The Legislature of 1855 passed a law "for the establishment of a State Agricultural School..." (see Session Laws of 1855, Act No. 130, approved February 12th, 1855.)

Section 1. of this Act authorizes the President and Executive Committee of the Genesee Agricultural Society to select, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, a location and site for a State Agricultural School; and to purchase, upon conditions set forth in said Act, within ten miles of Lansing, not less than 500 acres, nor more than 1000 acres, in one body, for the purpose of an experimental farm and site for such Agricultural School.

Section 2. of said Act provides that upon the purchase of such location and site, there shall be established on such site, under the direction and supervision of the State Board of Education, an Agricultural School, by the name and style of the "Agricultural College of the State of Michigan," the chief purpose and design of which shall be to improve and teach the sciences and practice of agriculture.

The Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, having notified the Secretary of the Board of Education that the President and Executive Committee of said Society would be pleased to meet the Board of Education some time in June, 1855, for the purpose of agreeing upon a location and site, the Secretary of the Board of Education notified said Board and the Secretary of the Agricultural Society, that there would be a meeting of the Board for the purpose named above, at the office of the Secretary of the Board, in Lansing, the 12th day of June, 1855.
Office of Secretary & Board of Education
Lansing, June 12th, 1855,

Pursuant to the call of the Secretary, Hon. R. Kellogg and the Secretary met, but Mr. Kellogg being detained by the illness of an associate in business, and Mr. Whittelsey never meeting with the Board as at present organized, there failed to be a quorum, consequently no business was transacted by the Board, as such. But the President and Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society met and agreed upon a location and site for a schools and farm, subject to the approval of the Board of Education.

The Board adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary in Lansing, the 5th of July, the Sec. notifying the absent members of the adjourned meeting.

Ira Mayhew,
Secretary.

Office of Secretary & Board of Education
Lansing, July 5th, 1855.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Hon. R. Kellogg and the Secretary.

On the morning of the 6th Mr. Kellogg appeared and took his seat. There now being a quorum, the Board proceeded to business.

A communication was received from the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, dated June 22nd, 1855, setting forth the doings of said Committee in the location of a site and farm for the agricultural school, which report is placed on file.

From this report it appears the Committee for the location and site of the State Agricultural School selected and submitted for the approval of the Board the following described lands, offered by Col. A.M. Rum to wit:

Lands Selected:
13. T. 4 N. R. 2 W. 45.01 Acres.
18. T. 4 N. R. 1 W. 83.
18. T. 4 N. R. 1 W. 107.44.
Amount carried forward
620.57 Acres.
Amounts brought forward 620.57 Acres.
Sec. 13 T. 4 N. R. 2 W.
Lot known as the Smith Tract. 33.
676.57 Acres.
The committee further reported that they had
entered into Contract, with Col. A.R. Sloc. for
the above described lands, at $5. per acre, the
purchase being subject to the approval of this Board.
The Board directed the Resident and Sec.
etary to execute the certificate of approval required
by sections 3 of the aforesaid Act. [40.130.3.2.1857]
A communication was also received from
J. C. Holman. Esq., Secretary of the deed. State Ag. Soc
bearing date June 28th, and relating to the
organization of the Agricultural School, and
recommending the making of specific appointments
which communication is placed on file.
The accounts & expenses were audited as follows:
John R. Kellogg $77.40, Hiram L. Miller $45.50
and the Secretary $29.45.
The Board adjourned to meet on the call of the
when a survey of the grounds should be had,
Ira Mayhew,
Secretary.

Michigan Exchange, Detroit,
September 30, 1858.

The Secretary notified the members, that there
would be a meeting of the Board, as per ad-
journalment, at the Michigan Exchange, Sept 30th
and on his arrival in Detroit the 4th, found
a letter awaiting his arrival, from M. L. Miller
of Saginaw, (Son of H. L. Miller, President of the
Board,) advising him that his Father was very
disk and would be unable to attend the
meeting of the Board on the 5th. The Secretary
then notified Mr. C. O. Whittmore, of Pontiac,
that Mr. Miller was detained by illness, and that
his attendance would be necessary to consti-
trute a quorum. But he did not appear.
John R. Kellogg and the Secretary being the
only members on attendance, the Board adjourn-
ed to meet after the recovery of Mr. Miller.
Ira Mayhew, Secretary.
Michigan Exchange
Detroit, Nov. 14, 1855.

The Board met pursuant to the call of the Secretary, at 9 o'clock A.M. Present, John B. Kellogg and the Secretary.

Mr. Kellogg was appointed Resident Agent.

Then not being a quorum, the Board adjourned till 2 o'clock P.M.

At 2 P.M. pursuant to adjournment, Present the same members as before. For the purpose of securing a quorum, if possible, the Board adjourned to meet in Pontiac, the residence of Dr. G. A. Whittiermore, at 7 o'clock P.M.

Not finding Dr. Whittiermore at home, the Board returned to Detroit, Nov. 15th, at 11 o'clock A.M. Present the same members as before.

In view of the necessities of the case the Board proceeded to business. In the evening Mr. Liddler appeared and took his seat, when the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved: 1. That the bill of the Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, and of the several members of the Executive Committee of said Society for services and expenses in locating the Agricultural Farm be allowed, and that checks be drawn for their payment as follows:

- T. N. Battie, $154.31.
- J. N. Moore, $134.69.
- J. C. Holcomb, $20.00.
- James Bagg, 20.65.
- Justice Page, 20.69.
- P. H. Beach, 20.63.
- John Starkweather, $8.25.

As per Check books,

Resolved: 2. That the bills be printed for advertising in the State Journal, be allowed at $12, and that a check be drawn in payment.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Detroit Nov. 16th, 1855.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, T. H. Miller, Jas. C. Kellogg and the Secretary.

Reports of preliminary surveys, with location for improvements were made to the Board by J. C. Holcomb, dated Sept. 3rd, 1855, and by T. N. Battie, dated Nov. 14th, 1855, which reports were read, considered, and placed on file for reference.

The following Resolution was adopted:

(See next page.)
Resolved, That J. C. Holmes be, and he is hereby, and through to make full and ample inquiry relative to the number and size of buildings required for immediate use for the De Graal State Agricultural College; also relative to materials for building, whether of brick, concrete, or other material, and whether sufficient and sufficient materials for the manufacture of the different kinds of brick or concrete can be procured where a near the College grounds; and relative to plans and estimated cost of the construction of buildings, and notify the Secretary of the State Board of Education as his earliest convenience at that time he will be ready to report to this Board.

The amounts of members of the Board for services and expenses were audited as follows:

K. S. Miller $32.40, John Breitlager $63.25, and

Ira Mayhew $31.00.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary, having reference to the receipt of the report under the preceding resolution.

Ira Mayhew,

Secretary.

Office of Secretary of Board of Edum.
Lansing, Jan. 20, 1856,

The Board met pursuant to a call from the Secretary. Present, H. S. Miller, John R. Breitlager, the Secretary, J. C. Holmes being present submitted the report contemplated by the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board, which report was accepted, considered, and placed on file, with date of January 20, 1856. Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

January 20, 1856.

The Board of Education met at the office of the Secretary. Present the same members as before. Reports were received of this day, from Mr. J. C. Holmes, and from Mr. J. H. Bartlett, which reports are placed on file.

Direction of Buildings.

The Board decided to erect the Main Wing of College Buildings (then being contemplated, a Central Building with two wings) and a Boarding House.