

MINUTES
JOINT MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS
AND DIRECTORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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January 31 - February 1, 1957

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The meeting of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room G-743 A, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Building, by W. T. Spanton, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Those present included:

Board of Directors

Warren G. Weiler, State Supervisor Agricultural Education,
Columbus, Ohio
H. M. McDonald, State Supervisor Agricultural Education,
Baltimore, Maryland
Emory M. Howard, State Supervisor Agricultural Education,
Boise, Idaho
* R. E. Bass, State Supervisor Agricultural Education,
Richmond, Virginia
E. J. Johnson; H. N. Hunsicker; R. E. Naugher and A. W. Tenney,
all of the Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Board of Student Officers

John M. Haid, Jr., National FFA President, Siloam Springs,
Arkansas
Jerry Ringo, National FFA Vice President, Rothwell, Kentucky
Victor Cappucci, Jr., National FFA Vice President, Mehoopany,
Pennsylvania
Pete Knutson, National FFA Vice President, Livingston, Montana
James Quincey, National FFA Vice President, Trenton, Florida
Jerry Litton, National FFA Student Secretary, Chillicothe,
Missouri.

It was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and carried that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and accept them as mimeographed and distributed.

Copies of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures of the Future Farmers of America for a six-month period from July 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956 were distributed by Mrs. Pauline D. Coiner, Secretary to D. J. Howard, National FFA Treasurer. This statement was reviewed in detail.

*Mr. Bass represented the Southern Region at the meetings, since due to illness Mr. J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Montgomery, Alabama, was unable to attend.

It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Jerry Litton and carried that the Student Officers recommend that the report of the National FFA Treasurer be accepted. It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Weiler and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

It was moved by Jerry Litton, seconded by James Quincey and carried to recommend that Section B, of Article III of the Bylaws to Public Law 740 be amended to read as follows:

"Hereafter, the four State Supervisors authorized in Section 8 (a) (3) of Public Law 740 to serve on the Board of Directors shall be elected (one from each region established in Section C of Article III of these bylaws by the Board of Directors) by the State Supervisors of the respective regions.

"In case the elected member of the Board of Directors from any region is ill or otherwise unable to attend a scheduled meeting, a State Supervisor shall be appointed from that region by the Chairman of the Board of Directors."

It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried that the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Spanton read the following recommendation which had been submitted by the Agricultural Education Section of the AVA:

"It is recommended that steps be taken to amend Public Law 740 by the Board of Directors of the National Organization of FFA at the January 1957 meeting to permit NVATA to have a representative from each of the four regions on the Board of Directors of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America."

It was moved by James Quincey, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried that the proposed amendment submitted by the Agricultural Education Section of the AVA be rejected. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Weiler and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Lano Barron, Editor of the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine gave a mid-year report on the magazine. Copies of the Budget Analysis for a six-month period from July 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956 were distributed to the group. It was explained that this budget included expenditures for the Official FFA Calendar Program which will not produce revenue until the next fiscal year.

Mr. Barron reviewed the circulation of the magazine, which averaged 183,330 for the six-month period ended December 31, 1956. He stated that while the last issue of that period had 205,419 paid subscribers, the average for the first half of 1957 would probably be below that figure. He thought that although circulation would not hit 200,000 for the next six months, it would probably be substantially above the 183,330 figure.

Mr. Barron showed a graph on advertising for the years 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956. This graph showed a drop for 1956, but it was believed this was due largely to a change in personnel. He stated, that after valuable training and experience the present personnel had at last reversed the trend with 37.8% more business on contract now than a year ago.

Mr. Barron was asked if it would not be advisable for the magazine to run more articles about the FFA, since members have access to general agricultural articles in other magazines. He stated that at first it was thought the magazine would be devoted 100 per cent to FFA stories but after making a survey, it was found that stories on farm machinery ranked above FFA articles. The magazine has been following the practice of having 50% FFA articles, 25% technical agriculture and 25% general.

