Resolved. That J.C. Holmes be, and he is hereby, and
thought to make full and ample inquiry relative
to the number and size of buildings requisite for
immediate use for the Iowa State Agricultural
College; also relative to materials for building,
whether of brick, concrete, or of other material; also
whether whether desirable and sufficient materials
for the manufacture of the different kinds of
brick or concrete can be procured upon or near
the College grounds; also relative to plans and
estimated cost of the construction of buildings,
and notify the Secretary of the State Board of
Education at his earliest convenience at what
time he will be ready to report to this Board.
The accounts of members of the Board for servi-
ces and expenses, were audited as follows:
H. J. Miller, $22.40; John K. Wallo, $63.25; and
Ira Mayhew, $31.60.
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 Ed. Lansing, Jan. 26, 1856.
The Board met pursuant to a call from the
Secretary. Present: H. J. Miller, John K. Wallo, the Sec.
Mr. 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 26, 1856. Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

January 27, 1856.
The Board of Education met at the office of
their Secretary. Present the same members as before.
Reports were received of this days date, from
Mr. J. C. Holmes, and from Mr. J. H. Bartlett, which
reports are placed on file.

Resolution of Buildings.
The Board decided to erect the New Wing of College
Buildings (then being contemplated), a Central Building
with two wings) and a Boarding House.
The Board considered at length the materials of building, the mode of heating, lighting, etc. to be embraced in contract for building.

Appointment of Agent.
The Board of Education, upon the receipt of written memorials which are placed on file, proceeded to the appointment of W. S. Bartlett, of Ypsilanti, as Agent for superintending the erection of buildings on the Agricultural Farm, clearing and draining portions of the farm, and otherwise executing the plans and instructions of the Board, for which he is to receive a salary at the rate of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) per annum, and at the rate of $200.00 per annum for ordinary personal expenses.

Advertisement for Proposals.
Resolved, to advertise for proposals for the erection of a college building for four courses, in each of the two papers printed in Lansing, and in the three daily papers of Detroit, viz.: the Advertiser, Farmer's Business and Accounts were allowed as follows: J. C. Kolmes for service and expenses on account of Agricultural Farm and School under resolution of Oct. 16, $28.75; for service and expenses of member of the Board, R. Kellogg, $36.76; L. E. Miller, $59.30; in August 1865 there was also allowed to J. C. Kolmes $14.00 not included in former $5 for service & expenses in treating College Farm; to J. C. Kolmes for expenses in attending meetings of the Board of Oct. 22.

The Board adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary in Lansing, Feb. 15th, at 8 o'clock A.M.

Jno. Mayhew.  
Secretary.

Office of See's Board of Education's  
Lansing, Feb. 15th, 1866.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, at 8 o'clock A.M. Present, H. E. Miller, J. R. Kellogg, and the Secretary.

The Secretary, pursuant to the resolution of January 32, had advertised for proposals, and had extensively circulated the following "Notice to Builders."

Under date of January 5th, 1866.
Agricultural College--Notice to Builders.


Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education until the 12th day of Feb. next, for furnishing and delivering on the college site, 550,000 bricks; 65,000 feet of building wood, 150,000 board and lumber; 27,000 feet of Carl Flooring, and 18,000 of Clear Pine lumber. Also, for laying the foundations and walls of the college building and Boarding House. Proposals may be made to embrace all or parts of the materials, or to embrace materials and the erection and completion of both or either of the Buildings. A brick yard by complete order will be furnished on the premises, including wood, clay, and sand.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Agricultural Rooms, over Mr. B. Jeff. Avenue. Detroit, on the 27th and 28th of January inst., and at the Office of the Board in Lansing, from the 2d to the 12th of February next, inclusive.

The parties to whom contracts may be awarded, will be required to give satisfactory security for the faithful performance thereof. The Board reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals made, if in their judgment the interests of the State shall render the same necessary.

Sealed proposals may be addressed to the Board of Education, marked Building Proposals, and left at or sent through the P. O. to their Office, in Lansing.

By order of the Board of Education:

(Signed) "Ira Mayhue, Secretary of the Board."

