

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Meeting on January 16-17, 1981

The Board of Trustees convened for its regular bi-monthly meeting on Friday, January 16, 1981, at 6:20 in the Archives Room of the William T. Lander Administration Building. Trustees in attendance were: Dr. Marvin Efron, presiding; Mrs. Anne T. Boyce; Miss Mary Alice Mack; Mr. James McClary; the Reverend James B. Mitchell; Dr. Louise Scott; Mr. Karl Segelken; Dr. M. B. Webb; and Mrs. Jack Wilson. Also, in attendance were: Mrs. Lisa Peeples, Chairperson of the School Advisory Council; and Dr. William Kimpson, representing the Governor's Office; Mr. Salvatore A. Fede, Superintendent; Mr. John King, Director of Fiscal Affairs; Miss Gloria Lloyd, Director of Personnel; Dr. Jonnie Spaulding, Director of Student Development; and Mr. Pat Smith, Director of Facilities and Supportive Services.

Dr. Webb led the invocation.

Dr. Efron welcomed the visitors. They were: Miss Mary Janicki, Mrs. Lida Moore, Mrs. Denise Hóce, Mrs. Lynda Owens, and Mrs. Judy Dick.

Mrs. Wilson moved that the agenda be adopted as printed. The Reverend Mitchell seconded the motion. Approved.

Mrs. Wilson moved that the minutes of the November 12, 1980 and the December 2, 1980 meetings be adopted as printed. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion. Approved.

Dr. Efron recommended that (a.) the Schedule of Activities be changed to reflect a Friday evening and Saturday morning meeting (January 15-January 16) rather than a Wednesday evening meeting (January 13), and (b.) that the June 1982 Board of Trustees Meeting (typographical error) be deleted.

Mr. McClary moved that the Schedule of Activities (SY 1981-82), with changes as recommended, be adopted as printed. Seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Approved.

Dr. Efron discussed previous findings by the Board of Trustees concerning the privilege of voting at Trustee Meetings by the Governor's representative. (The Governor's representative does not have a vote at the Board of Trustees meetings. The Governor may vote by proxy. If the Governor attends the meetings he, of course, may vote.) Dr. Kimpson was asked, if he wished, to research this finding.

The School Calendar for 1981-82 was presented. Mr. McClary moved that the calendar for SY 1981-82 be adopted as printed. Seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Approved.

Mrs. Peeples discussed the function and responsibilities of the School Advisory Council. She pointed out that officers of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Advisory Council are elected for one year only. The Council meets the fourth Sunday of each month when school is in session. Special or called meetings may be requested by the Chairperson of the Advisory Council, or by the school principal.

Mrs. Peeples stated that the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Budget should provide budgetary support for Council Activities and monies for such items as postage, writing paper, and use of school equipment.

Mr. Fede mentioned that ideally the Budget should be generated by us, not by the Budget and Control Board. We should start with the needs of the teachers and students. Then, the Budget would be reviewed by the Advisory Council and then presented to the Board of Trustees. An ideal budget starts at the "grass roots level."

Mrs. Peeples, Chairperson for the Advisory Council, stated that the Advisory Council acts as a liaison for the school. They may suggest the priorities for the school budget, but they cannot tell the school where they will spend the money. There will be a separate report presented to the Board of Trustees if the Council has a difference of opinion in the setting of the budget.

The Advisory Council plans to distribute their minutes to the different community organizations and to the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Efron recommended that the Advisory Council should have a quorum of seven members to vote. Also, that number nine of the Council By-Laws should read "with the approval of the Board of Trustees."

Mr. Fede expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Peeples for her interaction between the Advisory Council and the Board of Trustees.

Mr. McClary requested a copy of the Legislation and the By-Laws that govern the action of the Advisory Council with the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Peeples indicated copies would be given to Mr. Fede for distribution to the Board Members. Mr. McClary, also, recommended that we incorporate into our policy manual the rule(s) concerning interaction between the Advisory Council and the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Efron suggested that the Board not take action on this but accept it in principle.

Dr. Efron expressed the Board's appreciation to Mrs. Peeples for her work with the School Council.