Mr. Cedric Lafley, Associate Editor of the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine made a report on the Official FFA Calendar. He stated that over 7,000 calendars had been ordered in the last two weeks. There is quite a change in the method of selling the calendar since the magazine has taken it over. It was thought, however, that sales would increase as chapters discussed this at their meetings. The entire staff of the Magazine will assist in the calendar program when and where possible. Mr. Lafley said he plans to visit a number of the States going down into the chapter level. He also plans to attend a few of the State teachers' conferences this year.

The cover painting for the 1958 calendar was displayed, and Mr. Lafley explained that this year the large billboard calendar would not be sold. They were not too popular in the past and it was thought best to handle only the home and medium size wall calendars.

Mr. Lafley was asked how much a chapter would make on the sale of the calendar. He said they would make 25% of the gross sales. If a chapter sells \$200 worth of calendars they would get \$50. This would be 2-1/2 times greater than they received from the company which previously handled the calendar.

Pictures for the calendar were discussed. Mr. Lafley said there is a small selection of pictures for calendars. The 4 x 5 transparencies are about the best. Small pictures do not give the sharpness needed for the calendar. Pictures should show a typical FFA activity and it is preferred they have some FFA identification. It was suggested that Mr. Lafley write to approximately fifteen States this year requesting that they try to get for him a picture of a certain activity for possible use on the calendar. The magazine at present pays \$50 for pictures used on the calendar.

It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by James Quincey and carried to accept the reports made by Mr. Barron and Mr. Lafley. It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Miss Elizabeth Copeland of the Custom Cal Company, appeared before the Boards and gave some background information on the Official FFA Fund Raising Calendar. This calendar was first approved by the Boards in January 1955, as the Official FFA Fund Raising Calendar and the Custom Cal Company was given a three-year contract. At this time Miss Copeland was requesting the Boards approval for a contract for a five-year period beginning January 1958. She stated a five-year contract would enable them to do long-range planning and take advantage of quantity buying. She was

also requesting that she be allowed to make the amount of royalty given to State Associations flexible. At the present time a State Association receives 15 per cent of the gross business in the respective States. She said many States have been very cooperative in publicizing the calendar in many ways and she would like to make it possible to give those States more than the 15 per cent and States which do not take much interest in the calendar less than the 15 per cent.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by James Quincey, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that the Custom Cal Company contract be renewed for a period of three years beginning January 1, 1958. It was then moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that this motion be amended to read that there be a minimum of 15 per cent royalty to the State Associations and five per cent to the national organization. It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. John A. Snell, State Director of Agricultural Education, Augusta, Maine appeared before the group. Dr. Spanton explained that in the State of Maine from Colonial days down to the present academies have been maintained in many communities instead of public schools. For many years these academies were supported in part from public funds and seemed to satisfy State authorities that they were eligible for State and Federal funds. Public Law 740 also gave them the privilege of operating local chapters of the FFA so long as they received or were eligible to receive Federal funds. Recently, however, the attorney general in that State ruled that these schools did not meet all requirements for State funds. This, therefore, in the opinion of some made them ineligible for Federal funds and also ineligible to operate official FFA chapters. Mr. Snell was requesting that the Boards consider these chapters as meeting all of the requirements for operating an official chapter since they met all of the standards set up in the State Plan. Dr. Spanton recommended that these schools in question be considered as meeting all of the requirements for maintaining a local chapter of the Future Farmers of America, and be given all of the rights and privileges to which an organized chapter is entitled, provided that when the matter is submitted to the attorneys in this office they indicate that according to their interpretation of the Smith-Hughes Act and Public Law 740, these schools in question are in fact meeting all standards and requirements entitling them to maintain FFA chapters.

It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Jerry Litton and carried that the recommendation made by Dr. Spanton be approved. It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Dr. Terney and carried that the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

February 1, 1957

The meeting was called to order in Room G-747 A by the Chairman at 9:30 a.m., all members of the Boards being present.

