best teachers in the school, and the Principal of that school heartily recommends her. This was [450] approved by the Board.

The following report of the Finance Committee, fixing the teacher salaries for the ensuing school year and the assignment of teachers by the Teachers Committee, were approved by the Board.

High School: Principal J.E. Pearce \$1750 per year, Miss Nina Hill \$900 per year, Miss Effie Graves \$85 per month, Miss Alice Carman \$85 per month, Miss Frances Ottley \$85 per month, Miss Luella Fonda \$85 per month, Miss Helen Phipps \$85 per month, Miss Clovie Hill \$85 per month, Miss Jonnie Megee \$85 per month, Miss Charlie Wilson \$85 per month, Miss Pauline Trueblood \$85 per month, Miss Willie Barbee \$85 per month, Miss Eleanor Nesbitt \$900 per year, Miss Laura Abadie \$85 per month, W.C. Vernon \$1,200 per year, E.W. Breihan \$1,200 per year, E.S. Blackburn \$1,200 per year, V.R. Schmidt \$900 per year, Louis W. Fox \$900 per year.

Bickler School: Principal J.L. Taff \$1,350 per year, Miss Elfrieda Jessen \$72.50 per month, Miss Hettie Hofstetter \$67.50 per month, Miss Mary Copes \$67.50 per month, Miss Bessie Hutchings \$60 per month, Miss Rena McLaughlin \$60 per month, Miss Emmy Jessen \$65 per month, Miss Anne Rogers \$40 per month, Miss Clara Newton \$50 per month, Miss M.A. Kelleher \$50 per month, Miss Eva Brown \$67.50 per month, Miss Kittie Carlisle \$75 per month.

Pease School: Principal T.A. Brown \$1,350 per year, Miss Mary Taliaferro \$60 per month, Miss Mary Johnston \$65 per month, Miss Cecil O'Banion \$65 per month, Miss Alice Humphrey \$65 per month, Miss Ellen Maddox \$70 per month, Miss Gilbert Cone \$67.50 per month, Miss Janie Stephens \$50 per month, Miss Mary Haynes \$65 per month, Miss Ethel Bennett \$55 per month, Miss Minnie Dill \$75 per month, Miss Emily Numbers \$75 per month.

Palm School: Principal Miss F.R. Brooke \$1,150 per year, Miss Julia Beazley \$65 per month, Miss Mae Sappington \$62.50 per month, Miss Frankie Wren \$50 per month, Miss Lula May Jackson \$60 per month, Miss Edna Slaughter \$50 per month, Miss Clara Cook \$62.50 per month, Miss Mamie Lockett \$65 per month.

[451] Wooldridge School: Principal Miss M.E. Johnson \$1,150 per year, Miss Grace Ketchum \$67 per month, Miss Lucy Read \$75 per month, Miss Ada Blackburn \$70 per month, Miss Ellen Cooke 470 per month, Miss Georgie Walker \$62.50 per month, Miss Mary Carlisle \$65 per month, Miss Kate Eanes \$75 per month.

John B. Winn School: Principal Miss Margaret Reilly \$1,000 per year, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Winn \$62 per month, Miss Jessie Roy \$62 per month, Miss Dorinda Pillow \$55 per month, Miss Laura Allison \$75 per month, Miss Josephine Houston \$67.50 per month, Miss Mary Downie \$75 per month.

Fulmore School: Principal Mrs. B. Delfraisse \$900 per year, Miss Jeanette Littman \$50 per month, Miss Florence Burdett \$65 per month, Miss B. Killingsworth \$65 per month, Miss Zuma Tucker per month, Mrs. M.E. Cunningham \$67.50 per month.

Baker School: Principal Miss Mary Lowry \$900 per year, Mrs. Kate Z. Williams \$62.50 per month, Miss Mary L. Rogers \$60 per month, Miss Julia Robertson \$55 per month, Miss Linnie Humphrey \$60 per month, Mrs. Beulah Straus \$60 per month.

Miss Katherine Murrie, Supervisor of Music \$900 per month.

Miss Janet Downie, Supervisor of Drawing \$75 per month.

Supernumeraries: Miss Alice Lane \$35 per month, Miss Lillian Krohn \$35 per month.

Anderson High School: Principal L.C. Anderson \$900 per year, Mrs. C.L. Woodard \$70 per month, Miss M.M. Houston \$50 per month, Miss Lillie Rhambo \$50 per month, C.M. White \$70 per month, E.T. Yerwood \$60 per month.

Gregorytown: Principal G.W. Norman \$85 per month, Mrs. L.E. Lee \$67.50 per month, Mrs. J.E. Lampkin \$70 per month, Miss Tennie

Hardwell \$50 per month, Miss Cora Mitchell \$40 per month, Miss Effie White \$40 per month, Miss Hattie Campbell \$40 per month, E.T. Dennis \$60 per month.

West Austin: Principal W.H. Passon \$72.50 per month, T. Chandler \$63 per month, Miss Laura Pierce \$50 per month, Miss Parthenia Polk \$50 per month.

[452] Wheatville: Principal J.H. Pickard \$62.50 per month, Miss M.M. Washington \$40 per month.

Brackenridge: Principal Mrs. L.E. Morton \$55 per month, Miss Addie Clements \$40 per month.

The Finance Committee recommended that supernumeraries who are on duty all the time be paid \$35 per month. Also, the following salaries for janitors:

High School head janitor \$60 per month for nine months, \$45 per month for three months

High School assistant janitor \$30 per month and house

Bickler School \$40 per month and house

Pease School \$50 per month

Palm School \$35 per month and house

Wooldridge School \$40 per month

John B. Winn School \$32 per month and house

Fulmore School \$30 per month

Baker School \$30 per month

Anderson High School \$22 per month

Gregorytown \$25 per month

West Austin \$15 per month

Wheatville \$5 per month

Brackenridge \$5 per month

[Rule] The following Rule, in regard to teachers, was adopted: After a teacher has had one year of successful experience in the Austin City Schools as a substitute teacher, she may receive a salary of \$50 per month, provided, however, that no substitute teacher salary shall ever exceed \$40 per month, unless recommended by the Principal, Superintendent, Teachers Committee, and approved by the Board of Trustees.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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September 28, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse, J.A. Jackson, George W. Walling, Jr.

The President stated the object of the meeting.

The following bids for supplying the Public Schools with coal for the year 1909-1910 were opened:

McAlister Fuel Company: Alabama coal \$6.90, McAlister \$7.50.

Austin Coal & Wood Company: fancy lump McAlister \$7.50, McAlister screened nut \$6.

Consumer Fuel & Ice Company: Dora Alabama lump \$7, best quality McAlister \$7.40.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kuse, Chairman of the Committee on Supplies, the bid of the Consumer Fuel & Ice Company to supply the Schools with coal for this year was accepted, the understanding that the Schools could order either the Dora Alabama at \$7 or the fancy lump McAlister at \$7.40. This report of the Committee, on motion of Mr. Jackson, was adopted, and the Superintendent was instructed to see that the usual bond was prepared and signed by the company.

Dr. Ralph Steiner was reappointed as Chairman of the Committee to reexamine teachers and was given the privilege of appointing his own assistants.

The Board appointed as oculists for the City Schools Doctors W.A. Harper, H. L. Hilgartner and J.E. Howze.

Superintendent reported that the City Attorney had rendered an opinion, stating that the payment of the \$6,500 from the General Funds of the City, to the School Fund, would be illegal. Further action on this matter was postponed until the regular meeting.

The Board adjourned.

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Superintendent's Office

October 7, 1909

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, O.D. Parker.

Inasmuch as a quorum was not present, the Board adjourned, to meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

October 8, 1909

The Board met, according to adjournment, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling, Jr., C.A. Kuse.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The minutes of August 13, 20, 23, 25, 31 and September 9 and 28 were read and approved.

The report of the Austin National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, for the month ending September 30, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$185.41, and a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$356.60, was read and, on motion, this report was ordered filed.

Superintendent's statistical report on October 6 showed the following enrollment: High School 534, Bickler 482, Pease 532, Palm 395, Wooldridge 335, John B. Winn 289, Fulmore 205, Baker 223, total White enrollment 2,995; Anderson High School 154, Gregorytown 162, West Austin 129, Wheatville 50, Brackenridge 30, total Colored enrollment 525; grand total enrollment 3,520. This enrollment shows an increase of 628 over October 1 of last year.

