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17 April 1866

Holland, Michigan

Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte was not present at this meeting of the School Board of the Holland Academy because he was leaving in a few days for the Netherlands with his wife. Neither was Dr. Philip Phelps Jr. present. It was decided to keep C. Gardenier in school and provided with funds from the board. These minutes use the the phrase "our college" twice. Routine student matters were dealt with. The board was encouraged that the elimination of the debt was a possibility.

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Meeting of the School Board
of
Hope College

April 17, 1866 at seven o'clock
in the evening.

Members present Pres. P. J. Ogden;
F. R. Beck; W. Braet; Chr. W. D. Deen;
G. J. Nijbeck; J. Linsford; A. H. Wessner
and the Elders G. Walker and J. Kistner
of the Church of Wisconsin.

Art. 1.

The president not being present
Pres. W. Braet took the Chair, and at
his request the Pres. G. J. Nijbeck opened
the meeting with prayer.

Art. 2.

The minutes of the former meeting
were read, approved and adopted.

Art. 3.

In the case of C. Gardener it was
resolved; to keep him on the funds of this Board

Art. 4.

A letter was received from Cincinnati stating that a pious young man, residing there, who possessed good talents and was desirous to serve the Lord in the Gospel Ministry - wished for an Education at our College, because it was difficult at Lane's College, by reason of the English language which he could not understand.

After due consideration also it was resolved that the Pres. P. G. Bygel be appointed to correspond with him on this subject.

Art. 5

Pres. W. H. Osborn of the Congregational Church of Grandville Mich. applied, to have his son Educated at our College, being particularly sustained out of the funds of this Board

After consideration of this case it was resolved: that the Board judge.

that Mr. Coburn ought to be aided in the Education of his son, as all Circumstances to do so, were in his favor; but as the Board had no right to bestow the Collections of the Classes on other Denominations, without their Consent, to refer this Case to the Classis, with Recommendation.

Art. 6.

An application of Mr. Spelder, with Recommendation from the Consistory of the first Church of Holland, to have the books for his son provided by this Board, was granted.

Art. 7.

It was resolved to add Rev. D. Broek, to the Standing Committee on accounts.

Art. 8

The report of the treasurer was encouraging; all debts would probably be canceled by the collections expected to come in during the sitting of the Classis

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The Committee on accounts reported that ^{the} books of the treasurer was found in due order.

Art. 9

It was resolved that the Rev. J. Kingsford together with his Consistory be appointed a Committee to inquire of the ability of Mr. Boer to pay the expenses of his Son.

Art. 10.

The Minutes of this meeting were read approved and adopted.

Art. 11.

Resolved to adjourn to the evening before the next fall meeting of Synod. Closed with prayer by the Elder J. Kotvis.

A. J. Swennen. Sec.

Transactions
of
the Board of Regents
of
the Holland Academy.

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