The first item of business was that of providing a luncheon for the groups of men who come to Washington each year to select the national award winners in the different Foundation award categories. Mr. Hunsicker pointed out that in past years these outstanding men, who are donors to the Foundation, come to Washington and spend hours of their time selecting these national winners and then we expect them to buy their own lunch. Mr. Hunsicker thought that the least we could do would be to provide these men with a noon lunch. After a short discussion it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that a luncheon be provided for the donors who come to Washington to select the national award winners each year, and that the money be taken out of the contingent fund if necessary. It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers. Dr. Spanton pointed out that it is customary each year to have the Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee provide a luncheon for the judges of the Star Farmer of America award, and that this precedent would continue in the future.

Mr. Barron, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, appeared before the group and discussed suggested changes in advertising policies. After considerable discussion about the proposed changes it was agreed that the advertising policies should read as follows:

1. The use of the name of the Future Farmers of America will be in keeping with the dignity and integrity of the organization.
2. The direct and separate use of the FFA emblem as a part of an advertiser's copy or layout will be permitted, provided the advertisement does not include actual or implied endorsement by the Future Farmers of America of the article manufactured, advertised or sold by the advertiser and provided further that it must be approved by the publishers.
3. Current members of the FFA Foundation are encouraged to use the Foundation emblem, provided it does not include actual or implied endorsement by the Future Farmers of America.
4. The use of "Future Farmers of America" or "FFA" in advertising copy will be permitted provided the advertising satisfies all other terms of the advertising policies of The National FUTURE FARMER.
5. Advertisements must not include actual or implied testimonials or endorsements of business firms, their products or services, either by FFA members or advisors.
6. The following types of advertising will not be accepted:
 - a. Tobacco and alcoholic beverages.
 - b. Sex literature, except as approved by established educational agencies.

- c. Physical development and fortune telling.
- d. Correspondence courses of other than well-established and reliable institutions.
- e. Medical, encouraging self-diagnosis and self-treatment.
- f. Reading notices and classified.
- g. Any advertisement which does not deliver value or service the buyer is led to expect on the basis of advertising claims.
- h. Political advertisements.

7. The publishers will not approve or carry in the pages of The National FUTURE FARMER, either editorially or in paid advertising, announcements of any contests originating outside the FFA organization, which is solely for FFA chapters or members. Contests, however, which are open to all farm youth, regardless of organization affiliation, may be carried in The National FUTURE FARMER as paid advertising.

Mr. Hunsicker inquired as to whether or not anyone checked the ads in the magazine from the standpoint of boys writing in to see whether or not they fulfilled all of their claims. Mr. Barron said that they check to see if the companies are certified members of an advertising agency.

Mr. Weiler said that many teachers in his State wanted to know why the magazine took on the Osborne type of calendar in preference to the "Official Fund Raising Calendar". He stated further that his teachers wanted to know why we are continuing to carry the Custom Cal Company's ad in the magazine when we are taking over advertising ourselves in the magazine. Mr. Barron said that the Official FFA Calendar is tied close to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine as a good advertising medium, as well as having good public relations value, and that the magazine has no concern, nor is it in any way in competition with the Custom Cal Company. He further stated that when an advertiser buys the Osborne type calendar and his name is on it, it is on the basis that that is an ad for him, and him only, but when a local advertiser advertises in the Custom Cal Calendar, he considers it more of a donation by which they are helping out local FFA chapters.

Mr. Edward Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, appeared before the group and gave the operating statement of the Supply Service as of December 31, 1956.

After reviewing the operating statement Dr. Spanton explained that in time, after the new FFA Building is paid for, the net profit of the Supply Service would be used to:

- 1. Make grants to State Associations in accord with the business they give the Supply Service.
- 2. Reduce the cost of items in the catalogue, as well as making grants to the States.