[*High School*] A communication from Stacy-Robbins Company, showing defects in the High School wiring, was read to the Board, and the Superintendent stated that he had called the attention of Mr. Donnelly to this matter, and, on motion, the communication was referred to the Building Committee. A further [455] communication from the Stacy-Robbins Company, in regard to the boiler room in the High School building, was read. This communication suggested that the ceiling be covered with asbestos or corrugated iron. This communication was received as information by the Board and ordered filed.

[*Note*] The question of the note due the American National Bank by the Allan Fund was taken up, and Mr. Walling stated that the Austin National Bank would take this note. Mr. Parker moved that Mr. Walling collect the rent due by the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company as soon as possible, and pay as much as possible on this note before it is transferred to the Austin National Bank.

The following report of the Teachers Committee was approved.

We, your Committee on Teachers, Textbooks & Examinations, desire to make the following report:

1. That the conditions of the Fulmore School in South Austin have been carefully gone into, the Superintendent stating the

conditions, and we recommend that the situation at the Fulmore School remain as heretofore, because we think it inadvisable to transfer children from the south side of the river to this side of the river.

2. We recommend that the Superintendent be instructed on account of the overcrowded condition and the impossibility of putting extra desks in the room in the high fifth grade in Pease School, to secure services of a substitute teacher at a salary of \$35 per month.

3. We recommend that an additional teacher be placed in the High School, in accordance with the recommendation of J.E. Pearce, Principal, and the Superintendent, and that Mr. C.M. Flagg, a graduate of Harvard University, be appointed to this position, and his salary be fixed at \$1,000 per year.

{O.D. Parker} {J.A. Jackson}

[456] [*Allan Fund*] On motion of Dr. Pettway, it was ordered that the salaries of the Manual Training teachers be paid, as usual out of the Allan Fund, until further action by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Parker, Mr. Walling was authorized to investigate the land in Bastrop County owned by the Allan Fund, and make a report to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Communication from Mayor A.P. Wooldridge, enclosing a copy of the opinion of City Attorney J. Bouldin Rictor, concerning the \$6,500 warrant promised the City Schools by the former City Council, was read, and this opinion was ordered filed for future consideration, with the distinct understanding that the Board does not commit itself to accept the decision of the City Attorney.

[*Manual Training Building*] The report of the Building Committee, stating that the Committee had consulted with Mr. Endress, in accordance with the advice of the Board, and that the Committee had ordered 10 inches additional concrete put below the foundation of the Manual Training building, making a total of 24 inches concrete, instead of 14 inches, as shown in plans, was approved.

C.I. Boynton and Bernice Boynton were granted free tuition in the Austin Public Schools. Paul Haines granted free tuition. Lillian Land free tuition. Ella Mading free tuition. The case of Benson was referred to the Superintendent, for further investigation.

On motion of Mr. O.D. Parker, it was ordered that the night school in the High School building be opened on Monday, October 18.

The salary of Miss Hettie Hofstetter, who lost four days on account of the death of her mother, was ordered paid.

[*Manual Training Building*] The order issued to Misters Ledbetter and Mundt, to stop the Manual Training building at the basement, was rescinded, upon the recommendation [457] of the Building Committee.

A cornerstone was also ordered to be put in this building, after the plan of the cornerstone of the present High School building.

The question of wiring the Manual Training building and providing the building with gas fixtures was, on motion, referred to the Building Committee.

On motion, it was ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor of Ledbetter and Mundt, first payment on Manual Training building, for \$1,976.25, this payment being made in accordance with the recommendation of the architect. On motion, it was ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor of George A Endress for \$405, in part payment of architect fees for Manual Training building.

[*Pease*] On motion, the Building Committee was instructed to ascertain the cost of changing the doors at the Pease School, so that the inside doors would open out, and refer to the Board at the next meeting.

[*High School*] The Building Committee reported that the heating plant at the High School building had been completed according to the terms of the contract, except that straight radiators were placed in some of the rooms, instead of the circular, but the difference between the straight and circular radiators was so slight that the Committee recommends the accepting of the entire plant. This recommendation of the Committee was approved by the Board, and a warrant ordered drawn in favor of Donnelly & White for \$1,836, balance due.

[*High School*] A recommendation of the Building Committee made by Misters Walling and Parker, that one additional fire escape be placed at the High School building, and two fire escapes at the Pease School, at an approximate cost of \$3,000, was discussed. The Building Committee earnestly [458] recommended the immediate erection of these fire escapes, but, on account of the financial condition of the Schools, Dr. Pettway moved that the report be received and filed.

Laboratory lessons, recommended by the Physical Geography teacher in the High School, were adopted.

Bills were approved from the General Fund for \$3,104.58, Allan Fund \$77.14.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.
 {T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

October 18, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling.

The President called the meeting to order.

[*Allan Building, 204 East 6th Street*] Mr. Parker, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that Mr. Robinson, receiver of the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company, stated that he would be ready to vacate the building the first of the month and to pay rent to the first of November. Mr. Parker further stated that the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company had a claim against the School Board of about \$40, and that there were several merchants, namely Gilfillan and Forsyth, Dahlich, Ellis, and Belisch, who were anxious to rent the building. Dr. Pettway moved that the renting of this building and the adjustment of the claim of the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company against the Board be referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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October 27, 1909

The Board met in special session, with all the members present, except Dr. Pettway.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

[*Holiday*] Mr. J.A. Jackson moved that a holiday be given Friday, October 29, on account of Ringling Brothers Circus.

The following report to the Teachers Committee was adopted.

We, your Committee on Teachers, recommend the resignation of Mr. W.C. Vernon, teacher of mathematics in the High School, be accepted, in order that he may accept the position offered him in the Southwest Texas State Normal, and we further recommend that Mr. Bernard Brown, a graduate of the University of Nashville, be appointed in the place of Mr. Vernon, at a salary of \$1,150 per year.

{H.M. Metz}, Chairman, {O.D. Parker} {J.A. Jackson}

[*Allan Building, 208 East 6th Street*] Mr. Parker of the Building Committee reported that the Committee had not yet succeeded in renting the Zier-Phillips building owned by the Allan Fund, and the Superintendent was instructed to advertise for bids for leasing this building.

A communication from A. Robinson, receiver of the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company, was read and discussed and, on motion, no final action was taken on this communication.

The Building Committee was given full authority to lease the Allan property now occupied by the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

November 4, 1909

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, George W. Walling, O.D. Parker, T.R. Pettway.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 7 and special meetings of October 18 and 27 were read and approved.

The report of the Austin National Bank for the month ending November 1, showing an overdraft in the General Fund of \$13,391.34, and a balance to the credit of the Allan Fund of \$177.43, was received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent was instructed to arrange with the bank concerning the payment of interest of overdraft, so that warrants could be drawn for the payment of these overdrafts, instead of having them charged to the General Account.

Superintendent's statistical report of the Schools on November 4 was as follows: enrollment in High School 539, Bickler 486, Pease 564, Palm 420, Wooldridge 343, John B. Winn 291, Fulmore 220, Baker 241, total enrollment in White schools 3,104; Anderson High School 231, Gregorytown 366, West Austin 206, Wheatville 89, Brackenridge 60, total enrollment in the Colored schools 952; grand total enrollment 4,056.

[*Pease, Palm, West Austin Colored*] Superintendent further reported that half-day sessions had been inaugurated in the low first grades at Pease, Palm and West Austin Schools.

The salary of Miss Mary E. Johnson, Principal of the Wooldridge School, who lost one day absent from the Teachers Institute on account of the death of an aunt, was ordered paid.

Floyd Hutchinson, janitor at the High School, was ordered paid \$5 additional per month on account of extra work of the night school, so long as the night school continues.

A communication from the Baker School Mothers' [461] Club was read, inviting the Board to meet with them tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 3:15, to accept the piano and drinking fountains furnished the school by the Mothers' Club. The Board thanked the Club for the invitation, and it was agreed that as many as possible attend the reception.

[*Pease-High School*] Communication from R.W. Finley, concerning fire escapes at the Pease School and at the High School, was read and, on motion, this communication was ordered filed, subject to call.

[*High School*] Mr. Parker of the Building Committee discussed the question of rewiring the High School building, in accordance with the suggestions of Stacy-Robbins Company. This matter was referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.

