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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Minutes

Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gould Academy
and the
Board of Trustees of the University of Maine

Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine
June 14, 1965

PRESENT (for the University): President L. M. Cutler, A. H. Benoit, F. C. Brown, R. H. Cutting, W. T. Logan, W. G. Robertson, O. H. Smith, R. N. Haskell, Mrs. L. A. Pierce, Jr.; ABSENT: H. H. Hauck, Mrs. C. C. Little; ADMINISTRATION: President L. H. Elliott, Vice President for Academic Affairs H. A. Peck, Clerk Edith Wilson and James E. Mitchell, Esq., Legal Adviser.

Dr. Sidney W. Davidson, President of the Gould Academy Board of Trustees, welcomed the delegates from the University of Maine. After the introduction of all present, Dr. Davidson reported on the following resolutions voted that morning by the Gould Trustees:

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Planning Committee is approved and that action be taken to make the campus of Gould Academy available to the University of Maine for the establishment of a branch college of the University subject to an agreement with respect thereto and satisfactory to the Board of Trustees of Gould Academy and subject to obtaining such legislative and judicial approval said Board shall deem to be appropriate.

It is further

RESOLVED that the officers and Planning Committee are authorized with the advice of counsel to negotiate such an agreement with the University of Maine.

It was further

RESOLVED that Gould Academy shall provide secondary school facilities through the academic year 1966-67.

Dr. Davidson also reported that the Gould Trustees may need to seek an amendment to the Gould Charter of 1836 to permit the Academy to offer courses of instruction usually taught "in Junior Colleges, Universities, and other institutions of higher learning" and that the purpose of Gould be further enlarged "for the additional purposes of granting scholarships and fellowships and making loans to deserving students for the town of Bethel, County of Oxford, and State of Maine educational institutions wherever situated ..."

Dr. Davidson pointed out that after the establishment of a branch college of the University on the Gould campus Gould no longer would operate as an educational institution, but that the corporation would continue in existence with the present Trustees to manage the Gould endowment fund and real property not transferred to the University. The corporation would expect to continue the scholarship program now administered by Gould for the benefit of secondary school graduates in colleges and to be concerned with the advancement of education generally in the Bethel area and throughout the State.

Dr. Lawrence M. Cutler, President of the University Board of Trustees, expressed enthusiasm for the project and pointed out that it offered great benefits for future generations of Maine youth.

President Lloyd H. Elliott, of the University, reported that the Board of Trustees had taken formal action in January 1965 approving of the possible merger of the two institutions and authorized the continued planning to that end. Dr. Elliott also described briefly the exciting possibilities for the University to develop at such a location the newer approach to general education making use of innovations now being tried out in other institutions. The two-year interval would give the University faculty time to propose a new curriculum and to implement it by recruiting interested and qualified faculty. In other words, the two-year program at Gould would not be just the first two years of the usual University curriculum, but a new program of significance to the University and the State.

Dexter Stowell, a member of the Gould Board and Chairman of the Bethel School Committee, reviewed developments with respect to the formation of a school administrative district for the towns of Andover, Bethel, Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock.

Edmond Vachon, Headmaster of Gould Academy and a member of the Gould Board of Trustees, reported on alumni reaction to the proposal. He mentioned that alumni were pleased that a provision will be made for space for the preservation of Gould Academy records and its alumni and Gould trophies and memorabilia.

Dr. Davidson opened the meeting to discussion during which he mentioned the desire of the Trustees to keep the name Gould alive in whatever title was chosen for the new college.

After a short discussion, the meeting was adjourned and the University Trustees and Staff were guests of the Gould Academy Trustees at dinner at the Bethel Inn.

Edith G. Wilson
Clerk of the Board