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4 August 1858

Holland, Michigan

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the Holland Academy was held on this date. Those in attendance were Rev. John Van Vleck, Rev. Giles Vande Wall, Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, Rev. Cornelius Vander Meulen, Rev. Adrian Zwemer, Rev. G. J. Nykerk, and Rev. Pieter J. Oggel. Vande Wall was elected president and Van Raalte, treasurer. The by-laws were set forth. It was resolved that the minutes would be kept in English. The all-day and evening sessions dealt with many issues.

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Meeting  
of the Board of Regents of the Holland Academy,  
held

at Grand Haven, 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1858.

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Members present:

Rev. John van Vleet, Principal of the Academy,

Rev. G. van de Wall, Instructor elect,

Rev. A. C. van Raalte, D. D.

Rev. C. van de Meulen,

Rev. A. Lovenes,

Rev. G. J. Nuykerk,

Rev. P. J. Engel,

while Rev. S. Bolks of Milwaukee,  
being just then attended the Meeting.

Act. 1. On motion of Rev. J. van Vleet it is  
Resolved, that Rev. G. van de Wall be  
elected President to continue in office  
until the first Tuesday of October 1859.

Act. 2. At the request of the President the  
meeting was opened with prayer by  
Dr. van Raalte.

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Art. 3. The Minutes of the Meeting of September  
10<sup>th</sup>? 7, 1854 were read and adopted.

Art. 4. Resolved, that Rev. T. J. Oggel be  
elected Secretary to continue in office  
until the first Tuesday of October 1854.

Art. 5. Resolved, that Dr. Van Raalte be elected  
Treasurer to continue in office until the  
first Tuesday of October 1854.

Art. 6. Resolved, that the Treasurer purchase  
appropriate blank books for himself and  
for the Secretary.

Art. 7. Resolved, that the Secretary record in  
the beginning of his blank book, the following  
"By-laws of the Board of Regents of Coll. Acad."  
1. The Board shall hold its regular meetings  
on the first Tuesday of October, January,  
and April and on the third Tuesday  
of July.  
2. At the regular meeting in October a  
President, Secretary and Treasurer  
shall be elected to serve for  
one year.

- 3. The Secretary shall record in his book the approved minutes of each meeting, and shall have said book present at the meetings of the Board for inspection.
- 4. The Treasurer shall keep in his book a clear statement of all the receipts and expenditures, and shall at the regular meeting in October present a written report of the same to the Board.
- 5. All regular meetings shall be held in the Academy at 9 o'clock A.M. But the President and Secretary shall have <sup>power</sup> to call an extra meeting at such time and place as they may think best.

Art. 8. Resolved, that the minutes be recorded in the English language.

Art. 9. Rev. John van Fleet then proposed the adoption of the following

Resolution; that the Delegates from the Plains of Holland to the meeting of General Synod be requested to procure if possible the adoption by Synod of the following Organic Act:

Whereas the property of Holland Academy in the Village of Holland, Mich., consisting of real estate, Academy and other buildings, appurtenances, furniture, etc., to the amount of not less than \$9000, is vested in this body; therefore

1. Resolved, that this School be henceforth regarded as one of the permanent educational institutions of the Synod.

2. Resolved, that the Clergymen of the Church of Holland be a Board of Regents of Holland Academy, who are fully authorized to appoint the teacher, to designate their salaries, to determine the course of instruction and to have a general supervision over its affairs.

3. Resolved, that the Particular Synod

of Chicago be authorized, to appoint annually a minister and an elder from each Circuit comprising that Synod, who together with the corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education shall constitute an examining Committee, whose duty it shall be to attend the annual examination of the School, and report to this body.

4. Resolved, that a recommendation from the Teacher and the examining Committee to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New-Brunswick shall be considered as affording satisfactory evidence of sufficient literary attainments in any person, wishing to enter the Theological Seminary.

5. Resolved, that the Treasurer of Synod pay \$200.00 on the first of July of each year to the Treasurer of the Board of Regents of the Academy, to be expended in keeping the property in repair, the balance, if any to go towards the

purchase of books for the Library.

b. Resolved, that this Act take effect immediately, and that all previous Conflicting acts and Letters annulled.

After some discussion of this subject the following action was taken:

Whereas the next Synod will not meet till in June 1859, and whereas this Board will have more than one meeting before that time to consider this subject, therefore—

Resolved, that we lay the above resolution on the table until the meeting in October, and that the Secretary give a copy of it to each of the members, and as also a copy of an alteration to Art. 2, proposed by him, which reads as follows:

"Resolved, that the Board of Regents of Holland Academy, elected by the Glories of Holland, be hereby authorized, to

Act. 10. In view of various circumstances  
Resolved, that this Board cannot continue  
to aid the following students, viz: A. van  
Malum, P. Pempel, P. Hofman and G. H.  
Ploteman.