[*Palm*] A communication from Miss Florence R. Brooke, Principal of the Palm School, thanking the Board for the raise of salary, was received and appreciated by the Board, and ordered filed.

[*Manual Training Building*] The Finance Committee was instructed to look after insuring new Manual Training building, in process of erection.

The plans and specifications for wiring the Manual Training building were discussed and gone into thoroughly by the Board, and, on motion of Dr. Pettway, this matter was left with the Building Committee, with instructions to proceed to advertise for bids, etc.

Mr. George Endress, architect, stated that it was necessary to purchase hardware for the Manual Training building, and, on motion of Dr. Pettway, this matter was referred to the Building Committee, with instructions to purchase hardware for this building, when necessary.

Bills amounting to \$702 from the General Fund, and \$162.46 from the Allan Fund, were order paid.

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November 18, 1909

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

The President called the meeting to order, and Mr. O.D. Parker, at the request of the President, stated that the meeting was called to arrange the payment to the American National Bank on account of a note for \$5,233.33 due the bank by the School Board. Mr. Parker further stated that the bank was anxious to have this note either renewed or paid. The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. J.A. Jackson, be instructed to collect all the money due by the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company on the Allan building, East 6th Street, to make all necessary arrangements to pay to the American National Bank the note of \$5,233.33, with interest, and for the difference between the amount of money collected from the Zier-Phillips Furniture Company and the note and interest, that a new note be given the American National Bank in lieu of this one due the American National Bank.

On motion of Mr. O.D. Parker, the President and Chairman of the Finance Committee were instructed to take up the matter of issuing \$50,000 in school bonds with the City Council, and the President and the Chairman of the Finance Committee were further instructed to insist on having the election on the same day of the proposed bond election for sewers and streets. This motion was carried, Walling voting no.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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November 23, 1909

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling.

It was ordered that holiday be given on Friday, November 26.

[Baker] Superintendent was instructed to have the Hyde Park School building wired for the Mothers' Club.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office
December 2, 1909

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse, O.D. Parker.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 4 and special meetings of November 18 and 23 were read and approved.

Superintendent reported that the Austin National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, had not sent in its monthly report.

Superintendent made the following statistical report concerning the Schools' enrollment: High School 549, Bickler 504, Pease 567, Palm 410, Wooldridge 350, Winn 300, Fulmore 230, Baker 247, total White enrollment 3,157; Anderson High School 237, Gregorytown 425, West Austin 218, Wheatville 95, Brackenridge 83, total Colored enrollment 1,058; grand total enrollment December 2, 1909: 4,215.

Superintendent further read a report of the lunchroom conducted by Mrs. Raymond, showing a profit of \$10.95 for the past month.

The report of the receipts and expenditures for the school year 1908-1909 was read and [464] discussed, and this report was ordered copied in the minutes. The financial report of the year 1907-1908 was also ordered copied in the minutes.

Receipts 1908-1909

Balance brought forward from previous year	4,070.46
Amt. recd. from State Available School Fund	35,349.75
Amt. recd. from County Treasurer, in apportionment of County School funds	864.76
Amt. recd. by transfer of pupils 1908-1909	627.75
Amt. recd. from local taxes	43,538.60
Amt. recd. from tuition of pupils not entitled to free tuition	1,544.00
Amt. recd. from American National Bank, interest on school funds	142.28
Amt. recd. from sale of property	265.00
Amt. recd. or rent (Brooke property)	90.00
Refund from Dow Wire & Iron Works	32.86
<u>Amt. recd. from Trade School account</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total amount of receipts	86,530.46

Disbursements

Cash paid for teachers, including Principals & Superintendent	63,635.53
Cash paid for taking school census	473.48
Cash paid for buildings, etc.	7,439.40
Cash paid for grounds	175.00
Cash paid for fire escape (High School)	1,185.00
Cash paid for rent	260.00
Cash paid for insurance	668.62
Cash paid for repairs on buildings	2,159.03
Cash paid for work on grounds	480.88
Cash paid for supplies	989.30
Cash paid for fuel	1,173.34
Cash paid for furniture	1,311.49
Cash paid for libraries	116.20
Cash paid for apparatus	523.58
Cash paid for printing & stationery	264.85
Cash paid for clerk & janitors	4,522.41
Cash paid for sanitation	151.70
Cash paid for telephone	45.00
[465] Cash paid for election expenses	156.50
Cash paid for commencement	46.60
Cash paid for interest on overdrafts	307.47
Cash paid for contingent deposit and items not specified above	395.21
Total amount of disbursements	86,481.04
Balance on hand August 31, 1909	49.42

Financial Statement of the Allan Fund, 1908-1909

Receipts

Amt. recd. from payment of notes	215.00
Amt. recd. from interest on notes	33.50
Amt. recd. from rent	4,460.60
Tuition from University students	450.00
Total receipts	5,159.10

Disbursements

Cash paid to teachers	3,132.20
Cash paid to janitor	229.80
Supplies for Manual Training Dept.	658.43
Fuel for Manual Training Dept.	30.40
Supplies for Domestic Science Dept.	280.68
Gas for Domestic Science Dept.	29.90
Printing	15.25
Insurance	121.98
Repairs	73.75
Building (Richter, East 6 th Street)	37.19
Interest on note and overdraft	209.45
Taxes	59.61
Two suits against King property	21.05
<u>Balance overdrawn August 31, 1908</u>	<u>157.81</u>
Total disbursements	5,057.50
Balance on hand August 31, 1909	101.60

Financial Statement, 1907-1908

Receipts

Balance brought forward from previous year	3,158.25
Amt. recd. from State Available School Fund	31,194.00
Amt. recd. from County Treasurer, in apportionment of County School funds	848.69
Amt. recd. by transfer of pupils	558.00
[466] Amt. recd. from local taxes	43,100.00
Amt. recd. from tuition	1,101.75
Amt. recd. from American National Bank, interest on school funds	86.12
Amt. recd. from sale of property	1,378.00
<u>Amt. of notes (borrowed money)</u>	<u>14,366.67</u>
Total amount of receipts	93,191.59

Disbursements

Cash paid for teachers, including Principals & Superintendent	56,512.40
Cash paid for taking school census	470.31
Cash paid for buildings, etc.	2,396.84
Cash paid for grounds	1,325.00
Cash paid for rent	293.23
Cash paid for insurance	563.90

Cash paid for repairs on buildings	2,560.51
Cash paid for work on grounds	326.12
Cash paid for supplies	902.08
Cash paid for fuel	1,134.75
Cash paid for furniture	1,723.20
Cash paid for libraries	179.95
Cash paid for apparatus	275.95
Cash paid for printing	468.05
Cash paid for clerk & janitors	3,614.55
Cash paid for sanitation	101.00
Cash paid for telephone	52.53
Cash paid for election expenses	35.75
Cash paid for commencement	53.95
Money borrowed	15,000.00
Interest	193.21
Checks (tuition) returned unpaid	9.00
Cash paid for contingent fund and items not specified above	229.35
Total disbursements	89,121.13
Balance on hand August 31, 1908	4,070.46

Financial Statement of the Allan Fund, 1907-1908

Receipts

Balance brought forward from previous year	6,872.64
Amt. recd. from payment of notes	5,133.56
[467] Amt. recd. from interest on notes	542.68
Amt. recd. from rent	1,171.00
Tuition from University students	450.00
Money borrowed	5,000.00
Refund from General Fund	83.49
Total receipts	19,953.37

Disbursements

Cash paid to teachers	3,174.32
Cash paid to janitor	212.50
Cash paid for insurance	388.96
Cash paid for building	14,927.24
Supplies for Manual Training Dept.	519.21
Supplies for Domestic Science Dept.	171.59
Gas for Domestic Science Dept.	35.54
Fuel	29.30

Printing	12.95
Taxes	298.54
Interest on overdraft	140.61
Abstracts	85.50
Advanced to General Fund	83.49
Items not specified above	31.43
Total disbursements	20,111.18
Balance overdrawn August 31, 1908	157.81

The salary of Miss Julia Beazley, who was absent two days on account of the death of her sister, was ordered paid.

Inasmuch as Miss Emily Numbers, a teacher in the Pease School is on half-day sessions and has 94 children under her instruction, the Board granted her an extra \$5 per month, a total of \$15 per month additional, on account of half-day sessions.

