

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

(Office on main floor of capitol building)

Term of incumbent ends December 31, 1942

Annual Salary \$4500.00

JESSIE M. PARKER, Superintendent, Lake Mills.

J. P. STREET, Deputy and Director of Junior Colleges, Atlantic.

PAUL B. NORRIS, Supervisor of Rural Schools, Thompson, Iowa.

W. A. WINTERSTEIN, Statistician, Iowa Falls.

Regional Supervisors

H. K. Bennett, Traer.

A. J. Steffey, Knoxville.

C. M. Ross, Iowa City.

R. A. Griffin, Coon Rapids.

The superintendent of public instruction, under the first constitution, from 1847 to 1857, was a constitutional rather than a statutory state officer. Under the regime of the state board of education, provided for by the new or present constitution, the office of superintendent of public instruction was abolished December 24, 1858. When the state board of education was itself abolished by the legislature in 1864, the office of superintendent of public instruction was restored as an elective state office and since that time, except for the four-year period from 1914 to 1918, when the superintendent of public instruction was appointed by the governor with the approval of two-thirds of the senate, the office has remained as an elective state office, under the provisions of section 515, C. '35.

The superintendent of public instruction is charged by section 3831 with general supervision and control over the public schools of the state, including rural, graded, high schools, and public junior colleges. In addition to the foregoing duties, the superintendent of public instruction under section 3858, C. '35, is president *ex officio* of the state board of educational examiners which has charge of the certification of teachers. Section 3838, C. '35, designates the superintendent of public instruction chairman *ex officio* of the state board for vocational education, which promotes a program of vocational education and rehabilitation.

BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS

(Office located in office of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

*Appointed by the Governor. Terms of four years*JESSIE M. PARKER, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *ex officio*,
President.O. R. LATHAM, President, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, term
expires June 30, 1941.JOHN S. NOLLEN, President, Grinnell College, Grinnell, term expires June
30, 1941.F. N. OLRV, County Superintendent of Schools, Denison, term expires
June 30, 1941.ARTHUR DEAMER, City Superintendent of Schools, Cedar Rapids, term
expires June 30, 1941.

Secretary, Russell E. Jonas, Des Moines.

Chief Clerk, Esther E. Tronstrom, Mapleton.

The state board of educational examiners was instituted by the nineteenth general assembly in 1882. Section 3858, C. '35, provides that the membership of the board of educational examiners shall consist of the

superintendent of public instruction, who is president and executive officer of the board and four additional members appointed by the governor for a term of four years including: the president of one of the three state institutions of higher learning; the president of one of the privately endowed institutions of higher learning in the state that maintain teacher training courses; a county superintendent of schools; and a city superintendent of schools.

Section 3858-e1, C. '35, charges the board with authority to administer the statutes pertaining to the granting of all teachers' certificates except those which have to do with high school normal training. In that function it fixes the standards for teacher training courses; accredits colleges which offer teacher training courses for teachers' certificates; evaluates certificates of other states, and determines what recognition can be given them in Iowa.

STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

(Office located on third floor of capitol building)

Members of Board (ex officio)

JESSIE M. PARKER, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chairman, Lake Mills.

GEORGE T. BAKER, President State Board of Education, Davenport.

CHARLES W. HARNES, Labor Commissioner, Ottumwa.

Director, Forest E. Moore, Des Moines.

Supervisor, agricultural education, H. T. Hall, Des Moines.

Supervisor, homemaking education, Mary Farris, Des Moines.

Supervisor, trade and industrial education, Harry W. Carmichael, Des Moines.

Supervisor, vocational rehabilitation, Willis W. Grant, Des Moines.

The state board for vocational education was established by the thirty-seventh general assembly in an act accepting the terms of the national vocational education act commonly known as the Smith-Hughes Law.

Vocational education, as organized under the provisions of the national and state vocational education acts, includes education and training of less than college grade, the specific purpose of which is to equip boys, girls, men and women for the effective pursuit of occupations. Such training prepares those of regular school age for employment which they propose to follow. It helps those who are already employed to acquire the new skill and knowledge which progress demands of their occupations and consequently to do better work and to take advantage of opportunities for promotion. Vocational education is offered in three major fields: namely, agricultural, trade and industrial and homemaking education. Instruction in each of these three occupational fields may be offered to three age groups of individuals: the regular high school student, the student who attends school part of the time and works part of the time, and the adult worker.

In general, vocational schools and classes are organized in accordance with the needs of the persons to be trained. Usually the classes are held in local public school buildings. Under certain conditions, and when better facilities for vocational training exist elsewhere, instruction may be offered in places other than regular school buildings. However, under all circumstances the vocational work is under public supervision and control and is maintained as a definite part of the educational program of the state. The state board for vocational education reimburses local school districts from federal funds for salaries paid to the teachers of vocational classes.