

MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL  
March 18, 1964

At the request of the Special Building Committee, Dr. M. B. Webb, Chairman of the Board, called a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for Wednesday, March 18 at 12:30 p.m. at The South Carolina Opportunity School for the purpose of receiving the report of the engineering study prepared by the firm of Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle, and Wolff.

Members present for this special meeting were: Dr. Webb; Mr. Hal Kohn, Jr., Vice Chairman; Mrs. Harriet Johnson, Secretary; Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Treasurer; Mrs. David R. Coker; Mr. Sam H. Jones; Dr. James F. Miles; and Dr. Oliver Thomas. Also present were W. T. Lander, Jr., Director and Miss Wil Lou Gray, Director Emeritus.

Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Webb. Dr. Holler gave the invocation.

Admitted as a guest of this conference by a motion of Dr. Holler which carried, was Mr. T. J. Bissett representing the architectural-engineering firm.

Dr. Holler stated the reason for calling the special meeting of the Board, saying the report from the architect-engineers must be heard by the Board and presented to the General Assembly while it is still in session.

Dr. Holler and Dr. Webb agreed that a few minutes should be allowed for each member of the Board to read the report silently and individually. Discussion following this silent examination centered around the importance of a desirable atmosphere for training citizens at this school.

Dr. Holler brought members up to date on the steps thus far taken in preparation for the survey and report. Dr. Webb expressed gratitude to the Building Committee and the architectural firm for the excellent report submitted. This expression received unanimous agreement from all present.

Mr. Bissett commended the committee members on their work and cooperation which made the survey and report possible.

#### Afternoon Session

Dr. Webb called on Mr. Bissett to explain and discuss the findings and suggestions of the architectural-engineering report. This was done, with the recommendations being given. (The full report is available from The Opportunity School office.) At the conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Webb stated that a motion was in order regarding the report as a program to follow. Dr. Holler made the motion to follow the report. Seconded by Dr. Thomas, the motion carried.

Dr. Miles moved that the same committee which had done the initial work present the report to the committee of the General Assembly. (Members of this committee are Dr. Holler, Mr. Kohn, and Mr. Smith.) This motion carried.

Dr. Holler suggested that the Board Chairman and one other member be added to the committee. Mr. Kohn suggested that a second member be added. Dr. Thomas made the motion; Dr. Miles seconded; the motion carried. Members added to the committee are: Dr. Webb, Miss Gray, and Mr. Jones.

It was decided that necessary additional copies of the report be provided. At this time, Mr. Bissett was excused from the conference.

Dr. Holler suggested that each Board member see one legislator to explain the report and get the legislator's support. Director Lander spoke of Representative Breazeale's interest and potential help on the building program following the survey and report.

Those beginnings for action were recommended with legal action to follow when appropriate.

Director Lander then recommended that all faculty members be re-elected. With the Board's commendation Dr. Holler so moved, Mr. Jones seconded, and the motion carried.

It was suggested and fully agreed upon that Mrs. Katherine Clark and Miss Florence Olvey be sent expressions of the Board's sincere appreciation, concern, and best wishes for recovery.

Director Lander made a statement and recommendation regarding teacher and staff pay. The typed account was presented to each member and is available from the Bursar's office.

The Board adopted the salary schedule as proposed by Director Lander.

Dr. Holler made the motion that the budget be approved with necessary adjustment.

Dr. Thomas called attention to tenure of office of the Director. The discussion following included teacher tenure also. Dr. Thomas' suggestion was concerning the need for continuation in relation to the permanent building plan. The feeling was expressed that The Opportunity School staff and faculty feel reasonably secure in tenure. Dr. Holler made a motion that the Board re-elect Director Lander and notify him of his re-election by letter, stating also that the Board considers Mr. Lander's relation to The Opportunity School as continuous and not subject to annual re-election.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) Harriet F. Johnson  
Secretary, Board of Trustees