

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting on November 8, 1978

The Board of Trustees convened for its bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 1978 at 12:00 noon in the cafeteria for lunch and in the classroom building at 1:00 p. m. for the business meeting. Members in attendance were Dr. J. C. Holler, presiding; Dr. Marvin Efron; Mr. James McClary; Dr. James F. Miles; the Reverend James B. Mitchell; Mr. Clarence S. Rowland, Jr.; Mr. Karl Segelken; and Mrs. Jack Wilson. Dr. Wil Lou Gray, Mr. George Smith, and Dr. J. T. Willis were also in attendance.

The Reverend Mitchell led in the invocation.

The agenda was adopted as printed with one change. The Executive Committee's report was moved from the last on the list of committees to the first place.

Dr. Willis was asked to make his report. He called on Mr. George Smith, Student Recruiter, to report on his activities in recruiting and in public relations. Mr. Smith gave an informative report and showed a slide-tape presentation on the school program.

Mrs. Jack Wilson reported on a meeting of the Endowment Campaign Committee which convened on November 1st. She reported that the Student Recruiter is concentrating his efforts in recruiting in the counties where there are home bases for foundations which give money for educational purposes. He is obtaining the names of prospective students who would perhaps attend the Opportunity School if they had

the financial support. These foundations will then be approached with a request that they give scholarships to support the prospective students. Also, an appeal will be made to the people who graduated from the Opportunity School during the years that Dr. W. T. Lander and Mr. J. S. Agnew were Directors, and during the years that Mrs. Clara Stroud was a teacher and Miss Lessie Moore was Field Representative. The appeal will be for these graduates to give money toward scholarships named in honor of these former employees of the school.

Dr. Holler reported on a meeting of the Executive Committee. The Committee had heard a report on the school's investments with the Trust Department of the Citizens and Southern National Bank. A copy of that report is appended hereto. Also, the trust officers had recommended to the Committee that 150 shares of W. R. Grace stock be tendered for \$35.00 per share and that \$50,000 of the balance in the Federated Master Trust be used to purchase some corporate bonds. The Committee gave the trust officers authority to make these transactions. The Trustees also approved the transactions.

A question was asked relative to the name and purpose of the trust fund. Much discussion ensued, some Trustees stating that the funds were restricted and the income from the funds could be used for scholarships only. Other Trustees stated that the income was not restricted to scholarships only.

Dr. Efron moved that the Chairman of the Board name a committee of Trustees to make a study of the funds. The purpose of the study will be to ascertain if any of the funds are restricted and, if so,

for what purposes they are restricted. Also, the Committee will make recommendations to the Board about future contributions to the trust fund. Mr. McClary seconded the motion and it was passed.

There was not a report from the Building Committee nor the Development Committee.

Dr. Efron reported for the Education Committee that the school administration had recommended some changes in the Defined Minimum Program of the Opportunity School to the State Department of Education. The changes will provide more flexibility in scheduling teachers but will not reduce the quality of the instructional program.

The school administration also asked the State Department of Education to waive the requirement that the teachers of certain handicapped students be certified to teach students with specific handicaps. In lieu of full certification, the teachers will participate in a three week workshop which will provide skill training and knowledge of the characteristics of certain handicaps. As of the time of this report, the State Department of Education has not responded to the requests from the school.

Mr. Rowland, reporting for the Personnel Committee, asked that the Board take action on three policies that had been previously presented for consideration. The subjects of the policies were Dual Employment, Reduction in Force, and Standards of Disciplinary Actions. A motion was passed that these policies be adopted. A copy of each policy is appended hereto.

Under the item of Old Business, Dr. Willis reported that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees had approved and was recommending to the Board an increase in student fees in the amount of \$50.00 for the period of time beginning January 1, 1979 through June 30, 1979. The increase will apply only to those students who are paying their own fees and to those who are on work scholarships. Another increase of \$50.00 will become effective July 1, 1979. Total fees for room and board for all students for school year 1979-80 will be \$1,024. The registration fee of \$25.00 will remain the same.

Dr. Efron moved that the increases be approved and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Under the item of New Business, Dr. Efron moved that the Board of Trustees write a letter of congratulations to Governor-elect, Richard Riley, and to Superintendent-elect, Charlie Williams. The motion was adopted.

A motion to adjourn was passed.