There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 1961

Absent: Ulvila, Morris, Dodge.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Ulrich in Territorial Room 4, at 12:20 p.m. This being an emergency meeting no minutes were available.

Ulrich reported that Stan Strom, President of the Student Body at Northern Montana College called him last night at 11:00 to report that that student body is going to stage a boycott on classes Wednesday, January 18, in protest to the proposed University budget which will cut their funds from $900,000 to $500,000. Strom wanted the support of the other parts of the University system. Later Arjay Godten from MSC called to see what this campus is going to do. Ulrich is to call him back after the meeting. The suggestion is to stage a boycott in the form of a peaceful walkout of classes Wednesday morning. There should be posters and publicity to announce the reason, Ulrich stated. The reason is to express student opposition to the proposed cut in the University budget.

Whitehall asked about the direct affect of MSU. Ulrich said that the proposed budget would cut the funds here by $500,000. Stone said that as of yet our request still stands, Nutter's proposed budget would cut it by this if approved by the legislature. Johnson said that he felt the boycott would be an ineffective weapon and that it will just cause controversy and ill will. Johnson moved that the students stage a boycott of classes tomorrow morning. Carlson seconded. Johnson said that he would like to see the motion defeated so that the given a chance to look over the situation, and that in case of such a movement, the students should be educated as to the purpose of such a movement. Oswald said that he had called Mr. Panteer, who in turn called Dr. Newburn. Newburn said that he was opposed to such action, that it might hurt the University budget rather than help. He is now meeting with the legislature and said that no decision has been made on the budget proposals. Any move now might cause antagonism. Carlson espied that any action or nonaction at this time wouldn't move the legislature and might make the public in Montana more awake as to what is in store for the University system in this state. Colness said that it is too early to do anything
so outright; he said also that the students haven’t been educated as to what they would be doing. Most of them would treat a boycott as a Holiday rather than as if it had some purpose behind it. He thought that an education program should be organized with printed pamphlets, etc., to inform the students as to the purposes, causes, and effects. The students could then write to the parents. Johnson called for the question on the motion. There being opposition, a vote was taken. The vote was to continue discussion, with all but Johnson opposed to the question.

Ulrich said that Northern is going ahead with the boycott as planned. Johnson said that he was sure that Dr. Brockman, NMC, will try to stop the action when he hears about it. Stone said that President Newburn is responsible to hassle with the legislature for funds and that he will need the backing of the University at this time. He will need confidence in his judgement and that he will have to be relied on. Stone said that this would move his vote to no.

Johnson said that he had heard that the Speaker of the House is in favor of the proposed budget of Governor Nutter. Agen said that he was inclined to think that the reduction will go through. Oswald reported that Mr. Pantzer indicated that considerable support was shown for the University budget as proposed. Carlson said that a friend of his family is on the Senate Education Committee; this friend had said that a great deal of favor has been shown to the six-unit proposed University budget in the Senate. Oswald said that President Newburn will return this evening. Colness asked about the possibilities of sending student lobbyists to Helena. Whitelaw thought that this would be very ineffective unless organized by the faculty. He said that most students didn’t have the ability or experience to do this. Cogswell said that the President didn’t eliminate student efforts later. If something goes on now the people might not realize what the action is for since Governor Nutter’s budget and ex-Governor Aronson’s recommendations were issued at the same time. Romstad said the the Board will have to back Newburn. He also suggested that it would be good to meet with him when he gets back. Agen suggested to work through the student-parent contact to the tax payer instead of staging a walk-out. Whitelaw suggested biding time since it will be six weeks before the bill will be passed. Carlson said that he doubted if a time would come when the students are urged to do something like this by the University administration. The motion was passed 10-0, with Carlson and Datsopulous abstaining.

Ulrich said that he would write a letter to the Kaimin asking all students to write their parents. Johnson suggested to have extensive coverage by the Kaimin. Ulrich said that he would also write to Newburn confirming student backing, that ASMSU will do anything possible to help. Also he will invite Pres. Newburn to come to a meeting or to arrange a meeting at his convenience.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mossey, Secretary, ASMSU