

Boards of Education.

G. O. Whittmore, of Pontiac.
Hiram L. Miller, of Saginaw.
John P. Kellogg, of Allegan.
W. Mayhew, (Supt of Public
Inst'n, ex officio) of Albion.

The Legislature of 1855 passed a law "for the establishment of a State Agricultural School" (See Session Laws of 1855, Act No. 130, approved February 12th, 1855.)

Law
authorizing
Ex. Com. State
Ag. Soc. &
 Bd. of Education
to
Secure Site
for
 Agr. College

Section 1. of this Act authorizes the President and Executive Committee of the Michigan State Agricultural Society to select, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, a location and site for a State Agricultural School; and to purchase, upon conditions set forth in said Act, within ten miles of Lansing, not less than 500 acres, nor more than 1000 acres, in one body, for the purpose of an experimental farm and site for such Agricultural School.

Establish same

Section 4. of said Act provides that upon the purchase of such location and site, there shall be established on such site, under the direction and supervision of the State Board of Education, an Agricultural School, by the name and style of the "Agricultural College of the State of Michigan", the chief purpose and design of which shall be to improve and teach the science and practice of agriculture.

Notification

The Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, having notified the Secretary of the Board of Education that the President and Executive Committee of said Society would be pleased to meet the Board of Education some time in June, 1855, for the purpose of agreeing upon a location and site, the Secretary of the Board of Education notified said Board, and the Secretary of the Agricultural Society, that there would be a meeting of the Board for the purpose named above, at the office of the Secretary of the Board, in Lansing, the 12th day of June, 1855.

Office of Secretary of Board of Education,
Lansing, June 12th, 1855.

Pursuant to the call of the Secretary, John R. Kellogg and the Secretary met, but Mr. Miller being detained by the illness of an associate in business, and Mr. Whittemore never meeting with the Board as at present organized, there failed to be a quorum. Consequently no business was transacted by the Board, as such. But the President and Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society met and agreed upon a location and site for a school and farm, subject to the approval of the Board of Education.

No. Quorum

The Board adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary in Lansing, the 5th of July, the Sec. notifying the absent members of the adjourned meeting.

Ara Mayhew,
Secretary.

Office of Secretary of Board of Education,
Lansing, July 5th, 1855.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present John R. Kellogg and the Secretary.

On the morning of the 6th William S. Miller appeared and took his seat. There now being a quorum, the Board proceeded to business.

A communication was received from the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, dated June 15th, 1855, & setting forth the doings of said Committee in the location of a site and farm for the agricultural school, which report is placed on file.

From this report it appears the Committee for the location and site of the State Agricultural School, selected and submitted for the approval of this Board, the following described lands, offered by Col. A. R. Burns to wit:

Lands Selected

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Sec. 13. T. 4 N. R. 2 W.	45.01 Acres.	
" 18. T. 4 N. R. 1 W.	83. "	
" 18. T. 4 N. R. 1 W.	107.44 "	
" 19. T. 4 N. R. 1 W.	385.12 "	620.57 Acres.
Amount carried forward.		

Amount brought forward 620.57 Acres.

Sec. 13 T. 4 N. R. 2 W. 3.

Lot known as "the Smith tract" — 53. 676.57 Acres.

The committee further reported that they had entered into contracts with Col. A. R. Burr for the above described lands, at \$15. per acre, the purchase being subject to the approval of this Board.

Site Approved

The Board directed the Resident and Secretary to execute the certificate of approval required by section 8 of the aforesaid Act. [Ch. 130. S.S. 1855.]

A communication was also received from J. C. Holmes, Esq., Secretary of the Mich. State Ag. Soc. bearing date June 28th, and relating to the organization of the Agricultural School, and recommending the making of specified appointments, which communication is placed on file.

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Ex.
Ag.
Bd.

Board's Expenses

The accounts of members of the Board for services and expenses were audited as follows:— John R. Kellogg \$77.40, Hiram S. Miller \$45.50— and the Secretary \$29.45.

Ag.

The Board adjourned to meet on the call of the when a survey of the grounds should be had.

Ira Mayhew,
Secretary.

