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Storrs, Connecticut,
June 16, 1915.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College was called to order by Vice President Manchester at 3:10 P. M. Those present were Messrs. Henry, Hopson, Hubbard, Stoddard, Manchester, Storrs and King, also President Beach of the College.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading.

Voted: to adopt the following recommendations by the Building Committee:

1. That the new cottages be located on sites selected by the Landscape Architect, Charles W. Lowrie.

2. That we purchase eight acres more or less of land of Mrs. Whitney for the sum of $600, and that the President be authorized to carry out the contract.

Voted: To adopt the following recommendations of President Beach:

1. That we accept the proposal of the Childs Lumber Company to exchange 160 acres of land, formerly a part of the Valentine estate for the chestnut timber on twenty acres of College property and that the President be authorized to carry out this transaction.
2. That we adopt the recommendation by the Professor of Chemistry, approved by the President, that Mr. John L. Hughes, Instructor in Chemistry, be paid a salary of $1,300 beginning September 15, 1915, an increase of $100 for two years over the year preceding.

3. That we adopt the recommendation by the Professor of Agronomy that an Instructor be engaged beginning with the next college year at a salary of not to exceed $1,300 per annum.

4. That the resignation of Professor A. F. Blakeslee be accepted and that the Secretary of the Board be instructed to write Mr. Blakeslee, expressing their regret at his decision, and to say that the interest and spirit that he has shown in his work during his connection with the college is very much appreciated and the Board wish him unqualified success in his new work.

5. That the President be authorized to engage a Professor of Botany and Genetics for the coming College year at a salary of not to exceed $2200.

6. That, as recommended by the Director of the Extension Department, a State Leader be engaged to have charge of the work of County Agents at a salary of not to exceed $2,000 per year.
7. That we approve the appointment of Daniel Chase as Director of Physical Education at a salary of $2,000 a year to begin September 15, 1915.

8. That we authorise the Building Committee to expend the appropriations made to the College for Building improvements by the Legislature of 1915 in the amounts and for the purpose herewith specified.

(a) Estimate of cost of Central Heating and Power Plant $75,000.

(b) Reserved for purchase of right of way for Railroad Siding, Storrs to Eagleville 2,500.

(c) Estimate of cost of Completion of sewage and water system 3,000.

(d) Estimate for equipment for Armory
   aa. Gymnasium equipment $2,000.
   bb. 250 Lockers at $3.50 875.
   cc. 400 chairs at 1.30 520.
   dd. Stage equipment 600.
   ee. Office and other furniture 600.
   ff. Electric light fixtures 400.
   gg. Grading and walks 1,005. 6,000.

(e) 4 Faculty cottages at $3,000 each 12,000.

(f) 2 * * * 4,500 each 9,000. $107,500.

9. That the President be authorised to engage an assistant in Botany and Genetics at a salary of not to exceed $1,500 per year.
Moved: That the recommendations of Professor Wheeler regarding the Central Heating Plant and right of way to Eagleville be deferred until our next meeting and that Mr. Wheeler be invited to appear before the Board regarding those matters.

Voted: That whereas it is against the policy of the board to permit any individual to purchase land under the conditions suggested in the letter of Professor Wheeler to the Board, the Board does not feel that it can grant his request at this time.

The following memorandum signed by Professor Charles A. Wheeler was handed the Board:

"The Committee of Parents who requested the privilege of water connection for the Storrs School wish to thank the President and Board of Trustees for that permission. The line will be built in time for use during the summer school and will be a great help to the healthfulness of our community."

Adjourned at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Olcott F. King,

Secretary.