The Superintendent's report followed. The informational materials included:

- a. Student Statistics
- b. Cash-flow Statement and Analysis of the Institutional Revenue
- c. 1980-81 Supplemental Budget Report
- d. Facilities and Supportive Services
- e. Office of Special Services
- f. Five-year Plan

Mrs. Lisa Peeples, speaking as a parent and not as the Chairperson for the Advisory Council, stated that she felt that we should have the Bulletin concerning alcohol and drug use read "will be suspended" rather than "may be suspended."

Mr. Fede stated that he felt we should try and work with the students while we have them here. Their habits have been formed before we get them and we should try to help the students while they are in school.

Mr. Fede told the Board of Trustees that we could provide financial assistance for the teachers who are planning to work toward additional certification in Special Education.

Mr. Fede reported that the State Office of Programs for the Handicapped has informed us that we do not have any deficiencies in our Title IV Part B Program.

Mr. Fede also reported that we have received our preliminary (BEDS) analysis and that the report will be finalized shortly.

Mr. King, Fiscal Officer, discussed the Cash Flow Statement, and the Analysis of Institutional Revenue. Mr. King explained that institutional monies are derived from student payments, from agency payments, enterprises within the school, and other deposits.

Dr. Spaulding said that 109 were identified for Title I, Public Law 89-313 this school year. Last year 146 were identified.

Mr. Smith reported that (1) the floor tile installation has been completed, (2) the renovation of the school residence at 103 West Campus Road has been completed, (3) the lights were installed on the tennis court, (4) that the House Ways and Means Committee is recommending an additional \$10,000 to replace some box springs and mattresses in the dorms, and (5) that the \$3,000 remaining in the Coastal Plains Project is being utilized to wire the Vocational Building.

The Office of Special Services indicated we have a vacancy for an Accounting Technician for which we are recruiting. Also, that the Chaplaincy is now open. Interviewing continues for the psychologist position.

Dr. Kimpson stated that we need more black males and females in high paying positions in the state. Mr. Fede reported that Miss Lloyd is now a member of the State Employees Grievance Committee.

Mrs. Denise Hoge asked if the Board was going to change the statement in the Bulletin reading "may be suspended" to "will be suspended." Dr. Efron stated that this is an administrative matter which will not be addressed by the Board.

The Board recessed at 9:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened in the Archives Room January 17, 1981 at 8:40 a.m. Dr. Kimpson did not return for this session. All of the other Board members present Friday evening returned.

The Reverend Mitchell led the invocation.

Ms. Demaris Ayers presented a proposal to publish a biography of Dr. Wil Lou Gray. Considerable discussion followed the presentation of the proposal. Dr. Webb made a motion to refer the proposal to the Executive Committee for further study. The motion was seconded by Ms. Boyce. Approved.

Dr. Efron discussed the lack of follow-up by the school's administration concerning the request from USC's Office of Exceptional Education to utilize the school's facilities for a summer (1981) program. It was decided that Dr. Efron would determine the status of this request and notify the Superintendent as to what follow-up action would be appropriate.

Dr. Efron recommended that the school administration pursue the use of school facilities for summer programs that would be beneficial both to the school and to the user agency. This recommendation was accepted in principle without a motion.

Following a discussion of the school's Five Year Plan the Board requested that the Goals and Objectives presented in the Five-Year Plan be re-written so as to apply to the newly formed Board Committees. The Board formed the following committees.

Committees

<u>Title & Activity</u>	<u>Members</u>
1. Student Services (to include counseling and nursing service.)	Chairman-Mr. McClary Member-Ms. Boyce Member-Rev. Mitchell
2. Education (to include school guidance.)	Chairman-Ms. Wilson Member-Ms. Mack Member-Dr. Miles
3. Public Relations (to include legislative liaison and recruiting.)	Chairman-Dr. Holler Member-Mr. Segelken Member-Mr. Rowland
4. Fiscal, Facilities and Supportive Services, and Personnel.	Chairman-Dr. Scott Member-Dr. Webb Member-Dr. Holler
Executive	Chairman-Dr. Efron Member-Mr. McClary Member-Mrs. Wilson Member-Dr. Scott Member-Mr. Rowland

Following the establishment of the committees each committee held a brief organizational meeting.

Dr. Efron then expressed his appreciation to the members of the Board for their assistance in the Board's deliberations.

Dr. Scott made the motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Ms. Boyee. Approved. The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.