[*Bickler*] A communication from Professor J.L. Taff, Principal of the Bickler School, stating that Mrs. Jacob Bickler had presented the Bickler School with a bust of Sam Houston and a number of books from the late Professor Bickler's library, was read. On motion, it was ordered that [468] the thanks of the School Board be tendered Mrs. Bickler, and that the President and Secretary prepare and address to her a communication setting forth the appreciation of the School Board for these gifts.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] The bill of Donnelly & White for \$3.30, for repairs on the closets of the Allan building occupied by the Nixon College, was referred to the Superintendent, and he was instructed to take this matter up with the Nixon Commercial College and determine with the managers of the college who was responsible for this debt, according to the terms of the contract.

[*Winn*] A bill for \$2,316, presented by Donnelly & White for installing steam heating plant in the John B. Winn School, was read, and this bill was referred to the Building Committee for the final report, and the Superintendent was instructed to draw a warrant for the bill on the written recommendation of the Building Committee.

A bill for \$4.43, presented by L.N. Goldbeck, on account of taxes on 320 acres of land in Bastrop County owned by the Allan Fund, was read, and warrant was ordered drawn for this amount in favor of Mr. Goldbeck.

[*Manual Training Building*] Inasmuch as only one bid was presented for plumbing and wiring the Manual Training building, the opening of these bids was postponed.

The Chairman of the Building Committee and the Superintendent were instructed to call on the Water and Light Department, and ask that the lights be turned on at the John B. Winn School.

[*Pease*] Mr. Parker gave notice that at the first special meeting of the Board, he would ask the Board to purchase at least one fire escape for the Pease School.

Bills for \$506.92 for the General Fund, and \$96.39 for the Allan Fund, were approved.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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December 9, 1909

The Board met in special session, with all the members present, except Dr. Pettway.

Schools were ordered closed for the Christmas holidays on the afternoon of December 23, 1909, and to resume on Monday, January 3, 1910.

Mr. M.C. Welborne, a graduate of The University of Texas Class of 1903, was elected to fill the place of Louis Fox as instructor in mechanical drawing in the Manual Training Department, until such time as Mr. Fox is able to return to his work.

[*Manual Training Building*] The following bids were open for plumbing and wiring the new Manual Training building: Donnelly & White, plumbing \$1,263, wiring \$448; Bacon & Hancock, plumbing \$1,218, wiring \$900; Austin Electric Supply Company, plumbing and wiring \$1,642, and, in addition, 28 cents per foot for plumbing to be connected with the sewer, and 10 cents per foot for water to be connected with the waterworks, in addition to \$1,642.

The Board went into a thorough discussion of the bids and, after referring the same to George Endress, architect, on motion of Mr. J.A. Jackson, the plumbing for the building was awarded to Bacon & Hancock, with the understanding that the connections with the water and sewer were to be satisfactory to the architect and to the Board. The wiring, on motion, was awarded to Donnelly & White.

Mr. George Endress was instructed to draw contract for plumbing and wiring, submit the contract to the Building Committee, and the

President was instructed to sign the contract with these parties on the written recommendation of the Building Committee.

A warrant was ordered drawn in favor of Ledbetter & Mundt for \$3,230, certificate No. 2 for the erection of the Manual Training building.

[470] A communication for Mr. H.S. Combs of Bastrop, making an inquiry concerning 320 acres of land in Bastrop County owned by the School Board, was read. On motion, this communication was referred to George W. Walling, Jr., with instructions to investigate and negotiate the sale for this land.

[Pease] On motion of George W. Walling, seconded by Metz and Parker, the Building Committee was instructed to arrange for the erection of two fire escapes at the Pease school, to arrange also for the payments of these fire escapes at such times as will suit the convenience of the Board, and to report further to the Board in regard to this matter.

Superintendent was granted leave of absence during the Christmas holidays, to attend the Southern Educational Association in Charlotte, North Carolina December 28.

The Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

January 6, 1910

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, J.A. Jackson, George W. Walling, C.A. Kuse.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 2 and special meeting of December 9 were read and approved.

The report of the Austin National Bank, Treasurer, showing a balance overdrawn December 1, 1909 of \$18,187.45, balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund \$142.36. The report further showed balance overdrawn in the General Fund January 1, 1910 \$28,673.28, balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund \$260.28. This report was received and ordered filed.

Further report concerning the condition of Public [471] School Funds, January 1, 1910 was read, showing total amount due the Schools from all sources \$91,054.34, amount received \$1,381.26, balance still due the City Schools \$82,673.08.

Superintendent made his monthly statistical report for the month ending December 10, 1909, showing a total enrollment in the White schools of 3,177, Colored schools 1,071, making a grand total enrollment of 4,248.

The Teachers Committee reported that Miss Eunice Carman had been transferred from the supernumerary list to a place as regular teacher in the Pease School, in place of Miss Alice Humphrey, resigned. They further reported that Miss Olivia Le Sueur, a senior in The University of Texas, who last year did excellent work in the practice classes of the university, had been appointed in place of Miss Carman. This report was approved by the Board.

[*Fulmore*] Dr. Pettway, of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the purchase of additional property for the Fulmore School in South Austin, stated that he had seen the parties who own the property immediately adjoining the Fulmore School, and that the Pease property could be bought for \$250 per lot, the Heiermann property for \$550. On motion of Mr. Parker, Mr. George W. Walling was added to this Special Committee to further investigate the purchase of property for the Fulmore School and to ascertain what the west half of Block 32, on which is located the school, can be bought. Power was given this Committee to close the deal for this property, with the understanding that the price to be paid for the different properties must not exceed the prices named before the Board.

A communication from Miss Ada Blackburn, asking an endorsement of the Board for a position [472] in mathematics in the Canyon City Normal, was read and, on motion, the Superintendent was instructed to prepare the endorsement.

A communication from Mr. T.A. Brown, Principal of the Pease School, asking additional pay for the son of the janitor, on account of work necessary for him to do at the Pease School and carrying coal, was read and final action on this petition was postponed.

[*High School*] A communication from J.E. Pearce, Principal of the High School, concerning the heating plant in the High School building erected by Donnelly & White, was read, received as information, and ordered filed. The Superintendent was instructed to see that the defects in the heating, pointed out in this communication, be repaired at once.

The Superintendent was instructed by the Board to order two or three tons of coal from the McAllister Fuel Company, in order that a

thorough test of the heating qualities of the Osage McAlister coal, with the coal purchased from the Consumer Fuel & Ice Company, might be made.

The salary of Miss Ellen Cooke, absent from school on account of the death of her brother, and salary of E.T. Yerwood, absent from school on account of a death in his brother's family, were ordered paid.

The President and Chairman of the Finance Committee were instructed to make formal written notice to the City Council, asking that a bond issue be submitted to the citizens of Austin for \$50,000 for school building purposes.

Bills from the Allan Fund amounting to \$71.14, and from the General Fund amounting to \$169.38, were ordered paid.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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January 12, 1910

The Board met in special session, at the call of the President. Present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse, J.A. Jackson.

The following estimate of the financial condition of the Schools of this city was presented to the Board by the Finance Committee, and, on motion, this report was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

Receipts

From the State	34,512.50
From Travis County	864.76
From transfers from County	643.75
From City (estimated at \$17,000, less 5% for delinquents)	53,833.33
<u>Tuition (estimated)</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total receipts	91,054.34

Disbursements

Teacher payroll for 9 mos. at \$7,544 per mo.	67,896.00
Superintendent, clerk & janitors	7,375.00
Taking scholastic census	450.00
Manual Training building contract	16,200.00
Extra concrete	483.00
Wiring	448.00

Plumbing	1,218.00	
Architect fees	810.00	19,159.00
Heating plant (Winn School)		2,316.00
Heating plant (High School, paid this year)		1,836.00
Insurance		500.00
Rent		240.00
Furniture		600.00
Apparatus \$500, libraries \$100		600.00
Supplies \$1,000, fuel \$1,800		2,800.00
Printing & stationery		350.00
Repairs \$1,000, work on grounds \$150		1,150.00
Sanitation		150.00
[474] Election expenses		75.00
Interest on overdrafts		400.00
<u>Contingent deposits, etc.</u>		<u>200.00</u>
Total disbursements		106,097.00

Superintendent stated that the question of the bond issue would come before the City Council tomorrow morning at 10:00, and it was the sense of the Board that all members be present at this meeting of the Council, in order to urge the Council to call an election for the issuance of \$50,000 school bonds as early as practicable.