When opening and examining the proposals received for the erection of the Agricultural College Building and Boarding House, as per foregoing advertisements, propositions for furnishing materials and erecting both buildings were refused from the following persons and companies, viz.: W. T. Rogers, Seth L. Hanks, J. J. Wilson, Roger & Copeland, J. Robinson, T. C. Speake, C. H. White, C. C. Darling, J. B. Drake.
"Agricultural College—Notice to Builders.


Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education until the 12th day of Feb., 1856, for furnishing and delivering on the College Site, 5,500,000 bricks; 65,000 feet of building joists, hashed lumber and timber; 37,000 feet of pitch flooring and 18,000 feet of clear pine lumber. Also, for laying the foundations and wreck of the college building and boarding house. Proposals may be made to embrace all or parts of the materials, or to embrace materials and the erection and completion of both or either of the buildings. A brick yard in complete order will be furnished on the premises, including wood, clay, and coke.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Agricultural Rooms, over Mr. Bly's office, on the 27th and 28th of January inst., and at the Office of the Board in Lansing, from the 2d to the 12th of February next, inclusive.

The parties to whom contracts may be awarded, will be required to give satisfactory security for the faithful performance thereof. The Board reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals made, if in their judgment the interests of the State shall require the same necessary.

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By order of the Board of Education:

(Signed) "Ira Mayhew,

Secretary of the Board."

Upon opening and examining the proposals received for the erection of the Agricultural College Building and Boarding House, as per foregoing advertisement, propositions for furnishing materials and erecting both buildings were found from the following persons and companies, to wit: "Henry J. Rogers, Esq., A. B. Kame, J. H. Kilgo, Rogers & Goddard, J. Robinson, King, Speaker, Caleb White, C. B. Darling, J. B. Drake,"
William Whittemore, and Eben S. Bristow, which...were examined, considered, and placed on file.

Propositions for furnishing the whole or parts of the materials, or for doing all or parts of the labor, were received from the following persons and companies, to wit:...Theodore L. Evans.

Deeming that the interests of the State would be best promoted by so doing, the Board accepted the proposals of, and entered into contract with, George Blackland for erecting the Agricultural College Build...$26,500.00. The contract, specifications and bond are placed on file.

The following accounts were audited, and check drawn in payment: Mr. Hove, for planes and...49.68; Ira Mayhew, for supper, at $17.50. Ira Mayhew, Secretary.

Office of Sec’y Board of Education.

The Board of Education met at the office of the Secretary, pursuant to his call, at 9 o’clock A.M.,...and the secretary. The Board visited the farm, and examined the college buildings and the premises, and continued in session from day to day, the Thursday evening.

The Board authorized the agent to procure and direct the putting in of pipes for gas into the walls of the college buildings.

Wood, brick and copper washbowls were agreed upon for the washroom.

The agent was authorized to procure a new cow and a cart for the farm, and the building of a brick barn.

Bank Barn, 23' x 40' feet, and two stories high, after a plan agreed upon.
Appointments of Professors.

J. C. Holmke, ex-g. of Detroit, Secretary of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, was appointed to the Department of Horticulture,

Comprising the preparation of grounds for the growing of ornamental trees, fruits, flowers, shrubbery, and vegetables, experimental work with the seeds of trees and vegetables, planting, vegetable gardening, landscape gardening, etc.

Lewis R. Fisk, of Johnston, late Professor of Natural Sciences in the State Normal School, was appointed to the Department of Chemistry,

Comprising Elementary, Analytical and Agricultural Chemistry.

The salaries of these Professors were fixed at One Thousand Dollars (1,000) per annum, from and after the opening of the Institution, and they are to be on hand at the opening of the school.

The Secretary, subject to the filling of the Board, makes the following checks as for accounts of contract with the following contractors, on monthly estimates of materials furnished, and work done on the College Buildings, as approved by the Agent of the Board: amounting, in the aggregate, to $3776.50, as the same appears for estimates in file, and in the Check Book; also, Checks to Mr. Bartlett, agent of the Board, for salary, and for improvements amounting to $1825.50.

