MOREHEAD, Ky., April 30 (Special) — Dr. William Hutchinson Vaughan, 41, dean of Morehead State Teachers College since October, 1928, today was elected president of the institution by the board of regents to replace Dr. H. A. Babb, 55, after the latter’s term expires July 1.

The original vote of the board for Vaughan was four to one, John Brooker, state superintendent of public instruction and ex-officio chairman of the Morehead regents, announced. Later, however, the vote was made unanimous on motion of Donald Putnam of Ashland, who at first had voted for Dr. Babb, Mr. Brooker said.

Mr. Brooker stated that in addition to himself those voting for Dr. Vaughan at the outset were State Treasurer Ernest E. Shannon, Harry Ramey of Salyersville and Mrs. Allie W. Young of Morehead.

The regents gave Dr. Vaughan a two-year contract to become effective at the expiration of Dr. Babb’s term in July. They also discussed

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making some provision for Dr. Babb, a prominent figure in service. After he leaves office because, Mr. Brooker said, the lateness of the board’s action today would hamper Dr. Babb in getting a new post for next year.

However, decision on the question was deferred until the next meeting, which will be held at Mr. Brooker’s call some time before July 1, he said, adding that further meetings would be held at that meeting.

Dr. Babb, who came here from Mt. Sterling where he served as superintendent of city schools for 16 years, succeeded Dr. John Howard Payne as president. Dr. Vaughan succeeded Dr. J. L. Glover as dean of the college in 1928.

Dr. Babb, made president in 1935, was under fire in the local Review News a year ago and was forced to resign, his action in court on a charge of assaulting the editor, Jack Wilson.

A year later, the campus was thrown into turmoil by students striking in protest against Dr. Babb’s failure to recommend for new contracts Dean of Men Clarence E. Nickell, Physical Education Director G. D. Downey, and History Department Head A. Y. Lloyd, then on leave of absence to attend the post he still holds as state director of old-age assistance.

Students then went to Frankfort and asked then-Gov. A. B. Chandler for a change in the college president. No action was taken by the governor, however, and the regents last summer extended Dr. Babb’s term by eight months to July 1.

Dr. Vaughan came here from Louisville, where he had been superintendent of city schools since 1925. Dr. Vaughan was graduated from the

Louisa high school, and in 1943 received his A.B. degree at Georgetown College.

Upon being graduated from college, he became a field worker for the Kentucky Sunday School Association, for which his father, W. J. Vaughan, also worked. The older Mr. Vaughan retired from school posts on his farm in Lawrence county.

In 1924, Dr. Vaughan returned to Louisa to teach high school. As science teacher and taught there until his appointment as city school superintendent, a post he held until given the Morehead deanship.

During the summers of 1923, 1924 and 1927, Dr. Vaughan attended Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., and in 1927 was awarded a master’s degree by the college. In 1930, he received a general education board fellowship, which he used to study homologous effective fraternity. For the past 10 years he has taught the young men in Morehead Baptist church. He is the author of “Robert Jefferson Breckinridge as an Educational Administrator.”

Bluegrass Drugists Elect Officers

New officers elected by the Bluegrass Drugists Association at a meeting last night at the Phoenix hotel included William Curry Jr., president, and Eugene M. Sageser, vice president, it was announced.

Charles Wyche was designated to act as secretary for the organization, and it was decided that a board of directors would be appointed at the next called meeting of the organization.

A guest at the meeting was E. M. Fassler of Louisville, secretary of the Kentucky Pharmaceutical Association, who urged the members to attend the annual convention of the state organization at Paducah in June.

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