[*Fulmore School*] It was ordered by the Board that Lots 9 and 10, 5 and 6, Block 32, Swisher Addition, be purchased from Miss Julia Pease for \$1,100, Lots 11 and 12 in the same block from Frank Heiermann for \$550, Lots 3 and 4 in the same block from C.M. Bartholomew for \$700, Lots 1 and 2 in the same block from F.M. Covert (Stacy-Robbins Company agents) for \$750. It was the opinion of the Board that one-third be paid on these lots cash, and the other two-thirds to be paid next year or as soon as possible, and that the Board arrange for carrying the notes, Parker voting no on account of financial condition.

[*Manual Training Building*] Superintendent reported that the cornerstone of the Manual Training building would cost \$72, and the Superintendent was instructed to see Mr. Seaholm and ascertain if a suitable cornerstone could be purchased for less money.

Nothing further, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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January 21, 1910

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker.

The Board discussed at length the proposed bond issue for School purposes. Mr. Parker stated that the Business League thought \$50,000 too little, and thought that we should ask for at least \$75,000. On motion of Mr. H.M. Metz, \$50,000 was stricken out, and \$75,000 inserted in the original resolution, asking the Council to submit the issue to the people. The Finance Committee was instructed to present this request of the Board to the City Council.

The resignation of Miss Frankie Wren, a teacher in the Palm School, was accepted.

[*Fulmore*] Mr. Jackson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, was appointed to confer with the Special Committee of Misters Pettway and Walling to purchase lots for the Fulmore School in South Austin, and empowered to confer with Goldbeck and Robbins and other real estate men, and see if arrangements could not be made with some individual to buy the property for the South Austin School and hold same under the promise of the Board, to take the property on the 10th of September. This Committee was instructed to report at once.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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January 27, 1910

The Board met in special session. Present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, H.M. Metz, George W. Walling, O.D. Parker.

[*High School: Nine Graduates*] Diplomas were authorized given to the following graduates of the Austin High School, who were recommended for graduation by the faculty of the High School: James Armoy Anderson, Otto Buaas, Jr., Leon Gilbert Halden, Gladys Jackson, Leah Ione Koen, Moselle George Littman, Abi Schapiro, Selma Marie Schneider, Rosa Lee Sjoberg.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

February 3, 1910

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, J.A. Jackson, G.A. Walling, Jr., O.D. Parker.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, the meeting was called to order by Dr. T.R. Pettway, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Kuse, Mr. Parker was elected temporary Chairman.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 6 and special meetings of January 12, 21 and 27 were read and approved.

Superintendent made his regular statistical report for the month ending January 14, showing a total enrollment in the White Schools of 3,241, in the Colored Schools 1,196, [477] grand total enrollment of 4,437.

The report of the Treasurer, the Austin National Bank, showing a balance overdrawn in the General Fund of \$28,563.05, a balance overdrawn in the Allan Fund of \$534.66, was read and, on motion, this report was ordered filed, as usual.

The Teachers Committee recommended that the resignation of Mrs. Kate Z. Williams, a teacher in the Baker School, and Miss Ellen Maddox, a teacher in the Pease School, be accepted, that Miss Cecil O'Banion be transferred from the Pease to the Baker School.

The Teachers Committee further recommended to accept the resignation of Miss Kittie Carlisle, a teacher in the Bickler School, and the Superintendent was instructed to place Miss Anna Simonds, and Miss Ilene Stanford in the Pease School in place of Miss Maddox, resigned, and Miss O'Bannon transferred to Baker School at a salary of \$50 per month.

The Committee further recommended that Miss N.C. Lamar be appointed a teacher in the Bickler School, in place of Miss Carlisle, resigned, at a salary of \$40 per month, and that the Board of Examiners give her an examination before delivering her warrant.

The Committee further recommended that Miss Clara Marshall be appointed a supernumerary.

The Committee further recommended that the salary of teachers who had done a year of successful work or were graduates of the University be fixed at \$50 per month.

These recommendations of the Teachers Committee were approved by the Board.

A warrant was ordered drawn in favor of George W. Walling, Jr., for \$50, for insurance [478] on the Allan building, 9th and Congress Avenue.

[*Fulmore*] Mr. George W. Walling was authorized to have abstracts made to the block of land on which is situated the Fulmore School in South Austin. The cost would be about \$100.

Bills to the amount of \$1,042.06 from the General Fund, and \$36.41 from the Allan Fund, were ordered paid.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

February 18, 1910

The Board met in special session at the call of the President, with all members present.

[*Fulmore School*] Mr. Walling read a letter from Mr. Cluck to Mr. John W. Robbins, stating that he desired to close the deal for the property in South Austin. On motion of Mr. Jackson, the Superintendent was instructed to draw warrants for the property in South Austin as follows: Miss Pease, \$1,100, four lots; Heiermann, \$550, two lots; Robbins, \$700, two lots; Cluck, \$700, two lots.

Superintendent was instructed to draw these warrants on the written recommendation of the Building Committee. Mr. Parker was present, but didn't vote.

The Teachers Committee recommended Miss Esther Melasky a teacher in the Winn School. This report of the Committee was adopted by the Board.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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Superintendent's Office

March 3, 1910

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: T.R. Pettway, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse, G.A. Walling, Jr., J.A. Jackson. The meeting was called to order by Dr. T.R. Pettway, Secretary of the Board. On motion of George W. Walling, Mr. J.A. Jackson was elected temporary Chairman.

[*Fulmore*] Mr. Walling reported that Misterns Doom and Bissell had examined the abstract to the Pease, Heiermann, Cluck and

Bartholomew properties in Block 32 in South Austin, and considered the title defective, especially to the property owned by Mr. Cluck. Mistern Walling and Parker of the Building Committee recommended that the purchase of this property be at least postponed for the present.

On motion, on account of the meeting in the interest of the School bonds to be held at the West Austin fire hall, the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

March 11, 1910

The Board met in regular adjourned session at the call of the President. Present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, George W. Walling, Jr., O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse.

[*Allan Building, 208 East 6th Street*] Mr. Parker reported, for the Building Committee, that Mr. H.W. Zweig of Cameron proposed to rent the Zier building until the first of August at \$100 per month, and by the first of August to decide whether he would continue to keep the building, and, if so, to pay the Board \$150 per [480] month. This matter was left in the hands of the Building Committee, with authority to arrange all the details, inquire into the reliability of the proposed lessee, and to report to a later meeting of the Board.

The Board adjourned this meeting, subject to the call of the President.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

March 18, 1910

The Board met in regular adjourned session at the call of the President. In the absence of President Mathews, Vice President Metz called the Board together. Present: H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, Jr., O.D. Parker.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 3 and special meeting of February 18 were read and approved.

The report of the Austin National Bank, Treasurer of the School Funds, showed an overdraft in the General Fund of \$30,394.61, an overdraft in the Allan Fund of \$717.03. This report was received as information and ordered filed.

A duplicate warrant for \$3.35 was ordered paid to Mr. W.J. Parnell, on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

A communication from Mr. W.S. Howerton, concerning the vaccination of his children, was read. Inasmuch as Professor J.L. Taff, Principal of the Bickler School reported that the children of Mr. Howerton had been vaccinated, no action was taken on this communication.

A letter from Mr. H.S. Combs of Bastrop was read, offering \$1 per acre for the land belonging to the Allan Fund located in Bastrop County. On motion, this was referred to Mr. George W. Walling, who was authorized to decline this offer.

[481] A letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Talley, asking permission to take the English course of the Austin Public Schools in the Baker School, was referred to the Superintendent.

[*Allan Building, 208 East 6th Street*] A communication from Mr. Hollister addressed to George W. Walling, concerning the renting of the Zier building for bowling alley purposes, was read. Mr. Walling further stated that he had a virtual offer of \$25,000 for the Zier building. It was the opinion of the Board that it would be best not to sell this property.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the Finance Committee was instructed to take whatever action was necessary in order that the \$75,000 bond issue, which was carried today, might be acted upon by the City Council as early as possible, and that there might be as little delay as possible in selling the bonds in order that the work mapped out by the Board could be carried on.

