

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SCHOOL FOR THE INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, It is generally conceded that more and additional facilities for the training
2 and instruction of teachers of the common schools, is of vital importance to the educational
3 interests of the State ; and,

WHEREAS, The State Normal School at Cedar Falls, Black Hawk county, is, on account of
2 its location, inadequate to meet the increasing demands of the people of the State, and
3 especially the northwest portion thereof ; and,

WHEREAS, The citizens of Sheldon, O'Brien county, have signified their willingness to do-
2 nate the necessary grounds for the purpose of locating and establishing an additional nor-
3 mal school at that place ; and,

WHEREAS, The location is well supplied with railroad facilities and other conveniences
2 for the successful operation of an institution of that kind ; and,

WHEREAS, More than one-fourth of the State being the northwestern portion thereof, has
2 not located or maintained within its limits a State institution of any kind ; and,

WHEREAS, The said town of Sheldon is well situated to meet the demands of this vast and
2 rapidly developing portion of the State, and is on account of its location, healthfulness, and
3 the elevation of its citizens especially, a desirable point for the location of such an institu-
4 tion ;

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

SECTION 1. That a school for the special instruction and training of teachers for the com-
2 mon schools of this State, is hereby established at Sheldon, in O'Brien county.

SEC. 2. The school shall be under the management and control of a board of directors,
2 consisting of six members, no two of whom shall be from the same county. They shall be
3 elected by the General Assembly, two for two years, two for four years, and two for six
4 years, and the General Assembly shall elect two members of said board every two years for
5 the full term of six years as the terms of office of the respective classes expire. Their terms
6 of office shall commence on the first day of May following their election. No member of
7 the board shall be a teacher in the school, or receive other compensation for his services
8 than a reimbursement of his actual expenses to be certified to by him and paid out of the
9 State Treasury. Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be filled by appointment by the
10 Governor.

SEC. 3. The board shall convene at the call of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
2 on or before May 15th, 1886, and having each qualified according to law, shall organize by the
3 election of a president and vice-president from their number, and a secretary and treasurer
4 who shall be persons not members of the board. The secretary shall receive such compen-
5 sation as may be fixed by the board, not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars and act-
6 ual traveling expenses. The treasurer shall receive no compensation, but shall receive re-
7 imbursement of actual expenditures.

SEC. 4. The board shall require of the treasurer a bond in the sum of twenty thousand
2 dollars, with proper and sufficient sureties, conditioned for the safe keeping and disburse-
3 ment of funds coming into his hands. He shall receive and disburse all moneys hereby ap-
4 propriated and any other funds as the board may provide. The board may require of any
5 other officer or employe who may be authorized to receive or pay out money, a sufficient
6 bond in like manner.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the board in every necessary manner with the means at
2 their disposal, to provide for and carry out the object for which the school is established.
3 For that purpose they shall employ competent and suitable teachers and other employes.
4 They shall direct, use and control all the property of the State coming into their hands for
5 that purpose. They shall control and direct the expenditures of all money. They shall
6 make all necessary rules for the management of the school and the government thereof, and
7 shall provide for the admission of pupils from the several counties of the State in proportion
8 to their respective population, or as the board may direct. They shall establish uniform
9 rules for the admission thereto, and such rules shall provide for equal rights in said school
10 to all the teachers in the State, but they shall require in all cases satisfactory evidence of
11 the good character of the pupil. They shall also further require all pupils upon their admis-
12 sion to the school to sign a statement of their intention in good faith to follow the business
13 of teaching in the schools of the State. It shall also be the duty of the board to make all
14 possible and necessary arrangements with the means at their disposal for the boarding and
15 lodging of pupils, but the pupils shall pay the cost of the same. They shall require each
16 pupil to pay a fee for contingent expenses not to exceed one dollar per month. The school
17 shall be open during such part of the year as the board shall determine, but the session
18 shall continue at least twenty-six weeks.

SEC. 6. The board of directors shall, as soon as organized, proceed to the construction of
2 a suitable building and provide the same with the necessary fixtures and appurtenances for
3 the carrying out of the provisions of this act, but without a greater expense than is herein
4 provided for, and said board shall on or before September 10th, 1887, open the same to the
5 use and instruction of pupils.

SEC. 7. In addition to the property donated to the State by the town of Sheldon, the following sums are hereby appropriated for the establishment and maintenance of said normal school, as follows: For the construction of a suitable building and supplying the same with the necessary appurtenances, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) For salaries of teachers and employes, the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.) For contingent expenses, the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.) The amount appropriated for the building and appurtenances may be paid at any time on the order of the board. The remaining sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid in equal quarterly payments, commencing Sept. 1st, 1887, or so soon as the building is ready for use and occupancy under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 8. The board shall at the end of each school year make to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction a detailed report of their proceedings during the year. The report shall also show the number of teachers employed in the school, with the compensation of each, the number of pupils classified, the amount of receipts and expenditures, with the items thereof with such other information and recommendations as may by them be deemed expedient, which report shall be embodied in the report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to the General Assembly.

SEC. 9. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the "Iowa State Register," and "State Leader," newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.