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14 April 1863

Holland, Michigan

In the minutes of the School Baord of the Holland Academy, among those present were Rev. Philip Phelps Jr. and Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte. Article 2 reads as follows: "The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved. It was resolved to change the heading in naming the Board, "School Board of the Holland Academy." ---Being the nature of the Board solely a Classical Committee to manage the funds, relating to the Academy, of Classis Holland and Wisconsin. This board will not be overseeing the developing college since another board has been appointed and has that obligation. [Unfortunately, the minutes of the new board, the Board of Superintents, are not known to exist at this point. EJB 26 April 2007.] These particular minutes are important because all the students in the academy are named individually. No first names are given, however. Forty two students are listed. The board voted to call Rev. Peter J. Oggel, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa, [and son-in-law of Van Raalte] as a teacher in the academy at a salary of \$400 per year.

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Meeting of the School Board
of the
Holland Academy.

April 14th 1865.

Members present: Rev. Ph. Phelps,
principal of the Academy; A. C. v. Paalte
D.D.; H. Stubbelaan; G. J. Nijkerk; P. C.
Picters; Ch. v. der Veen & A. Twerner
and the Elders: G. Watter, Broek &
H. Yntema, of Classis Holland.

Rev. S. Bolks & Eld. J. Kotvis, of
Classis Wisconsin.

Act 1. The meeting was opened with
prayer by Rev. S. Bolks.

Act 2. The minutes of the former
meeting were read and approved. It
was resolved to change the heading
in naming the Board, "School Board of
the Holland Academy". - Being the
nature of the Board solely a Classical
Committee to manage the Funds, relating

to the H. Academy, of Clasper Holland and Wisconsin.

Art. 3. The committee of accounts, reported the books, etc. of the treasurer in due order. Mrs. Koves had increased, the price of Boarding for the Students, from eleven to thirteen Shillings: Which was allowed on account of the dearth of provisions.

The Churches of Clasper Holland and Wisconsin had done very well towards paying their assessed portion of the Academy Fund.

This report of the committee of accounts was approved and accepted.

Art. 4. The Student A. Huizinga, for some time having been absent from the H. Academy to teach in a School; asked to be again aided in his Studies, by pecuniary help from the Board; it was resolved to grant it; but as the Board was doubting the propriety of

his aiming at Ministry, the Secretary should apprise him, of this feeling of the Board, and mention to him, that the Board in aiding him, did not approve of his intention.

Art 5. Resolved to adjourn till two o'clock in the afternoon, - The Session was closed with prayer by Rev. Ch. v. d. Veer.

11.57 of the students
② Second Session.

Art 6. A consideration was taken on the Book Bills of the Students, who of them had to pay themselves, and whose were to be paid by the Claufe Board; The result of which was as follows:

- Albee
- Bhiler to be paid by the Board
- Brewer
- Boer
- Bolks
- Borgers to be paid

Brandt

Brecht

Buursma A. ✓

Buursma P.

Collins

Dangeremond ✓

De Haas

De Pree ✓

Eerdenier ✓

Gilmore ✓

Gleeren ✓

Hijma

Kleis

Oggel ✓

Putz.

Schaberg

Shields ✓

Stageman ✓

De Winkel ✓

v. d. Berg

v. d. Brekke

v. d. Hard ✓

to be paid by the Board

" " " " " " " " " " " "

to be inquired of by Rev. C. H. A. Veen

to be paid half

to be paid

to be paid

to be paid half at least

" " "

to be paid if necessary

to be paid?

Oetshuizen
 Visser ✓
 Wakker ✓
 Ward
 Wesselin to be paid
 Westing
 Weltman to be paid
 Chwemer to be paid
 Kuyler
 Workman
 Meerdyk ✓ to be paid
 Huizinga A. to be paid
 Visser
 Strong

Art. 7.

It was resolved, that J. Turtis (the Elder) of Wisconsin, be added to the members of the committee of accounts.

Art. 8 The General plan to place the H. Academy on a more permanent and regular basis, was reconsidered. The

following amendments, and alterations, were resolved:

a. The clergy shall nominate their own members of the Board of Superintendents. Such Superintendents shall remain in office two years; A half of the number going of every year.

b. of Section III, on Funds. the following is to be erased: "All such Students shall be required to attend on regular catechetical instruction, according to the order of the Ref. Dutch Church."

Art. 9.

Whereas the H. Academy needs to be supplied, with at least two more profes-sors, it was resolved.

To call Rever P. J. Oysel of Polka, as a Teacher of the Academy, and to provide towards the payment of his Salary the sum of four hundred dollars. Also to call Mr. John H. Van der, at present Theol. Student at our Seminary, and

to provide towards the payment of his salary the sum of two hundred dollars. While it be suggested to the neighboring Church of Graepschap to call him as their Pastor, in connection with his situation as a Teacher at the Academy and to pay him for the service which he should be able to render to that Church, a salary of two hundred dollars.

The balance to a reasonable salary for both Professors, to be solicited from the Board of Education.

Art. 10.

Resolved that occasionally one of the Ministers of the Classis of Holland shall repair to the several Churches of the Classis of Wisconsin, to labor in behalf of the N. Academy.

Art. 11.

The meeting adjourned to the day before the Annual Examination of the Holland

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Academy; and Wash. Clerell with prayers.
by the Rev. Ph. Phelps.

A. G. Sweney. Secy.

Transactions
of
The Board of Regents
of
The Holland Academy.

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