Warrants in the amount of \$568.26 from the General Fund, and \$191.60 from the Allan Fund, were ordered paid. Vice President Metz was authorized to sign them, in the absence of the President.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

March 21, 1910

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, George W. Walling, Jr., T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson.

Misters Mundt and Thetreau were also present.

[*Manual Training Building*] It was ordered that the building now [482] under erection north of the High School building be named the John T. Allan Manual Training School.

It was further ordered that a cornerstone be purchased and a slab over the north entrance bearing the following: John T. Allan Manual Training School. The Superintendent was authorized to close the contract for the cornerstone and for the slab.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

April 4, 1910

The Board met in special session at the call of the President, with the following members present: H.M. Metz, Dr. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, Charles A. Kuse.

In the absence of President Mathews, Vice President Metz called the Board to order.

On motion of Mr. J.A. Jackson, it was ordered that the school children be given a holiday on Wednesday, April 6, on account of the celebration of rebuilding the Austin dam.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

Superintendent's Office

April 7, 1910

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, O.D. Parker, J.A. Jackson. Absent: H.M. Metz and George W. Walling, Jr.

Inasmuch as Dr. Mathews, President of the Board, was called away, Mr. J.A. Jackson was elected. [483] temporary Chairman.

Mr. James Wahrenberger, an architect of San Antonio, appeared before the Board and made an informal talk on school buildings, etc. Mr. Parker moved that the Superintendent be instructed to advise Mr. Wahrenberger when the Board would take up the plans and specifications for the new buildings.

[*Fulmore*] Mr. Bogle appeared before the Board and offered several tracts of land in South Austin for the new school building to be erected there. Nothing definite was determined, and the Board agreed to go to South Austin and investigate the propositions personally.

[*Allan Building, 823 Congress Avenue*] The Building Committee recommended a renewal of the lease with Nixon-Clay Commercial College for a term of two years, at same rate as existing lease, and under the same terms. This was approved by the Board.

[*Fulmore*] Mr. W.A. Scott appeared before the Board and offered Block 3 in Swisher Addition in South Austin for \$3,500. Final action on this matter was deferred, as the Board desires to make a personal inspection of the property.

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 11 and 18 and special meetings of March 21 and April 4 were read and approved.

Report of the Austin National Bank, Treasurer, showing an overdraft in the General Fund of \$16,570.62, and an overdraft in the Allan Fund of \$1,080.06, was read and, on motion, this report was ordered filed.

Superintendent made his regular monthly statistical report for the month ending March 11, 1910, showing a total enrollment in the White schools of 3,463, Colored schools 1,310, grand total enrollment of 4,773.

A communication from Mr. C.F. Rumpel, asking [484] permission to use two or three rooms of the public school buildings during the summer months for a German school, to be conducted under the auspices of the Sons of Herman, was read, and the Superintendent was instructed to state to Mr. Rumpel that it was impossible for the Board to grant the use of the public school buildings for private school purposes not under the control of the Board.

[*Manual Training Building*] A communication from Mr. George A. Endress, suggesting a third story on the Manual Training building, was read and placed on file.

The following report was read and adopted.

March 23, 1910

We, your Special Committee appointed by the President to investigate the proposed railroad spur on Sabine Street to connect with the proposed erection of the ice plant of the Consumer Fuel & Ice Company, beg to report as follows.

That if this proposed spur enter west of the northeast corner of the block immediately west of the Palm School block, and if

the company will maintain a flagman ahead of all cars and prohibit the “shooting” of all cars, we see no harm that could come to the children who attend the Palm School.

Respectfully submitted,
{O.D. Parker} {T.R. Pettway}

The following report of the Superintendent, suggesting some things the Board ought to consider, was read and received as information.

Some things we ought to think about:

1. Inasmuch as the bond issue carried on March 18, an effort should be made by the Board to have the City Council issue these bonds and put them on the market as soon as possible, in order that the money for the Public Schools may be available at the earliest possible moment. [485]

[*Fulmore*] 2. Within the next week or two weeks, it ought to be determined whether the school building is to be located in South Austin, [*Baker*] and also where the building should be erected in Hyde Park. It will take, I judge, four months to erect these buildings, and by all means they should be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the school year next September.

[*Manual Training Building*] 3. An additional story ought to be put on the John T. Allan Manual Training School, and at least half of this story should be used as an annex to the assembly hall. In my judgment, the Board will save from \$1,000 to \$2,000 by having this building furnished another story this year, and it will not be more than one or two years at the longest before we will be compelled to have it.

4. Before the close of school, contracts should be made for repairing all the school buildings that the Board intends to repair next summer, in order that they may be ready for the beginning of school in the fall. The erection of unnecessary rooms at the Palm School, and to consider further whether it is best, taking into consideration the entire system, to erect two rooms at Pease School, or to delay this another year in order to locate a school somewhere west of the present Pease School building.

[*West Avenue – Clarksville*] 5. We should begin to think what we are to do for the Negroes, and especially whether it is best to remove the Negro school from West Avenue, to some point in Clarksville, and convert the present Negro school into a school

for the Mexican children of the city. While, of course, this school cannot be named the Mexican School under the State Law, cities frequently have schools [486] where Mexican children are taught and, if any White children live in the district, they are transferred out to some other school.

6. The Board should further consider the placing at the different schools of steam heating plants, and especially should these plants be at the Pease and Palm Schools, in addition to heating plants at the two new buildings.

Respectfully submitted,
{A.N. McCallum}

The Principal of each building was instructed to personally look after fire escapes and to see that they are always open.

The salary of Miss Nesbitt, who was absent three days on account of the death of her sister, was ordered paid

The salary of Miss Abadie, who was absent two days on account of the death of an aunt, was ordered paid.

Superintendent reported that Miss Lucy Read was absent six days from school on account of the extreme illness of her mother in Vicksburg, Mississippi, that Miss Read was called away by wire, and, on the suggestion of the Superintendent, this matter was left over, to be finally acted upon at the next meeting of the Board.

It was ordered that the appointment of a census enumerator and the ordering of the election for three members of the Board whose terms of office expire in May be postponed until a called meeting next Tuesday, April 12.

Bills amounting to \$269.73 from the General Fund and \$82.85 from the Allan Fund were approved.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.
{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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April 14, 1910

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, George W. Walling, Jr., C.A. Kuse, J.A. Jackson. Absent: T.R. Pettway and O.D. Parker.

It was ordered by the Board that an election for the three School Trustees be held on the first Saturday in May, in accordance with the State School Laws of Texas.

Mr. E.L. Whitehead was appointed census enumerator for the White children, to be paid four cents from the City and two cents from the County, and 10 cents from the City for each additional child over the last year's census enumeration.

L.C. Anderson was appointed census enumerator for the Colored children. Superintendent read a petition from the Colored teachers, asking that they be paid eight cents from the City and two cents from the County. After discussion, and after statements by L.C. Anderson and C.M. White concerning the difficulty of taking the Colored census, the Board approved the petition and agreed to pay out of the City funds eight cents *per capita*, and two cents *per capita* from the County.

Estimate of George A. Endress, recommending the payment of Ledbetter & Mundt of \$4,332.25, the third payment on the Manual Training building, was ordered paid.

Superintendent reported that the City Council today had passed the ordinance for the bonds for School purposes, and that Judge Sludor had offered 1% premium on the bonds, with accrued interest. The Superintendent was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of Judge Sludor's letter.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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April 15, 1910

The Board met in special session, with all the members present.

[Fulmore] After looking carefully at the properties offered for sale for School purposes in South Austin, Mr. George W. Walling, Jr. was requested to interview Mr. Chester Thrasher in regard to a block of his property immediately south of the Wilson Store, and further requested to interview Mr. Maud in regard to his property, and ascertain what these properties could be purchased for, and to report to the Board as early as possible.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

April 27, 1910

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, George W. Walling, Jr., J.A. Jackson, Charles A. Kuse. Absent: O.D. Parker.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

[*Fulmore*] Mr. George W. Walling, for the Building Committee, reported as follows: that he had investigated the following tracts of land in South Austin. The tract about three blocks west of the avenue containing four acres could be purchased from Mr. Miller for \$2,500. He further stated that the block immediately west of the Maud block, according to the opinion of Mr. Bogle, could be purchased for about \$5,600, that a block of the Thrasher property one block east of the avenue could be purchased for \$5,000, provided Mr. Thrasher get the consent of his wife. Mr. Jackson stated that the Maud block could be bought for \$8,000. It was the opinion of the Board that the block could be purchased for \$6,000, if the bid were made. Mr. Walling further stated that the Jones property east of the [489] avenue, containing about three acres, could be purchased for \$6,000, one-half of said property for \$3,000. Mr. Walling was authorized by the Board to offer \$5,000 for the entire place owned by Mr. Jones, containing three acres, and was instructed by the Board to purchase this if, in his judgment, it seemed wise, at the best possible price.

