

State Agricultural College Michigan

Feb. 26 1862

The regular meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was called to order at 11 o'clock A.M. There were present Messrs Wells, Parsons, Gage, Carpenter, and Rich. The President being absent, Mr. Wells was appointed President pro tempore; and Mr. Charles Rich empowered to act for the Secretary whenever it might be necessary for him to be absent.

Yerkes' Resignation

A communication was received from S. A. Yerkes, resigning his position as a Member of this Board;— he having enlisted in the military service of the Country. The Resignation of Mr. Yerkes was accepted by the Board.

The Board adjourned until tomorrow.

T. C. Whit Secy.

State Agricultural College Michigan

Feb. 27. 1862

Board met as per adjournment, at 9 A.M. Present Messrs Wells, Parsons, Gage, Carpenter, Rich, and His Excellency Governor Blair

Land Sale

Resolved that James Bayley be, and is hereby authorized to contract for sale of the South East Quarter of the North West quarter of Section 27, in the Township of Bath, Clinton County, part of the Swamp lands belonging to the Agricultural College, at the price of Eighty Dollars, said tract of land being in part covered with water.

Accounts

The following Bills, presented by the Committee on accounts were then allowed:— to wit,

Grove and Whitney	\$ 25.53	52
Ford and Wells	1.97	53
B. F. Savage	25.43	54
Austin Blair	29.05	55
D. Carpenter	14.25	56
P. Parsons	12.30	57
Charles Rich	14.85	58
H. E. Wells	13.50	59
Justus Gage	18.50	60

The Committee on Employees made a Report recommending Mr. C. A. Kenaston of Oberlin Ohio, as a suitable person to take charge of the Preparatory Department of the College: whereupon it was —

Resolved that C. A. Kenaston be employed to take charge of the Preparatory Department of the College, during the pleasure of the Board, at a Salary of Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars per year, and that the said Kenaston be, and he is, hereby authorized to finish off the unfinished dwelling connected with the College at his own expense, and when finished to occupy the same, the cost of fitting up said building to apply on rent of said house.

The Board then adjourned until tomorrow at 8 A.M.

J. C. Abbot

Secretary

State Agricultural College, Michigan

Friday Feby. 28. 1862 AM Session

Board met as per adjournment. Present, the same members as yesterday.

Resolved that Mr. Philo Parsons be authorized to procure a bell suitable for the use of the Agricultural College;— and to make such disposition of the old bell as he shall judge advisable, for the interests of the College.

Professors Fisk and Moiles submitted a Report in accordance with a Resolution of the Board passed Nov. 15. 1861; the Report was accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, it was

Resolved, that James B. Crippen, President of the State Agricultural Society, be, and hereby is, elected a member of this Board, in the place of S. A. Verkes, resigned.

A communication was received from James Bayley, Superintendent of the Farm of the State Agricultural College, tendering his Resignation of the Office of Superintendent.

The Resignation of Mr Bayley was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Cage,

Resolved that in accepting the Resignation of Mr. James Bayley, as Superintendent of the Farm of the State Agricultural College, and of the Boarding Hall the Board are animated with a proper sense of the zeal, economy, and integrity manifested by Mr Bayley in the discharge of his duties as said Superintendent; and that we tender to him the Expression of our Sympathy, on account of his present ill health.

Kenaston
Prep^{ty} Dept.

Bell

Report

Crippen elected
to Bd. of Ag.

Bayley
Resignation

Com. on
Farm Supt.

Resolved that Messrs Parson, and Mr. Mills be and they hereby are authorized to engage a Farm Superintendent to take charge of the Farm and Boarding Hall, during the pleasure of the Board at a compensation not to exceed the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) per Annum.

The following Report on the Building of a Barn was submitted by the Committee to whom that subject was referred by Resolution of Dec. 15. 1861 - viz.

Barn

The Committee appointed by the Board for the purpose of taking into consideration the Building of a Barn have had the matter under consideration and recommend that the Board adopt the Plan submitted by Mr. Carpenter for its construction: its size sixty (60) feet by forty six (46) feet: and that Messrs Parson and Carpenter, with the Farm Superintendent obtain Specifications in detail for the same: and procure materials, and proceed in its erection as speedily as the interests of the College will permit.

The Report was accepted, and adopted.

