

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF July 29, 30, 1994

The Board of Trustees convened for a scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 29, 1994, in the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Research and Training Center. Trustees in attendance were: Mrs. Olive Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Mrs. Wilhelmina McBride, Dr. Louise Scott, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs, Mrs. Elizabeth Moorhead, Mrs. Faye Edwards, Dr. Marvin Efron, Mrs. Mary Williams. Mr. John Robinson was present from the State Department of Education representing Dr. Barbara Nielsen. Staff present were: Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood, Mr. Mike Kelly, Ms. Deb Haney, Mr. Robert James, Ms. Gloria Lloyd, and Ms. Brenda Stork.

Mrs. Wilson called the meeting to order. She stated for the record that the notice of the meeting was provided to the public in conformance with the requirements of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80(d) of the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976 as amended.

Mrs. Wilson welcomed everyone including a new board member Mrs. Faye Edwards of Gaffney.

The following actions were made by the board:

-Recognition of Employee of the Quarter: The Employee of the Quarter was Mr. Stacey Walker. Mrs. Wilson stated that Mr. Walker has resigned his position to accept employment in New Mexico, however, his Employee of the Quarter plaque will be mailed to him.

-Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Thrailkill made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Diggs. The motion was passed.

-Approval of May 11, 1994, Board Minutes: A motion was made by Dr. Efron to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scott. The motion was passed.

-Superintendent's Report: Dr. Norwood reported on the following:

-We have received verbal confirmation that we have received the Young Women's Career Club Grant for the third consecutive year for approximately \$20,000.

-The Telephone Pioneer's will provide support again in the effort to maintain our nature center and our ROPES program. They have given us \$4,000 for these programs.

-The JROTC site visit has been completed by Col. Carpenter at USC. He inspected all of our facilities and filled out an extensive report. A copy has been sent to Fort Bragg with his strong endorsement. They will be making a decision for 1995-96 in October. He encouraged contact with our Senators and Congressman which she has done.

-We have also received a waiver on Act 135 until April 1995. At the time we had to submit a waiver, we were uncertain about what our status would be next year concerning the year-around school program.

-She will be speaking to leadership institute in Berkely County to Principals next Tuesday. She was invited to speak on our program and plans for the future.

-We have received the Arts Grant for approximately \$10,000.

-Standing Committee Reports: Dr. Efron and Dr. Norwood reviewed policies GAM (Staff Rights and Responsibilities) and JCDA (Smoking) with the board. Dr. Efron made a motion to adopt these policies for first reading with the recommended revisions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Williams. Dr. Norwood said she thought there was a federal law that goes into effect in December. If we are receiving any federal funds you must have a smoke-free institution. After further discussion among the board, Dr. Efron amended the motion for the policies to read smoke free buildings in lieu of a smoke free campus. There was also some discussion concerning staff living on campus and smoking in their homes. A recommendation was made to delay this matter until the meeting on Saturday morning and the federal regulations would be reviewed.

-Personnel Committee: Dr. Scott reported the board previously received a list of personnel actions and she reviewed them with the board. A motion was made by Dr. Scott to ratify these personnel actions as listed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Efron. The motion was passed.

-Old Business: Mrs. Thrailkill reported she went to Lancaster to present the honorable mention of the Wil Lou Gray Award. She said many people were present and she enjoyed presenting this award.

-New Business:

-1995-96 Budget Priorities was discussed by Dr. Norwood. She recommended the following budget priorities, however, it would be the board decision to prioritize them.

-A request to update furnishings in the dormitories in the amount of \$75,000

-Recommended we pursue a request of \$20,000 to fund JROTC.

-Request of \$500,000 to run a year-around school.

Long range plans include:

-Upgrading computer system (does not have an amount at this time).

-Five more weekday counselors and five more weekend counselors

which would cost approximately \$200,000.

-Covered walkways.

Dr. Norwood said there is \$50,000 in the Bond Bill for vehicles. She has been receiving conflicting information about what is required of the Opportunity School for student transportation. Roll bars have been installed in our vans. If we have to buy a mini bus with the \$50,000, we are not going to be in a much better position in terms of

our vehicles due to the cost of a mini-bus.

Mrs. Wilson said the board would further discuss the budget priorities at the Saturday morning meeting.

Dr. Efron made a motion that the board move into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's planning stage, legal issues, and a possible disability retirement. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Diggs. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Efron to move out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moorhead. The motion was passed.

The board recessed until Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Following further discussion a motion was made by Dr. Efron and seconded by Mrs. Diggs to approve the following objectives for the Superintendent's performance evaluation document:

Objective 1: Maintain all Wil Lou Gray programs operating with maximum student enrollment and utilizing available space.

Objective 2: Develop and implement additional vocational programs and training opportunities for students.

Objective 3: Program performance document measuring progress for program effectiveness and cost effectiveness will be correlated with the long range planning document.

Objective 4: Innovation in teaching methods, scheduling, flexibility and efficiency in use of instructional time will be demonstrated.

Objective 5: Build strategies to increase public awareness of high quality services to students and parents.

Budget priorities for the 1995-96 budget requests were discussed. A motion by Dr. Efron and seconded by Mrs. Moorhead was approved as follows:

Recurring Budget:

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| 1. | Ten (10) additional youth counselors: | \$200,000 |
| 2. | JROTC Program: | \$ 20,000 |
| 3. | Year round school program | \$500,000 |

Non-recurring budget:

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| 1. | Dorm furnishings: | \$ 75,000 |
| 2. | Upgrade computer system | Cost being determined |
| 3. | Two vehicles | \$ 30,000 |
| 4. | Covered walkways | Cost being determined |

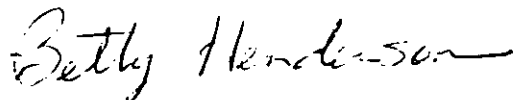
Approved a motion by Dr. Scott and seconded by Dr. Efron that board members may select one in-state conference and the Governor's Conference on Education. Requests for any out-of-state meetings will come to the board. The Superintendent is

expected to attend the agency director's meeting and the annual Superintendents' Conference.

NSBA affiliate dues were approved on a motion by Mrs. Diggs and seconded by Mrs. Moorhead.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dr. Efron and seconded by Mrs. Moorhead.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Henderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Betty Henderson