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RAISES INSTRUCTORS' STANDARD

Board of Trustees of Dickinson School District Will Require First Class Certificate of New Teachers Hereafter.

Instructors hereafter employed by the board of trustees of the Dickinson School District No. 7 must have at least a state first class certificate, according to the provisions of a resolution passed by the board at its meeting Friday afternoon. This action is a decided innovation in county school affairs and will more than likely be followed by other districts of the county in the raising of the standard of instructors placed in the schools, Superintendent of County Schools Tom B. Blackstone said. No other county school district works under this rule at present, however. This resolution affects only instructors employed in the future. Teachers employed at present who haven't state first class certificates will be continued in the service according to the terms of their employment.

In addition to the rule dealing with the employment of instructors in the future, the board decided that all increases in salaries hereafter will be contingent upon the possession by teachers of state first grade certificates. There will be no increases in the salaries of those who do not hold this grade of certificate.

The board was reorganized, Joe Salvato being elected president and Jake Silbhornagel re-elected secretary. Dr. C. B. Garner was seated as a member of the board, taking the place formerly held by C. C. Johnson, resigned.

The board decided to send the domestic economy instructor, Mrs. G. C. Deats, to Austin to attend the home economics week course of study and lectures to be held at the University of Texas. This action was taken owing to the help offered to instructors by home economics week, tending to increase the efficiency of the teacher. The maximum cost of expenses for the trip to be borne by the district was fixed at \$10.

Repairing to the Dickinson school building, together with the installation of equipment for use in the school work, is being done just now, Superintendent Blackstone, who attended the meeting, said. Other county schools were visited during the past week by the superintendent and he says the various districts show good conditions prevailing.