Land Sale

Resolved that Philo Parson be, and he is hereby authorized to take into consideration the proposition of George B. Van Alsta to purchase the South half of the South East Quarter of Section Eleven (11) and the North East Quarter of Section Fourteen (14), Swamp lands in the Township of Meridian, and that he be authorized to contract the same to said Van Alsta at a price not less than Six Hundred Dollars, provided he may deem that the interests of the College will be subserved by such sale.

On motion of Mr. Gage

Experiments

Resolved that Professors Fick and Miles be authorized to carry out the Experiments referred to in their Report submitted to the Board this present Session.

Supt. pro tem.

Resolved that Professor Fick be, and he is hereby authorized, and requested to take charge of, and direct the students, as to their labor, until a Superintendent of the Farm shall be appointed, and be on hand to perform the duties of his office.

Steward

On account of the severe illness of Mr. Bayley, Messrs Parson and Carpenter were appointed a Committee at once to see Mr. Harrison, and engage his, and Mrs. Harrison's services on the farm, and in the Boarding Hall, until some other person shall be engaged to take charge of the same; so as to relieve Mr and Mrs Bayley entirely.

of all care in regard to it.

Account

An account was allowed in favor of
 L. M. Miles of \$ 17.17 No 61.

The Chair being temporarily vacant, Mr. Wells was appointed to fill it, and it was

Resolved that the Treasurer of this Board is hereby directed to obtain from the Treasurer of the Board, Five Thousand Dollars (\$ 5000.00) of the Appropriation to the Agricultural College made by the present Legislature, and hold the same subject to the disposition of the Board.

The Board then adjourned

J. C. Abbot Secretary

State Agricultural College, Michigan,

May 28, 1862, P.M. Session

The Regular Meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was called to order at 3 o'clock P.M. There were present Messrs Wells, Rich, Parsons, and Gage. In the absence of the President of the Board, Mr Wells was made President Pro-tempore.

The reading of the Records of the last Session was deferred until tomorrow morning.

At the request of the President, Professor Fisk made a statement respecting the state of the health of the students,

Health

Resolved that in view of the condition of the health of the students during the present month, and the desire expressed by a majority of those in attendance, it is expedient that the usual Recess of two weeks during the month of July be anticipated, and that the same be ordered from this, the 28th inst. to June 18th.

Adjourned to tomorrow A.M. at 9 o'clock

J. C. Abbot Secretary

State Agricultural College Michigan

May 29, 1862

Board met as per adjournment; members present the same as yesterday.

The Record of the Session in February last were read and approved.

A letter received by the Secretary from James B. Croppen was read; - in which he declines to serve as a member of this Board, owing to other engagements.

Crippen Declines

In the absence of Mr. Carpenter, Mr Gage was appointed to act as member of the Finance Committee with Mr. Parsons

Accounts

Accounts against the College were then allowed as follows:-

James Bayley final settlement of acct. as Supt.	\$ 299.58
L. R. Fick Expenditures for College	18.04
J. C. Abbot " " "	44.36
Philo Parsons Provisions &c	614.99
Do do do	106.57
M. Miles Expenditures for College	18.30

It was ordered that the services rendered by Mr Harrison for 24 days as Superintendent of the Farm be accounted an offset to the Bill of the College against his son, up to the 7th of May. (\$ 53.55)

The Bill of John A. Kerr, and Hoerner and Kerr for printing &c (\$ 56.50) was referred again to Committee on Finance, to be reported on at the August meeting, 1862, with recommendation that affidavits be made, showing why Bill was not presented to "Board of Education".

Resolved that J. C. Abbot (Secy.) be authorized to draw warrant on the College Treasurer in favor of L. G. Berry, in the sum of \$ 1456 $\frac{26}{1000}$ to cover various items advanced by said Berry to James Bayley, at various times, as per request of Board.

Resolved that this Board in behalf of the Agricultural interests of the State of Michigan extend to the Honorable Benjamin F. Wade thanks for his earnest and well timed effort to procure Congressional aid in sustaining the great farming interests of the Country, by the establishment of Colleges in which Agriculture as a Science shall receive that attention which its importance demands.

Resolved that his Excellency Governor Blair, the President of this Board, be requested to communicate the foregoing Resolution to Senator Wade, and to give him assurance that the people of Michigan hold in high estimation his general course as a legislator, and that they believe that, in efforts to uphold and sustain the American Government, he is moved by considerations of unbending integrity and patriotic impulses.