Act. 11. Resolved, that this Board hold a  
meeting with the Congregation this evening,  
and that Revs. Luemel & Oggel be a  
Committee to make a plan of the exercises.

Act. 12 Closed with prayer by Rev. J. van de Meer.

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Afternoon Session.  
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Act. 13. The meeting was opened with prayer  
by Rev. S. Bolks.

Act. 14. Revs Luemel & Oggel reported their  
following concerning the meeting for the  
evening, which report was adopted.

Rev. Oggel: to open the meeting with  
prayer and reading of Gods word.

Rev. van Vleet: to speak on the  
importance of the Holland Academy.

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Rev. Swener: To translate the same  
in Dutch.

Rev. van Raacke D.D. To discuss the  
privileges and falling of the Hollanders,  
settled in the Western part of America.

Rev. van der Meulen To show the riches  
of the Church in operation for the Kingdom  
of Christ.

Rev. van d. Wall: To dwell on the  
importance of the education of children  
for God's Kingdom.

Rev. Bolks To offer thanks.

Rev. Nijpelt To pronounce the  
Benediction.

Art. 15. Resolved that the Secretary send  
a copy of Art. 10 to the Students, men,  
found therein in order to let them know  
the action of the Board in relation to  
them.

Art. 16. Resolved, that Egbert Winker be  
appointed assistant teacher to receive  
as his remuneration the payment of his board.

Act. 17. Resolved, that the President & Secretary of this meeting write to the Consistories of the Churches in the Classes of Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, in order to remind them of the action of the Particular Synod of Chicago, in relation to an annual collection in favor of the Academy.

Act. 18. Whereas Mr. Peters asked the advice of the Board, concerning the Course of Study, by him to follow, it was Resolved, that in the judgment of this Board, he has to proceed to the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick this year.

Act. 19. Resolved, that this Board apply to the Board of Education for an appropriation of \$120 per annum to Peter Lepeltak, Peter de Pree, Adriaan Westren, Adriaan Trielaard and E. Christian Oggel.

Act. 20. Pres. Oggel reported, that during his stay at Tolla two young men presented themselves, to be received in the

Academy, and whereas according to report there is expectation, that for more than one year both aid fit to be educated, and whereas the spirit to labor for God's Kingdom seems to be excited in Fells, the Board

Resolved, that when both shall be recommended by the Consistory, the Secretary declare the readiness of this Board to accept them; that in view of the pecuniary straits of the Academy, he also inquire, whether it is not possible, that said Consistory with the co-operation of the members of the Church help us to provide in the expense of educating these pupils at least in the first time.

Act. 2d. Resolved, that the Pastors try to collect some money apart from the usual collections for the school, in such a way as they think best, in view of the internal contribution of their churches, which money will be

Given to the Treasurer and Teacher of the School, that they may divide it among the Students according to the Cert of their Knowledge, as provided in various Grants, excluding those of Board. →

Act. 22. Pres. Dr. van Naale Communicated the contents of a letter from Pres. Klijn, stating the desire of one to become member of the Academy, when it was Resolved, that the Secretary apprize Pres. Klijn, that the Board is informed of the advanced age of said applicant and of other considerations, which render his fitness doubtful; that in every case a recommendation by the Consistory is required to become a member of our Institution; that since this person is not present, the Board cannot act in his favor, and lastly, that, should the Consistory give a recommendation, the person himself be requested to attend the meeting to be held in the Academy on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October.

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Art. 23. The Case of the Student C. Spiers  
rings was brought up, in reference to  
which it was

Resolved, that we endeavor to  
secure him an appointment from the  
Tract- or any other Society to labor as  
Volunteers among the N. Catholics along  
the Mississippi, and that Dr. Van Raalte,  
and Pres. Van Vleet be charged with  
the execution of this resolution.

Art. 24. The case of the Student J. Van de Ruytel  
was laid before the Board, when the  
following action was taken:

Whereas we have obtained dispensation  
for Mr. Van de Ruytel, and he consequently  
has been proposed to the choir of our  
Churches, but though more than one year  
in that relation, he has not been  
called, therefore

Resolved, that this Board cannot  
proceed any longer to support him  
in the capacity of Student, and

that we therefore ask of class at its end  
during meeting, how to act in respect  
to law.

Act. 25. The meeting closed with prayer  
by Pres. Leamer

J. J. Ouel  
Secretary

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Transactions  
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the Board of Regents  
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the Holland Academy.  
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