

February 14, 1939.

A meeting of the Board of Regents of Morehead State Teachers College was held at the office of the President on Tuesday, February 14, 1939, at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call by H. W. Peters, Chairman of the Board:

"Frankfort, Kentucky

Mrs. Allie W. Young	Morehead, Kentucky
Judge W. A. Caskey	West Liberty, Kentucky
Mr. Donald H. Putnam	Ashland, Kentucky
Mr. Ernest E. Shannon	Frankfort, Kentucky

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE MOREHEAD STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE:

At the request of President H. A. Babb, I am hereby calling a meeting of the Board of Regents of Morehead, Kentucky, State Teachers College for Tuesday, February 14, 1939, in the office of the President of said College, Morehead, Kentucky, at 2:00 P. M., for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may properly come before the Board at that time.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1939.

(Signed) H. W. Peters  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
Morehead Kentucky State  
Teachers College."

HWP:LR

The following Regents were present:

- H. W. Peters, Chairman
- Mrs. Allie W. Young
- W. A. Caskey
- E. E. Shannon
- D. H. Putnam

Also, President H. A. Babb.

Minutes Read and Approved: The minutes of the last previous meeting of the Board of Regents, being the meeting held September 30, 1938, were read and on motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. Young, were ordered approved.

Claims of Norman Eowling and Herbert Caudill: President

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Babb reported that in response to citation issued in the case of Norman Bowling vs. Morehead State Teachers College, etc., he had appeared in the Rowan Circuit Court on February 11th; that at that time no action was taken, but the case had been discussed with the plaintiffs and Judge Caudill; that Judge Caudill had suggested that the Board of Regents meet with the plaintiffs and the Court to look over the property.

Mr. Babb stated that the road had been maintained in good condition, but that the recent high water had washed out the roadway. The Chairman reported that he, together with Mr. Shannon and Mr. Putnam, in company with the Chief Engineer, W. H. Rice, had looked over the property before coming to this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. Young, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED that on call of the Chairman, the Board meet to inspect the Bowling and Caudill properties, the time of the meeting for this purpose to be agreed upon by the Chairman with Judge Caudill ~~and~~ of the Rowan Circuit Court."

Employment of Wellington Cochran as Extra Instructor in the Department of Physics and Mathematics: President Babb recommended the employment of Mr. Wellington Cochran as an extra instructor in the Department of Physics and Mathematics.

On motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Judge Caskey, all voting aye on call of the roll, Mr. Wellington Cochran was employed as extra instructor in the Department of Physics and Mathematics for a period of four months, beginning February 1, 1939, at a monthly salary of One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars.

Report on Enrollment for the Winter Term: President Babb presented statement showing comparison between the enrollment for the first and second semesters of the 1938-1939 school year, compared with the two previous school years, as follows:

	<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>
1936-37	471	637
1937-38	490	714
1938-39	617	778

President Babb reported that additional enrollments were being made and that it was anticipated that the final enrollment for the second semester would exceed eight hundred.

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Conference with Field Representative of Reconstruction Finance Corporation: President Babb reported a conference on February 13, 1939, with Mr. W. Howard Hopkin, Field Representative, Bond Service Section, Reconstruction Finance Corporation. President Babb reported that Mr. Hopkin had approved the plan in which payments into the Sinking Fund for the payment and retirement of bonds on the Men's Dormitory Building were being handled.

Contract for Paving of College Street: President Babb reported that he had submitted to the Attorney General's Office request for an opinion with respect to the participation of the College in the cost of paving College Street, as set out in resolution adopted at meeting of the Board of Regents on September 30, 1938; that the Attorney General's Office had given an opinion approving this, as set out in letter of November 23, 1938, from Hon. J. K. Lewis, Assistant Attorney General; that acting on this opinion, contract had been entered into between the College and the City of Morehead; said contract is of date November 30, 1938, and is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes as if fully set out herein.

Remodeling of Old Power Plant: President Babb reported that he had presented to the Attorney General's Office, in letter of date January 4, 1939, the matter of remodeling the old Power plant for use as an office and storage for the Grounds Force of the College, the work to be done, in part, by N. Y. A. students.

President Babb reported that opinion from the Attorney General's Office, contained in letter from Hon. W. Owen Keller, held that the Board had full power to expend the money realized from the sale of the surplus and obsolete equipment at the Power Plant for the purpose of remodeling the old Power Plant. Letter of January 4, 1939, from President Babb to the Attorney General's Office, together with letter of January 7, 1939, from Hon. W. Owen Keller, Assistant Attorney General, are hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.

Re-election of President Babb: Articles appearing in recent issues of the Rowan County News making various charges against President H. A. Babb were discussed by the Board.

The Chairman also presented a letter written to him by A. H. Seymour, Morehead, Kentucky, making charges against President Babb. The Chairman also presented and read a second letter addressed by Mr. Seymour to Governor Chandler regarding discussions between the Chairman and Mr. Seymour on the occasion of Mr. Seymour's call on the Chairman at his office at Frankfort. This letter had been referred to the Chairman by Governor Chandler. The various charges were discussed at some length by all of the members of the Board.

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It appearing that the present contract of President Babb is for a term ending November 1, 1939, it was moved by Mr. Putnam, seconded by Judge Caskey, that Mr. Babb be re-elected President of Morehead State Teachers College for a term ending July 1, 1941, on the basis of an annual salary of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars, with residence with heat, water and light therefor, the same as under the present contract. On call of the roll, vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

Aye: 2 - Judge Caskey  
Mr. Putnam

No: 3 - Mr. Peters  
Mrs. Young  
Mr. Shannon.

The motion was declared lost.

On motion of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Shannon, it was moved that Mr. H. A. Babb be re-elected as President of Morehead State Teachers College for a term ending July 1, 1940, being an extension of his present contract from November 1, 1939, to July 1, 1940, on the basis of an annual salary of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars, with residence with heat, water and light therefor, the same as under the present contract.

On call of the roll, vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

Aye: 4 - Mr. Peters  
Mr. Shannon  
Judge Caskey  
Mr. Putnam

No. 1 - Mrs. Young.

The motion was declared carried.

Resolution regarding charges made against President Babb;  
On motion of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Putnam, the following resolution was adopted:

"Taking cognizance of newspaper articles criticising the administration of Morehead State Teachers College, the Board of Regents desires to express its confidence in President Babb's management of the school, but recognizing that some friction and misunderstanding has existed in connection with the school, the Board hereby requests President Babb in making recommendations of the faculty and employees of the College for the next school year to

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recommend only such persons as are known to be definitely interested in promoting the welfare of the school; and further requests that if there are any persons now in the employ of the school whose interests are not primarily educational and who do not appear interested in the welfare of the College, to immediately report the name of such persons to the Board of Regents."

The vote on same, on call of the roll, was as follows:

- Mr. Peters Aye - 4
- Mr. Shannon
- Judge Caskey
- Mr. Putnam
- Mrs. Young No - 1

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Chairman

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 Secretary