

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SOUTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
October 4, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, the Reverend M. B. Webb. Superintendent, J. Truett Willis gave the invocation.

Board members present were: Dr. Oliver Thomas, Mr. Clarence S. Rowland, Reverend James B. Mitchell, Dr. Marvin Efron, Mr. James McClary, Mrs. John S. Boyce, Jr., Reverend M. B. Webb, and Dr. James F. Miles. Superintendent, J. Truett Willis met with the Board.

Superintendent Willis gave a report on nomination of a Board member to replace Mrs. Harriet Johnson. Mrs. Boyce moved that the committee, charged by the Board to recommend the nominee to replace Mrs. Johnson, proceed with its charge, and that the nominee after this preferably be a black woman. The motion was seconded by Dr. Efron, and the motion passed.

Superintendent Willis presented the budget proposal for 1973-74, stating it was already approved by the State Board of Education. Increases were recommended for administration, the education program, and evaluation center for Vocational Rehabilitation, and plant maintenance- especially air-conditioning of dormitories. Detailed budget data were distributed to the Board. The total increase requested amounts to \$179,823.00 for a total of \$1,025,622. After considerable discussion, Mr. McClary moved that the budget be adopted. Reverend Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed.

Discussion of school enrollment involved consideration of recruitment, reasons for lower enrollment at the Opportunity School, areas of duplicate service in adult education, and new approaches in the program of the Opportunity School to provide more vocational training.

Superintendent Willis presented five (5) written recommendations to the Board:

1. That the summer school program for 1972 be implemented - a Self-Improvement Program, a GED Program, and a Kindergarten Aide Workshop. Dr. Efron moved that the Summer Program be approved. Dr. Rowland seconded the motion, and it passed.
2. Employment of a full-time student recruiter was recommended. Mrs. Boyce moved and Mr. McClary seconded the motion that a recruiter be employed. The motion passed.
3. Superintendent Willis recommended that pre-vocational and more vocational training be offered at the Opportunity School - especially in carpentry, secretarial, and service trades. Dr. Efron moved that the Opportunity School initiate a program of exploration of pre-vocational work. Mr. McClary seconded the motion, and it passed.

Dr. Efron introduced Dr. Charlie E. Williams, Deputy Superintendent of the Department of Education in charge of instruction, who spoke about various adult education programs in South Carolina and their effect on the Opportunity School. He encouraged the Board to re-

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assess and plan the future role and program of the Opportunity School. Dr. Williams indicated that two basic ways to assess the role of the Opportunity School are: (1) to evaluate the source of students and (2) the product of the system in terms of the market for his skills, and to develop a program to fit these situations. Considerable discussion took place.

Item 4 - to provide more services and training for the handicapped, was approved by the Board upon a motion by Mrs. Boyce, which was seconded by Mr. Rowland.

Superintendent Willis recommended Item 5 - that application be made to the State Board of Education for accreditation and that students be accepted with a minimum of ten (10) units credit. The GED would continue to be offered. Dr. Thomas moved and Dr. Efron seconded the motion that the recommendation be adopted. The motion passed.

Recommendation 6 - that the school be annexed to West Columbia (taken into the city corporate limits) so fees for water, sewage, fire and police protection might be provided more satisfactorily. This recommendation was deferred.

It was decided that the School Development Committee would work with the Superintendent on recruitment of students and on the role and program of the school in the years ahead.

Dr. Efron moved that Reverend M. B. Webb be re-elected Chairman of the Board. Dr. Thomas moved that Dr. Efron be elected Vice-Chairman. Mr. McClary moved that Dr. Miles be re-elected Secretary and Dr. Holler be re-elected Treasurer. They were elected.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Miles
Secretary of the Board