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### The Minutes of the Board of Regents of the Holland Academy

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2 April 1861

Holland, Michigan

In the minutes of the Board of Regents of the Holland Academy of this date, the following members of the board were present: Rev. Philip Phelps Jr., Rev. Giles Vander Wall, Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte, Rev. G. J. Nykerk, Rev. Herman Stobbelaar, and Rev. Adrian Zwemer, ministers; and Teunis Keppel, G. Huizer and G. Wilterdink, elders. A student was dismissed; the father of another informed the board that he could cover his son's expenses. Peter and William Moerdyk were advised to request the Classis to give a recommendation to the Board of Education of the denomination for support. The two boys were entering the freshmen class.

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Meeting of the Board of Regents  
of Holland Academy  
at Holland Mich April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1861. 61

Members present: Rev. Th. Phelps;  
G. v. d. Wall; A. G. v. Raalte D.D.; G. J. Nijestk;  
H. Stobbeleur and A. Kewer and the  
clergy F. Keppel; G. Huizer and J. Wolterdink.

- Art. 1. The meeting was opened with prayer  
by Rev. G. J. Nijestk.
- Art. 2. The Minutes of the former meeting  
were read and approved, with the exception  
that the words in Art 1. "some unpleasant traits  
etc" should be erased, and in its place the  
following inserted, "because his advanced age,  
and little progress in knowledge".
- Art. 3. A communication was received from  
P. v. d. Berg of Grand Haven, stating that  
henceforth all expenses of his youngest son  
would be paid by himself.  
This communication was adopted.

Art 4. Mr. C. N. van Balem having given some hints to the Teachers, of his despairing to reach his aim by studying; and as the Board judged that his apprehensions were right; it was Resolved: To take these hints as an application for Dismission, and to grant it.

The Secretary should apprise him of his being dismissed from the Academy.

Art. 5.

The treasures of the Board communicated, that nothing as yet was paid by the relations of the student John P. Putz to defray his expences, as was agreed when he was taken up.

This Vled the Board to resolve:

That in order to induce his relations, to the fulfilling of the agreement, the Secretary should write them, that the Board no longer should be responsible for the expences made by his remaining at the Academy.

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Art. 6. It was thought by the Teachers, that in the case of the sons of J. Moerdyk, whose father complained of the burden which their expences were to him; it was best for them to apply to Clavis for a recommendation to the Board of Education, as the aid from that Board would be at once for the relieve of their father, and of the N. Academy Board; and as both of them were fitted to enter Presbyterian class.

The Rev. Th. Phelps offered, to advise them to do so.

The Board accepted of this offer, and ordered the secretary to apprise them that they were to be present at the N. Academy, one or two days before meeting of class, as their Teachers had to communicate something to them.

Art. 7. At the suggestion of the Treasurer of the Board, a committee was appointed, to examine his accounts, and also all the Bills which were to be paid by the

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Board. — This committee was also to suggest to the Board ways and means by which to pay the debts. — The committee consisted of the Rev's. G. J. Nisbet; G. H. Stobbe and A. Swemer and the Elder J. Koppel.

Act. 8. The meeting was closed with prayer by Revd. J. Phelps.

A Swemer. Secretary

Transactions  
of  
the Board of Regents  
of  
the Holland Academy.

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