Mr. Parsons submitted the following Report

The subscriber, to whom was entrusted the sale of Swamp Land, lots numbered or described as follows $S \frac{1}{2}$ of S. E $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, N. E $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 14 in Township Meridian, begs leave to report to the Board of Agriculture that he has contracted with Mr. Vanatta for the above described lots of Swamp lands, at \$ 600; Two Hundred to

Thanks to
B. F. Wade

Land Sale

be paid the coming Fall, and the balance of \$400. payable Two Hundred Dollars annually with 7 per cent interest till paid.

Barn

After a Recess for dinner, the Board, Farm Superintendent examined proposed locations for a barn which it is proposed to build; after which the Board by vote fixed upon the site, and left stakes to mark the four corners of it.

Accts.

The Account of Mr Tibbitts was audited and allowed, and the balance in favor of the College of \$18.88 was ordered to be carried to a new account.

It was ordered that a warrant for \$850.00 be drawn in favor of Mr Tibbitts, Farm Superintendent, to cover Expenditures made by him, with moneys informally furnished by Mr Berry, for the Boarding Stall & Farm

Land Sale

Resolved that J. S. Tibbitts be empowered to sell on the best terms the Swamp lot wanted by W. F. Kelly in the town of Meridian: also the fractional lot wanted by Mr Clark, Mr Tibbitts ascertaining the positive value before making the sale, and being governed thereby.

Resolved that Mr. J. S. Tibbitts have the use of Room No. 11, from and after the 5th day of June next.

Poutzman
Ad. of Agr.

The Board then proceeded to fill the vacancy in their body occasioned by the resignation of Mr Serkes. Mr. Abraham C. Poutzman of St. Joseph County was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the Board.

It was ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor of Mr. Kenaston for the amount due him at this time

Abbot Barn \$50.

It was ordered that a deduction of Fifty Dollars be made from the rent of House occupied by Professor Abbot, for the present year; - that being the cost of the Barn erected by him.

It was ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor of Mr L. G. Berry, to cover the Interest paid by him to Mr Jas. Bayley, for the use of money.

Sheep

Resolved that the Farm Superintendent be authorized to purchase such number of sheep, after shearing, as shall be, in his opinion for the interest of the Institution.

Rent

Resolved that the rent on the house now being finished by Mr Kenaston, be for the first year from the time he begins to occupy it, at the rate of One Hundred Dollars per Annum.

Wages

Resolved that the maximum rate of wages ~~to~~ be paid to Students for labor during the present recess, to be paid those only who labor as many as ten hours each day, be six pence per hour and board, not including their washing.

Accts.

J. Gage, Bill for Expenses allowed		\$ 25.60
Charles Rich do do		16.11
H. G. Wells do do		14.75

The Board then adjourned

J. C. Abbot Secretary

State Agricultural College Michigan
August 27 1862

Regular meeting of the State Board of Agriculture
Present Mr. Gage. Adjourned

Aug 28. 1862

Adjourned meeting of the Board. Present Messrs
Gage and Carpenter Parsons. Recess

Present Messrs Wells, Parsons, Rich and Gage.

Adjourned to meet at the Agricultural College on
Monday the 10th of November next.

J. C. Abbot

Secretary

State Agricultural College, Michigan
Nov 10 1862

The State Board of Agriculture met pursuant to
Adjournment, and adjourned until tomorrow.

Nov 11. 1862

Board met to adjourn until tomorrow at 9 A.M.
Members spent their time in attendance on the examinations
of College classes.

Nov. 12. 1862

Board met at 9. A.M. There were present Messrs
Wells, Parsons, Rich, Carpenter, Gage, and Prutzman. In the
absence of the President of the College, Judge Wells was
made President Pro Tempore.

A communication was received from the
Faculty of the College, recommending for the honors of graduation
the students named in the following Resolution, there upon
passed by the Board.

Resolved that the Degree of Bachelor of

Graduates Science be conferred upon
 Oscar Clute,
 Albert J. Cook,
 Frank Hodgman,
 Charles A. Jewell Jr, and
 Edward M. Preston.

R. Resolved that a Fee of Five Dollars (\$ 5.00) be required
 Diplomas for each Diploma.

R. Resolved that no degree nor honorable dismission from
 Dismissal the College be granted to any student until his College bills
 shall be paid in full.

" Authority was given the Faculty to excuse students after
 the commencement exercises from further attendance the present
 term, on their individual application.

The Board then took a Recess in order to attend the
 Commencement Exercises of the Graduating Class,
 After dinner met and continued in Session until dark.