Mr. Hawkins pointed out that the Supply Service is now giving a ten per cent discount for orders of ten or more jackets.

Mr. Hawkins had previously been authorized to look into the matter of developing an official FFA flag. He displayed a flag to the group which could be purchased for \$20 to \$25 bearing the FFA emblem with the words across the top "FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA", with a fringe around the edges. He added that the poles for the flag would be additional. He stated that it would be a standard flag carrying the words "FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA" and would not be personalized with the State or chapter name. It was moved by James Quincey, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that the Student Officers recommend that the Supply Service be authorized to stock and sell this type of official FFA flag. It was then moved by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Hawkins then presented a black picture frame with backing and wire which would sell for around \$.50 apiece and which would be suitable for the different certificates and degrees given throughout the States. He said that the frame has a glass covering and that it would be better to ship the frames without the glass. Mr. Johnson suggested we try to get plastic, but Mr. Hawkins stated that it probably would be more expensive and that plastic doesn't stand up. It was then moved by Pete Knutson, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that Mr. Hawkins be given authorization to stock the black frame at the Supply Service and that the shipping details (with or without glass) be left up to the discretion of Mr. Hawkins. It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Hawkins presented two new ties, both being the new narrow style--- one with a square bottom and one with the regular point. The student officers all seemed to like the narrower tie and favored the pointed bottom style. It was then moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried that the Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the Supply Service be authorized to stock the new narrow tie with the pointed end. It was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Hawkins also presented a variety of bolo ties, or western style ties, with the FFA emblem on them, to be worn with sport shirts that would sell for around \$1.00 apiece. After looking over the various types of bolo ties, it was moved by Pete Knutson, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that the Student Officers recommend that the bolo tie not be stocked at the Supply Service. It was then moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Hawkins presented an arm patch bearing the letters FFA which could be worn on sweaters and jackets. After a short discussion, it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend that the arm patches not be stocked at the Supply Service. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Hawkins then showed a sweetheart charm bracelet with the letters FFA dangling from it. After a short discussion, it was moved by Pete Knutson,

seconded by Jerry Ringo, and carried that the Student Officers recommend that the charm bracelet not be carried at the Supply Service. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Marvin Jagels, president of the FFA in 1942-43, appeared before the two boards and gave an account of what he has been doing since the time he was a national officer.

Mr. Hawkins said that he had a number of complaints regarding the paperweight the Supply Service was now carrying. He presented samples of various types of paperweights for the Boards to inspect. Most members favored the highly polished gold finish, but recommended that Mr. Hawkins look into the matter a little further.

Mr. Hawkins showed two FFA jackets which had different types of embroidery on the back and front, and emphasized the fact that we should make the embroidery work uniform, and he wanted to know which type was preferred. After looking at the two types, it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the Universal Uniform type of embroidering be the official lettering on both the front and back of the FFA Jackets. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

It was then moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Pete Knutson, and carried that Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Barron and their staffs be complimented for their fine work. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Weiler and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Barron stated that he has had a number of inquiries from the Central Region for carrying regionalized advertising in the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. Mr. Barron wanted to know if there would be any objection to running a page ad of regionalized advertising from the Central Region, since the number of prospects in that region was good. He said, however, this practice wouldn't be started before the fall issue of 1958. Mr. Johnson wanted to know how this regionalized advertising would affect costs. Mr. Barron said that it would cost \$126 to change one page.

Mr. Weiler asked if there were more States with 100 per cent participation in magazine subscriptions. Mr. Barron said that altogether 18 States were in 100 per cent.