[*Manual Training Building*] Misters Ledbetter and Mundt appeared before the Board, by request, and stated that they would erect an additional story on the Manual Training building, complete as per letter of George Endress, architect, for \$6,912. If rooms are to be wainscoted, to add \$128. If accordion doors are omitted, \$552 was to be deducted. They agreed to take \$1,877 off of the original bid of \$6,912, provided floor finish, ceiling, plastering, base and all interior doors, casing of girders and columns, inside casing, stool and apron on windows in that portion of building north of stair hall, were omitted.

Mr. H.D. Thetreau, special representative of the Board, stated that this work, in his judgment, ought to be done, put up in the rough for \$5,400.

A general discussion arose, and, on motion, it was ordered that the contractors be instructed to complete the building according to plans and specifications originally adopted. All the members of the Board voted aye.

[*Baker-Fulmore*] Superintendent was instructed to advertise for plans and specifications for South Austin and Hyde Park Schools, for two fire escapes to be erected at the Pease School and one at the High School, and further to secure estimates on steam heating plants for South Austin, Pease, Palm, Hyde Park and Wooldridge Schools.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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April 29, 1910

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, George W. Walling, Jr., C.A. Kuse, T.R. Pettway. Absent: O.D. Parker, J.A. Jackson.

The Board was called to order by the President, Dr. W.J. Mathews.

Superintendent reported that the Mayor had an offer of 1% premium on the \$75,000 bond issue.

The following resolution was passed by the Board:

Whereas the Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin have been offered a 1% premium on the \$75,000 of school bonds voted on March 18, in addition to the lithography, *et cetera* of said bonds; and

Whereas we are reliably informed that there is, at this time, somewhat of a stringency in the money market, which may prevent to some extent a ready sale of these bonds on the first of June; and

Whereas it is absolutely necessary for the School Board to come into possession of this money by July 1.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools that we ask the City Council to accept this bid offered by Judge J.T. Sludor of San Antonio if, in the opinion of the Council, it is legal.

[*Janitor (Wooldridge), 24 Years*] The Board ordered the salary of Frank Strain, deceased, who had been a janitor at the Wooldridge School for 24 consecutive years, for the balance of this month, to be paid.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

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May 2, 1910

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, Jr., J.A. Jackson, O.D. Parker.

In the absence of President Mathews, Vice President Metz called the meeting to order.

[*Baker*] Superintendent reported that Mr. Thomas F. Taylor had a proposition to make to the Board, in regard to grounds for the Hyde Park School. Mr. Taylor reported that he would sell to the Board the west half of the pavilion grounds in Hyde Park for \$5,000, the east half for \$6,000, 270 feet by 425 feet.

Mr. Kuse, for Mr. C.F. Rumpel, asked permission of the Board for 50 school desks, to be used during the summer at a private school. No action was taken on this request.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 4, 1910

The Board met in special session for the purpose of making the official ballot for School Trustees election, to be held next Saturday, May 7. Present: W.J. Mathews, T.R. Pettway, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker.

The Board ordered the following official ballot for the School Trustee elections Saturday, May 7, 1910. "Vote for three (3): Charles S. Kellum, C.B. Moreland, T.R. Pettway, George W. Walling, Jr.

The Superintendent was instructed to have tickets printed and supplies furnished [492] the managers of election.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 5, 1910

The Board met in regular session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, H.M. Metz, O.D. Parker, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, Jr., J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 7 and special meetings of April 14, 15, 27 and 29, May 2 and 4 were read and approved.

The salary of Miss Lucy Read, who was called to Vicksburg by wire on account of the extreme illness of her mother, was ordered paid in full.

Report of the Austin National Bank, Treasurer, showing a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$918.11, and a balance overdrawn on the Allan Fund of \$1,314.67, was read, and, on motion, that report was ordered filed.

Superintendent read a general report of the School Funds up to May 1, 1910, which showed a balance due the City Schools from all sources of \$17,806.53.

Superintendent made his regular statistical report for the month ending April 8, 1910, which showed a total enrollment in the White Schools at 3,490, and in the Colored Schools 1,314, a grand total of 4,804.

The Board ordered a duplicate warrant to be drawn for the salary of Miss Alice Carman for \$85, as Miss Carman's warrant had been lost.

The Board ordered a duplicate warrant drawn for W.J. Pannell for \$3.35.

Salary of H. D. Thetreau for \$40 was ordered paid.

On motion, it was ordered that the Superintendent [493] address a letter to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, asking if the School Board has a right to permit the use of public school buildings for private school purposes during the summer months.

Communication from H.A. Wroe, Vice President of the American National Bank, calling the attention of the Board to the failure on the part of Mrs. L.E. Lee to pay a debt due the American National Bank, was read, and the Superintendent was instructed to notify Mrs. Lee that the Board expects all employees to be prompt in the payment of debts.

Communication from Lewy Dunn and Robert Deen, students of the High School, signed and approved by all the teachers in the High School, asking permission of the Board to install a bookstore for High School purposes for next year, was read, and, on motion, final action on this communication was postponed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board ordered a luncheon to be given the teachers in the High School building on May 28.

[*Fulmore*] A petition from South Austin citizens, petitioning the Board to purchase the Redd property, was read, and a general discussion followed the reading of this petition Mr. J.A. Jackson was added to the Committee with Mr. Walling, with instructions to see what two or three acres could be purchased for, and further

investigate the three locations the Board has had under consideration for some time.

[*Baker*] A communication from Mr. Thomas F. Taylor, offering the east half of the pavilion block in Hyde Park for \$6,000, with the privilege of moving off the buildings, or [494] the west half for \$5,000 was read. Misters Metz, Walling and Jackson were appointed a Committee to investigate this property, and authority was given the Committee to close for one or the other of these blocks on the best terms possible. The Committee was instructed to pay the taxes for 1910, and the abstract must be furnished by the grantor.

On motion, it was ordered that Dr. A.C. Ellis of The University of Texas, who has made a special study of school buildings, be invited to address the Board at some future meeting.

Bills to the amount of \$66.10 were approved from the General Fund and \$214.45 from the Allan Fund.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 11, 1910

The Board met in special session, with all the members present. Mr. C.B. Moreland, member elect, was also present.

The meeting was called to order by President Mathews.

The following returns from the election for School Trustees held on May 7 were read. President appointed Misters Metz and Pettway tellers:

South Austin: Kellum 15, Moreland 30, Pettway 47, Walling 36.

Wukasch's Store: Kellum 25, Moreland 111, Pettway 110, Walling 112.

Courthouse: Kellum 117, Moreland 272, [495] Pettway 283, Walling 300.

Total: Kellum 157, Moreland 413, Pettway 440, Walling 448.

The President declared that Misters Moreland, Pettway and Walling were elected School Trustees, to serve for the ensuing two years.

The President declared the old Board dissolved, and Mr. George W. Walling, Jr. was elected Temporary President.

The oath of office was administered to Misters Moreland, Pettway and Walling by S.M. Posey, notary public.

On motion, Dr. W.J. Mathews was elected President; H.M. Metz, Vice President; and Dr. T.R. Pettway, Secretary.

At the suggestion of Mr. Jackson, Mr. Moreland was appointed in Mr. Parker's place on all Board Committees.

Communication from Z.E. Lawhon, president of the senior class in the High School, asking that the commencement exercises in the High School be held on June 3, was read, and also communication from the United Daughters of the Confederacy, asking the Board to close the Schools on June 2, as June 3 [the birthday of Confederate President Jefferson Davis] is a state holiday. On motion, the Schools were ordered closed June 2.

[*Baker*] A communication from Mr. Thomas F. Taylor, accepting the offer of the Board for the east half of the pavilion grounds in Hyde Park, with all improvements, the title of same to be perfect, was read, and the Board agreed to pay interest on the purchase price of this property from June 1 until paid at 8%.