Michigan Exchange, Detroit,
September 5th, 1855.—

Relat

The Secretary notified the members, that there would be a meeting of the Board, as per adjournment, at the Michigan Exchange, Sept 5th, and on his arrival in Detroit the 4th, found a letter awaiting his arrival, from N. S. Miller, of Saginaw, (son of H. S. Miller, President of the Board,) advising him that his father was very sick, and would be unable to attend the meeting of the Board on the 5th. The Secretary then notified Mr. G. O. Whittmore, of Pontiac, that Mr. Miller was detained by illness, and that his attendance would be necessary to constitute a quorum. But he did not appear.

No Quorum

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John R. Kellogg and the Secretary being the only members in attendance, the Board adjourned to meet after the recovery of Mr. Miller.

Ira Mayhew, Secretary.

Michigan Exchange,
Detroit, Nov. 14, 1855.

The Board met pursuant to the call of the Secretary, at 9 o'clock, am. Present, John R. Kellogg and the Secretary.

Mr. Kellogg was appointed President pro tem. There not being a quorum, the Board adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met at 2 P. M. pursuant to adjournment. Present the same members as before. For the purpose of securing a quorum, if possible, the Board adjourned to meet in Pontiac, the residence of Mr. G. O. Whittlemore, at 7 o'clock P. M.

No Quorum

Not finding Mr. Whittlemore at home, the Board returned to Detroit, Nov. 15th, at 11 o'clock A. M. Present the same members, as before.

In view of the necessities of the case the Board proceeded to business. In the evening Mr. H. L. Miller appeared and took his seat, when the following resolutions were adopted.

Expenses
Ex. Com. St. Ag. Soc.
Selecting Site

Resolved, 1. That the bills of the Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, and of the several members of the Executive Committee of said Society for services and expenses in locating the Agricultural Farm be allowed, and that

Checks be drawn for their payment as follows:
S. M. Bartlett, \$154.31. A. G. Moore, \$34.69
J. C. Holmes, 30.00 James Bagley 20.63
Justus Gager - 20.69 P. K. Leach - 20.63
John Starkweather, 38.23, as per Check-book.

Resolved, 2. That the bill of P. Mead for advertising in the State Journal be allowed at \$12, and that a Check be drawn in payment.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock,
Detroit Nov. 16th 1855.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment Present, H. L. Miller, John R. Kellogg and the Secretary.

Reports of preliminary surveys, with suggestions for improvements were made to the Board, by J. C. Holmes, dated Sept. 5th 1855, and by S. M. Bartlett, dated Nov. 14th, 1855, which reports were read, considered, and placed on file for reference.

The following Resolution was adopted:
(See over.)

J. C. Holmes
Building
Committee

Resolved, That J. C. Holmes be, and he is hereby au-
thorized to make full and ample inquiries relative
to the number and size of buildings requisite for
immediate use for the Michigan State Agricultural
College; also, relative to materials for building,
whether of brick, concrete, or of other material; also,
whether whether suitable and sufficient material
for the manufacture of the different kinds of
brick or concrete can be procured upon or near
the College grounds; also, relative to plans, and
estimated cost of the construction of buildings,
and notify the Secretary of the State Board of
Education at his earliest convenience at what
time he will be ready to report to this Board.

Board's
accounts

The accounts of members of the Board for serv-
ices and expenses were audited as follows:
H. S. Miller \$2.40, John R. Kellogg, \$68.25, and
Ira Mayhew \$31.60.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call
of the Secretary, having reference to the receipt of
the report under the preceding resolution.
Ira Mayhew,
Secretary.

Office of Secretary of Board of Ed'n
Lansing, Jan. 2d, 1856.

Holmes Report
Buildings

The Board met pursuant to a call from the
Secretary, Present, H. S. Miller, John R. Kellogg the Sec'y,
Mr. J. C. Holmes being present, submitted the report
contemplated by the resolution adopted at the last
meeting of the Board, which report was accepted,
considered, and placed on file, with date of
January 2d, 1856. Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

January 3d, 1856.

The Board of Education met at the office of
their Secretary, Present the same members as before.
Reports were received, of this day's date, from
Mr. J. C. Holmes, and from Mr. S. M. Bartlett, which
reports are placed on file.

Erection of Buildings.

College Hall
Boarding Hall

The Board decided to erect the West Wing of College
Buildings, (there being contemplated, a Central Building
with two Wings,) and a Boarding House.