

To the Teachers and School Officers of Western Nebraska.

Resolutions adopted by the superintendents of Box Butte, Banner, Dawes, Cheyenne, Kimball, Sheridan, Scotts Bluffs, Sioux, Grant and Hooker counties in session at the Junior Normal Institute in Alliance, Neb., August 10, 1903, as follows:

In order to maintain a high standard of qualification and professional ability among our teachers we, the superintendents of the above mentioned counties, resolve:

That in compliance with the recommendation of State Superintendent Fowler, we will maintain a reasonable standard of qualification and refuse to issue certificates to those who fall below such standard merely to supply the demand for teachers.

That there will be no transfer of grades below 90 per cent, except for those who have done satisfactory work for at least eight weeks in an accredited normal within the year.

That we believe that no one should begin teaching without first having had at least eight weeks of normal training.

That in districts where the taxes are sufficient to pay salaries commensurate with the qualifications required, or where a lively interest cannot be maintained on account of the small number of pupils, we recommend that those districts take advantage of the consolidation or contract law when the location of the districts make it practicable. We further recommend that when neither of these laws is practicable that the same qualified teacher be engaged to teach short terms of school in adjoining districts so that pupils in those districts may attend a good school for as long a term as possible.

That as the law does not recognize a permit, every person should hold a certificate in force before contracting for or beginning a school.

That requests for permits of more than two-third grade certificates shall not be considered.

That school boards should consider professional spirit, thoroughness of preparation, and strong scholarship in the teacher and pay salary in accordance therewith.

That these resolutions be printed and a copy be sent to each teacher and school officer in the counties above mentioned and that they be published in the local papers.

J. W. BAUMGARDNER,
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W. R. KENT,
CONRAD PARSONS,
H. R. DELLINGER,
C. P. CHAMBERS,
ALICE WILKINSON,
AGNES LACKEU,
MRS. W. E. HEARD,
Superintendents

Semi-annual Report of County Treasurer.

FUND	BALANCE JAN. 1, 1903	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	COMMISSION	BALANCE JULY 1, 1903
State consolidated school fund		\$2,328.79	\$2,009.45	\$ 110.04	\$ 219.39
County general	\$ 854.23	1,619.71	1,330.23	16.20	1,057.51
County road	254.31	1,369.18	6,531.38	547.27	1,405.49
County well	69.22	911.12	957.09		23.25
County poll tax	13.00	47.29	20.00		40.29
County poor farm	95.01	17.57	53.18		59.40
County advertising	80	44	39		85
Alliance City	1,860.43	1,428.32	2,250.02	91.81	938.72
Water bond	335.63	718.22		45.63	1,008.22
Electric light	572.48	411.29	674.35	39.15	269.27
Special assessment	15.50	14.15			1.35
Hemlingford	63.17	59.42	105.60	\$ 02	17.99
School dists	6,438.62	9,401.80	7,446.04	87.01	8,307.37
School bonds	2,328.57	1,048.84	814.43		2,562.98
Judgment	1.36	62			60.64
High school	14.00	17			31.00
	\$12,004.75	\$25,854.20	\$25,253.38	\$927.66	\$18,607.97
Total balances	\$15,097.97				\$ 7,674.13
Total commission					7,100.23
Redemption money on hand		145.79			1,542.16
	\$16,741.42				\$ 997.75
					\$16,741.42

In the above statement, \$3,963.68, which was transferred from various county funds to county general fund is included in both receipts and disbursements.

State of Nebraska, ss.
Box Butte county, ss.
I, Alex Muirhead, treasurer of Box Butte county, Nebraska, do solemnly swear that the above is a true and correct statement of moneys received and paid out by me from January 1, 1903, to June 30, 1903, and of balances June 30, 1903, as shown by the records of this office.
ALEX MUIRHEAD,
County Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August, A. D. 1903.
D. K. SPACHT,
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