After a short discussion it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Jerry Litton and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the staff of The National FUTURE FARMER determine the matter of regionalizing the magazine, since they are closer to the problem. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Tenney explained that since we haven't as yet a new FFA executive secretary, we must go forward with the plans for the forthcoming National FFA Convention. Dr. Tenney then presented the names of persons whom he

suggested as possible speakers at the 1957 National FFA Convention, and asked for further suggestions from the members of the Boards. The following persons, two or three of whom could be invited, were approved:

1. President Dwight D. Eisenhower or Vice President Nixon
2. Ex-President Harry S. Truman
3. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson
4. Dr. L. G. Derthick, Commissioner of Education
5. Henry Ford
6. J. Edgar Hoover
7. Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri

Dr. Tenney thought that instead of having the usual pageant on Wednesday morning at the convention, we might try one of the following:

1. Demonstration Contests
2. Chapters reporting on their activities
3. Extemporaneous public speaking contests
4. Demonstration of Creed contest
5. Chapter operations or parliamentary procedure contest.

Mr. Howard thought that a little variety might be worth while, but the national officers favored having the pageant again this year. No official action was taken.

The next item brought before the two Boards was the discipline of FFA members at the national FFA convention. After a lengthy discussion, the one idea favorable to everyone was that of setting up a disciplinary committee out in Kansas City. It was then moved by Jerry Litton, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend that the idea of setting up a disciplinary committee be put into action with it being controlled mainly by the boys.

Some suggestions to improve discipline at the convention were to:

1. Have a boy on every street corner to help in a friendly way and to stop any trouble before it starts.
2. Get the cooperation of the police department and all work together.
3. Have a central headquarters in the Municipal Auditorium for this new committee to help guide the boys rather than to take them to police headquarters.
4. Set a curfew.
5. Have boys obtain consent of their parents and high school principal before attending the convention.

Mr. Weiler felt that this new committee should be discussed at the regional conferences. Mr. Naugher suggested that we poll the States for suggestions to help improve the discipline at the convention, and have them present their suggestions at their regional conferences. It was the general feeling of everyone that Mr. Weiler would be a good choice to head this committee. It was then moved by James Quincey, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the

Board of Directors that this committee be set up with Mr. Weiler as its head, and that the committee operate at all times out at the convention to provide information and help to the boys. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. Mr. Weiler thought that the officers of this committee should meet before the regional conferences. Dr. Tenney said that a meeting could be held in Chicago on the Saturday and Sunday before the Central Regional Conference. It was then moved by James Quincey, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that money be provided to pay the travel expenses of these men to make preparations for setting up a satisfactory disciplinary committee out in Kansas City next fall. It was moved by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Spanton said that at the October meeting of the Board of Directors of the FFA, which was held in Kansas City, Missouri, a discussion was held concerning the salary paid to Mr. Edward J. Hawkins.

Because of the efficient manner in which the FFA Supply Service is being conducted, certain members of the Boards thought that Mr. Hawkins should receive an increase in salary. While figures were not available as to his current salary, it was thought that he was being paid on the basis of one of the higher steps in U.S. Grade GS-11. Action taken out in Kansas City was as follows: "It was moved by Lemmie Gamage, seconded by Terrell Benton and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the salary of Mr. E. J. Hawkins be raised to the first step in the next grade (Grade GS-12, it was presumed) beginning January 1, 1957. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained." Dr. Spanton stated that on returning to Washington it was found that Mr. Hawkins was already receiving \$7,785. per annum which is the 2nd step of Grade GS-12. Therefore, it was not clear as to the intent of the Boards -- since action taken would actually mean a reduction in his salary. For this reason a meeting of the Governing Committee of the FFA was called by the Chairman, at which time this matter was reviewed and further discussed. After considerable discussion, "it was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried, that due to a lack of clarity on the action taken in Kansas City relative to raising the salary of Mr. Hawkins, action be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors in January, 1957."

Dr. Spanton said that he personally recommended that Mr. Hawkins' present salary of \$7,785, the second step of Grade GS-12, be increased to the first step of a Grade GS-13 or a salary of \$8,990. per annum. It was the general feeling of both Boards that Mr. Farrar's salary should also be raised to the first step of a Grade GS-13. It was then moved by Pete Knutson, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend that the salary of both Mr. Farrar and Mr. Hawkins be raised to the first step of Grade GS-13. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers. Mr. Naugher pointed out that these salaries were for the work these men were doing and not for their positions.