Checks were drawn for estimates to be paid to the following contractors, for $3300.00, and to Royer & Ophidian, and E. Serkey Co., for explosion fuses for College Buildings, for $1825.50, both in the name of Bartlett.

The salaries of members of the Board were paid as follows: H. L. Miller, $1750; John R. Kellogg, $1750; and T. F. Johnson, $1750, for expenses incurred since the last meeting of the Board, for $3776.50.

There was also allowed to Mr. Bartlett for salary, as Agent of the Board, $75.00.

The Board adjourned to meet on the call of the Secretary, (probably the 1st of December, when the buildings should be completed).

Ira Mayne,

Secretary.
Office of Sec'y Board of Education

Dec. 2, 1853.

The Board of Education met pursuant to call from the Secretary at 8 o'clock A.M., present: Mr. M. Miller and the Secretary. A letter was received from Mr. Kellogg, to the effect that he was prevented from being present on account of illness.

The Board proceeded to consider the qualifications for admission to the College, and the course of study to be pursued.

It was decided not to receive students into the College under fourteen years of age. Applicants are required to possess a "good primary school education," in order to admission.

It was resolved that the following be the Course of Study:

The English branch of study shall constitute an advanced course of English Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic and exercises in Composition and elocution throughout the course.

The Mathematical course shall include Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Surveying, Agricultural Engineering, Drafting, Natural Philosophy, and Book-Keeping.

The Scientific course shall embrace Chemistry, Natural History, (including Animal and Vegetable Anatomy and Physiology, and Entomology), Botany, Meteorology, Geology, and Entomology.

Special attention will be given to practical agriculture, horticulture in their various departments, including everything relating to the growth and care of farm crops, vegetables and fruits, and to the enriching of soils, and the rotation of crops, together with the use and care of farming implements, &c. &c.

In that, it is intended that the courses of study throughout shall have particular reference to practical Agriculture in all its departments and details. So as to secure the objects and promote the purposes for which the Institution was designed.

Subjects were submitted to the consideration of the Board, by Mr. Vail, R. and K. Cole, relating to the course of instruction and the policy to be pursued in the development of the Institution, as to secure its highest success, with which papers are placed on file.

Mr. Wm. Bartlett, Agent of the Board, was instructed to procure the Lecture Room of the College Building erected according to a plan that was agreed upon and established.
The Board for the use of students at the Technical College, at present meeting, have determined to place the contract of the present University in the hands of Mr. J. A. Goode, and to have the same executed by the said contractor, the same to be paid for as the Board shall direct. The Board also directs the sum of $1,000 to be paid to the firm of Jones, Russell & Co., for the service of the present building.

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The Board, their appearance to meet in Lansing at the office of the Secretary, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1857,

Ira Mayhew,

Secretary,

Office of Sec. Board of Education,

Lansing, Jan'y 14, 1857.

The Board of Education met at the office of the Secretary, at 8 o'clock A.M., pursuant to adjournment, present, H. Kellogg, Jno. H. Williams, and the Secretary.

A communication was received from Prof. L. P. Field, in relation to the facilities required for the department of chemistry in the Agricultural College, and the amount of time it should consume, and asking for instructions, which communication was considered and placed on file.

The Board authorized Prof. Field to fit up the working laboratory of the College, according to a plan submitted, and to employ an assistant in his department, at an expense not to exceed the cost of his board with the earnings of the College.

Appointment of President.

On motion it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph R. Williams be, and he is hereby appointed President of the Michigan State Agricultural College, and Director of Practical Farming, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, ($1500.00.)

Resolves, That the Secretary be instructed to notify Mr. Williams of his appointment, and to respectfully request his acceptance thereof.

On motion it was unanimously

Resolved, That Mr. John Hoagly be appointed to the department of Political Economy and English Literature in the Agricultural College, for the present at a salary of $50.00 per annum, the Board hoping ultimately to be able to establish the salary at $100.00 per annum, and that the Secretary notify him of his appointment.

The Board continued in open session during the day, for several successive days, morning, afternoon, and evening.