Adjourned to 8. A.M. tomorrow

Nov 13. 1862

Board met at 8. A.M. Present the same as yesterday.

R. Resolved that the balance of the Appropriation made
 Appropriation to the State Agricultural College for the year 1862, by the
 Legislature of the State, be drawn from the State Treasury
 into the hands of the Treasurer of this Board, to be held
 subject to the control of the Board.

R. Resolved that Professor T. C. Abbot, Acting Secretary
 of the Board of Agriculture be requested to acknowledge the
 Donations receipt of all donations to the Agricultural College of
 Michigan;

Blanks And for the purpose of facilitating action under this
 resolution, that he be authorized to have printed the neces-
 sary blanks

R. Resolved that the entire amount of the Matriculation
 Fees fees, together with the fees for Diplomas collected from students
 during the last two years be appropriated to the increase
 of the College Library; and that said fees hereafter collected
 from year to year be a permanent appropriation for the
 same purpose.

Books Resolved that the Chairman of the Committee on Accounts
 (Mr. Parsons) purchase for the Library of the College a set of the
 Encyclopedia Britannica, and other valuable works which he may
 select - to an amount that can be purchased by the sum received
 for Matriculation and Diplomas, during the last two years.

Mr. Prutzman was added to the Committee on Accounts and Supplies.

Com. on Acc

Mr. Geo. B. Vanetta, to whom lots of Swamp Lands were sold last May, (see Resolution of the Board, May 28th 1861 A. M. Session; and Report of S. Parsons May 29, 1861) personally made representations and request of the Board; whereupon it was

Land Sale

Resolved that Mr. Vanetta be allowed one year for the payment of Seventy Five Dollars of the Two Hundred dollars which was to constitute his first payment, due this Autumn; and that in a year from this time a Deed be executed of the land to him, and a Mortgage received from him of the land, to secure payment of the sums there^{of} due: - This Resolution to take effect only in condition of his paying Ninety Dollars down, and Thirty Five by the First of December next, and the balance of the first payment before the execution of the Deed.

Rules

Resolved that the Secretary of the Board be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting, all the Rules, Regulations, and By Laws now in force in the Agricultural College, in a form proper for publication.

Museum

Resolved that Professor Miles be requested to open correspondence with the Smithsonian Institution, and other Scientific and Literary institutions of the Country, to ascertain, to what amount specimens in Natural History can be obtained by donation and exchanges for the benefit of the Agricultural College, and that he report, as soon as may be to the Committee on Accounts:

And that said Committee be authorized to not make such expenditure, not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars, for procuring specimens so offered in exchange or by donation, as in view of the representations made, the Committee shall deem advisable.

Reports

The Report of the Faculty to the Board was read, accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed in connection with the Report of the Secretary of the Board.

The Report of Professor Thurston, Superintendent of Horticulture was read, accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed in connexion with the Report of The Secretary.

Catalogue

Mr. Cope Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare a Catalogue of the College for the year 1862 reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned, and presented the printed Catalogue as the result of their labors

The Report was accepted, adopted, and the Committee discharged
 Resolved that Mr. Parsons be authorized to make sale
 of the hogs now fattened on the farm, not to exceed twenty five
 in number, in such way as, in his opinion, shall be for the best
 interest of the College.

Hog Sale

Resolved that Mr. Tibbitts be requested to remain in charge
 of the Farm and Boarding Hall until the regular meeting of the
 Board the last Wednesday of February 1863.

Tibbitts

Mr. Tibbitts was by vote authorized to hire hands, not to
 exceed five persons, to work during the winter

Help

Mr. Tibbitts was by vote, requested to make a full
 and complete statement of the cost of the new barn, separate
 from his full account of expenditures rendered.

Barn

Resolved that Professor Fisk be requested to call on
 Almond Harrison, and request him to examine the South end
 of the bridge over the Cedar River, and see whether in his
 judgment, as a man of honor and fair dealing he ought
 not to make said bridge secure and safe, as it is now most
 insecure and unsafe

Bridge

Resolved that Mr. Tibbitts during the Fall and winter
 proceed to clear up the heater piece on the left of the bridge, on
 the bank of the river as far as the line of the cleared land
 leaving for wood as much as possible, and burning, or putting
 into a condition to burn, the balance. Also that during the
 winter the banks of the stream, while ice is in the river, be
 as thoroughly cleaned as possible, and old trees be cut down and
 burned.