A letter from Mr. Sidon Harris, offering two or three acres in outlot 8 was read, and, on motion of Mr. Moreland, this [496] proposition was not accepted.

[*Fulmore*] Mr. George W. Walling Jr reported that he had an offer of Block 36 in South Austin by Mr. Bogle, with all improvements, abstract to be furnished and taxes for 1910 to be paid, for \$4,500. On motion, it was ordered that the proposition of Mr. Bogle be accepted, and that the block of ground immediately west of the Maud block in South Austin, block 36, between Mary and Johanna Streets, be purchased for \$4,500, for School property. On this proposition, the following voted aye: Walling, Mathews, Jackson, Kuse, Metz, Pettway. Inasmuch as Mr. Moreland had not seen the property with a view to purchasing it for the Schools, he was excused from voting.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 15, 1910

The Board met in special session at the call of the President. Present: C.A. Kuse, J.A. Jackson, T.R. Pettway, C.B. Moreland.

In the absence of President Mathews, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Pettway, Secretary of the Board. On motion of Mr. Kuse, Mr. J.A. Jackson was elected Temporary Chairman.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the best plans for the erection of the school buildings in this city this summer, and Dr. A.C. Ellis of The University of Texas, who has made a special

study of school buildings, and architects Whitten, Walsh, C.H. Page, and Ketchum were also present.

Superintendent stated to the Board that he had endeavored to get Misters Andrewatha and Wyard, but as these gentlemen had no phone, it was impossible to get them.

Dr. Ellis went into a general discussion of [497] the problems of heating, lighting, ventilation and sanitation of school buildings, and stated that, in his judgment, ventilation was more important than lighting, etc. He stated that the Board should build with a view to future additions and to the future growth of the city. He advised against competition in security plans and specifications, stating as a matter of fact that there was no competition inasmuch as all architects charge the same amount: 5%. He suggested that the Board secure a competent home architect to supervise the construction of the buildings, and the best architect possible should be selected for the planning of the building.

The Board discussed in general the remarks made by Dr. Ellis, after he had retired, and Mr. C.H. Page further discussed school buildings.

On motion of Mr. Moreland, it was ordered that Dr. Ellis be employed to assist with the plans and specifications of the buildings, and that his compensation be one-half of 1% of the cost.

On motion, it was further ordered that the Building Committee, in consultation with Dr. Ellis, recommend to the Board an architect or architects who is to prepare the plans and specifications, etc., if, in the opinion of the Committee, such action is deemed wise.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 23, 1910

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, C.B. Moreland, C.A. Kuse, G.A. Walling, Jr.

[498] In the absence of the President, T.R. Pettway, Secretary, called the meeting to order, and Mr. J.A. Jackson was elected Chairman Pro Tem.

Superintendent read a letter from Judge Sludor of San Antonio, written to Mayor A.P. Wooldridge, in regard to the bond measure. This communication was received as information.

Superintendent also read a letter from Dr. M.M. Smith of Dallas, offering to sell Lots 6 and 7 of his home place in Austin on Nueces Street for \$5,000. No action was taken on this communication.

A letter from the Attorney General, in regard to the Sons of Herman securing two or three of the public school rooms, was read, discussed and, on motion, consideration of this matter was postponed, inasmuch as only four members of the Board were present at the time this matter was under consideration.

[*Baker*] A communication from Fizer & McClendon concerning the abstract of the property in Hyde Park recently purchased for a school building, was read.

A communication from Mr. James Wahrenberger of San Antonio, applying for the position of School Architect, was read. This communication was referred to the Building Committee.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

May 27, 1910

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: H.M. Metz, T.R. Pettway, J.A. Jackson, C.B. Moreland, C.A. Kuse.

[*High School Graduates*] The meeting was called to order by Vice President Metz, in accordance with the recommendation of the Principal and faculty of the High School. Diplomas were ordered and delivered to the following graduates: Norman M. Arlitt, William Butler Blocker, Carl E. Brogren, Helen Cartledge, [499] Fred L. Finebaugh, Bertha Frenzel, Warren Stone Freund, Jane Gregory, Thomas Marsden Gossett, Mary Young Gribble, Norma Griffiths, Margaret Preston Harper, August Watkins Harris, George Henkes, Jr., Erle Allan Henry, Helen Elizabeth Hill, Lawrence Valentine Houston, Lois Wyatt Jackson, Cornelia Janet Johnson, Cornelia Simrall Kasbey, Zinn E. Lawhon, William Henry Lightfoot, Edith Celeste Looke, Corine Lipscomb Malone, Evelyn Woltz Maxwell, Willie Edna McGee, Bynum Lafayette Morgan, Walter Murray, Eugenia Nordhaus, Lela May O'Banion, Rhesa Lee Penn, Sallie Mellette Pinckney, Ellen Euphie Ramsey, Cornelia Adelaide Redd, Irma Rockwood, Roger Mills Small, Victor James Smith, Helen McLean Spears, Mildred Mayrant Thatcher, Alice Turner, Lois

Elizabeth Vickrey, Beatrice Mae Vining, William Ernest West, Jonnie Beatrice Williams, Mildred Wilson.

Diplomas were ordered delivered to the following graduates from the Anderson High School, Colored: George Henry Blair, Mary Wilmer Bryant, Georgia Jones, Lola Alice Moore, Isola Norman, Laura Mae Payne, Carrie B. Reeves.

A communication from Rob Deen and Lewy Dunn, students in the High School, asking permission to establish a bookstore in the High School, was read. J.E. Pearce, Principal of the High School, made a statement concerning the urgent need of establishing this bookstore, stating that the bookstores in the city do not keep the books. There is a considerable amount of stealing going on: Students steal books, sell them to the secondhand bookstores, and that this method of handling books in the High School rooms conduce discipline, etc. Final action was postponed until the next regular meeting.

[500] The salary of Miss Effie White, who had been absent two days on account of the death of a niece, was ordered paid.

The following Rule, in regard to vacation schools, was adopted. (See opposite page.)

No further business, the Board adjourned.

May 13, 1910

The Board met in special session, with the following members present: W.J. Mathews, C.B. Moreland, T.R. Pettway, C.A. Kuse, George W. Walling, Jr.

Dr. A.C. Ellis, Special Representative of the Board in the matter of school buildings, was also present.

[*Baker, Fulmore*] George W. Walling, Jr. reported concerning the properties in South Austin and Hyde Park, recently purchased by the Board for school purposes. This report was received as information.

It was finally agreed that the Building Committee meet with architects Waller of Fort Worth and Wahrenberger of San Antonio at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon, and that the Building Committee have a definite report to make to the Board in regard to securing the services of an architect on Thursday night at the regular meeting.

A communication from Mr. W.E. Ketchum, asking to be appointed architect, especially of the building in South Austin, was read. No action was taken on this communication.

Mr. H.H. Hill, an architect, appeared before the Board and made a statement.

Nothing further appearing, the Board adjourned.

{T.R. Pettway}, Secretary

[501] Vacation Schools

There shall be organized each year after the close of the regular school term vacation schools in as many buildings as may be necessary to accommodate the pupils who desire private tuition on the following conditions.

1. The maximum charge for high school pupils shall be \$8 per scholastic month on the following basis: for those pupils who take one subject, \$4 per month; for those pupils who take two subjects, \$6 per month; for those pupils who take more than two subjects, \$8 per month.

2. The maximum charge for primary and grammar grade pupils shall be \$5 per scholastic month on the following basis: for those pupils who take one subject, \$3 per month; for those pupils who take two subjects, \$4 per month; and for those pupils who take more than two subjects, \$5 per month. In no case shall more than \$8 be charged for high school pupils, and \$5 for primary or grammar grade pupils.

3. Vacation schools shall begin on the second Monday following the end of the school term and shall continue for a period not longer than six weeks. The names of the teachers who desire to teach in vacation schools must be filed in the office one week before the beginning of the schools, and all applications for positions in vacation schools must be approved by the Board of Trustees. No teacher whose certificate must be renewed before the opening of the following term of school shall be permitted to teach in any summer school connected with the public schools of this city.

4. The names of the pupils in attendance and the grades at the expiration of the vacation school must be filed with the Superintendent, who shall determine whether said pupils are entitled to promotion.