Mr. Barron's salary was then reviewed. After a short discussion, it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Jerry Litton and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend that Mr. Barron's salary be raised to the top step of a Grade GS-13 (\$10,065). It was moved by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

It was then moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the above raises be retroactive to January 1, 1957. It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Johnson distributed copies of the 1956 Report on the Annual Meeting of the Special Study Committee for National FFA Judging Contests held right after the National FFA Convention in Kansas City each year.

One of the items discussed by the Committee was the revision of Bulletin No. 4 "Future Farmers of America National Contests 1954, '55, '56," which will be used without change in 1957, except that the superintendents listed in Bulletin No. 4 for 1958, '59, '60, would be in charge. Mr. Johnson said that he requested and received bids from four companies for printing a new Bulletin No. 4. After discussing the bids, it was moved by Jerry Litton, seconded by Pete Knutson, and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the selection of a printer be left up to the discretion of Mr. Johnson. It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know whether or not the Boards would favor a yellow cover as suggested by the Special Study Committee, so that the new bulletin could be better distinguished from the previous ones. It was moved by James Quincey, seconded by Victor Cappucci, and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the revised Bulletin No. 4 be printed with a yellow cover. It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Special Study Committee had recommended that starting in 1958 the dairy products and dairy cattle contests be combined as the "Dairy Production" contest with approximately one-fourth of the total points being allotted to the dairy products phase of the combined event.

After considerable discussion by the two Boards, it was moved by Victor Cappucci, seconded by Jerry Litton, and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend that action be delayed until a poll could be made to get the opinions directly from the States, and, further, that these polls should be taken at the forthcoming regional conferences. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Naugher, and Mr. Farrar, agreed to prepare a note to be sent out to the States asking them to come to the regional conferences prepared to cast one vote for their State on the question of whether these contests should be combined in 1958, or be continued as separate contests for the three-year period 1958-59-60. It was then moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Tenney read a letter from Mr. Joseph R. Stotts of Cottonwood, Arizona, concerning the National Public Speaking Contest in which he requested the following be clarified:

1. Is there any objection to the use of illustrative materials, prepared by the contestant, such as: charts, graphs, eye-catching devices, etc. Article V, Section 5 states that a contestant will be permitted to use notes but there is no reference in the rules clarifying the use of illustrative materials.
2. Please give us an interpretation of Article II, Section 2, which states, "A chapter winner is eligible to participate only in the next succeeding State, regional and national contest."

It was suggested that Dr. Tenney write Mr. Stotts and answer his questions as follows: 1. No illustrative materials may be used in the National Public Speaking Contest, and 2. That Article II, Section 2 should be interpreted exactly as it reads.

Mr. Weiler then read a few letters he had received from his State suggesting that a trial-run of an extemporaneous public speaking contest be recommended for future use at the national convention. He also stated that a number of his teachers feel that the Nominating Committee, when selecting the national FFA officers, should give preference to boys actively engaged in farming. Mr. Naugher said this is already being done.

Mr. Johnson then read a letter he had received from Mr. S. S. Sutherland, of San Luis Obispo, California, in which he raised the question of having an annual meeting of the State FFA Executive Secretaries. After a short discussion it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Jerry Litton and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that at present no action be taken on this matter, but that it be discussed at State conventions and then brought before the Boards at their July meetings. Without objection the motion was accepted by the Board of Directors.

The Boards expressed their appreciation to the retiring Board members Messrs. Weiler and McDonald, for their contributions as members of the Board of Directors for the past two years.

There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A. W. Tenney
A. W. Tenney, Secretary

W. T. Spanton

W. T. Spanton, Chairman