Clearing

Accounts were allowed as follows: To

Accounts

			(warrants)
P. Parsons	paym ^t . of Bill of Exp ^s	A	\$ 53.28 1901
C. A. Kemaston		B	251.68 -91-
T. C. Abbot		C	169.89 -92-
Geo. Thurber		D	280.75 -93-
L. R. Fisk		E	221.52 -94-
D. Thurber	paym ^t . of Diploma Bill	F	93.62 -95-
M. Miles		G	101.27 -96-
Grove and Whitney		I	19.26 -98-
Do	Do	J	45.63 - "
L. R. Fisk		K	40.00 -99-
J. S. Tibbitts		L	231.03
Justus Gage		M	56.50 -102-
Charles Rich		N	15.20 -103-
Do	Do	O	15.00 - "
D. Carpenter		P	15.00 -104-
Do	Do	Q	15.00 - "

				Transact
A. C. Poutzman	R	\$ 26.00		-105-
A. G. Wells	S	37.75		-106-
P. Parsons	T	30.55		-108-
Do Do paym ^t Ely's Bill	U	14.65		"
Do Do	V	262.83		"
Do Do	W	11.44		"
Jacob Wiesner	X	7.00		-109-

Bill of A. D. Wood ordered to be paid on being certified to, as correct by Mr. Tittib. (New. Cert. 10. 11. 15) \$ 1.87 1/2

Bill of Horner and Kern, and John A. Kern for \$115.40 ordered to be allowed on affidavits being attached showing why Bill was not presented to the Board of Education.

Bill of S. Lansing for Blacksmithing to be allowed if certified to by Mr. Tittib as correct.

The matriculation fees of Martin S. Valentine, Miller, Payne and Kenyon were ordered to be remitted or refunded because sickness had prevented their having any of the benefits of the Institution.

Adjourned to meet at Benton House after tea

J. C. Abbot

Acting Secretary of the Board.

Same date. Benton House

Adjourned to meet at the call of A. G. Wells.

J. C. Abbot Secy.

Jackson Mich Dec. 4 1882

The State Board of Agriculture met at the call of Mr. A. G. Wells, at the Marion House at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Carpenter, Gage, Parsons, Wells, Rich, and Poutzman. Mr. Wells acted as President of the Board. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. A. C. Poutzman was made a member of the Committee on Officers and Employees. in place of Mr. Yerkes, resigned.

Resolved (unanimously) that J. C. Abbot, Professor of History and English Literature be, and he hereby is, appointed President of the State Agricultural College, with a salary at the rate of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) per annum.

Professor Abbot being present signified his acceptance of the office tendered him,

Resolved that the Committee on Officers and

Accounts

Refunding

Com on Employees

J. C. Abbot
President

Steward
 Employees be requested to find some suitable person to take charge of the Boarding Hall for the ensuing year at a salary not to exceed the sum of 450 Hundred Dollars per annum; and that the farm manager be thereafter relieved from the control and management of the Boarding Hall.

Report
 The Secretary then read to the Board the first draft of his Annual Report to the Legislature of the State.

Resolved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the Agricultural College the last Tuesday of January next.

Adjourned, J. C. Abbot

Acting Secy. of the Board.

State Agricultural College Lansing Jan. 27. 1863

State Board met as per adjournment at the last meeting and a quorum not being present adjourned until tomorrow

Wednesday Jan 28. 1863

Board met and those were present H. G. Wells J. George A. C. Prutzman C. Rich and President of the College J. C. Abbot it being a quorum of the Board, proceeded to business Mr Wells acting as President of the Board.

On Motion Mr Rich was appointed Secretary pro tem - The proceedings of the last meeting were read & approved -

A communication was submitted to the Board from Prof Fisk tendering his resignation as Prof of Agricultural Chemistry to take effect on the 19th day of February next, and requesting the privilege of remaining in the house he now occupies until the 1st of April next.

The communication from Prof. Fisk was considered by the Board and the following resolutions were adopted -

Resolved By the Board that the resignation of Prof L. R. Fisk be accepted to take effect immediately, and that his connection with the State Agricultural College as Prof of Agricultural Chemistry cease from this date.

Resolved That this Board cannot consistently allow Prof. Fisk the privilege of renting the house he now occupies any considerable length of time, but that he be requested to vacate the same within fifteen days or sooner if he can conveniently do so.

L. R. Fisk
 Resignation