

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting
Opportunity School
September 28, 1966

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The meeting was presided over by Rev. M. B. Webb, Chm. Mr. R. H. Smith gave the invocation.

The minutes of meeting of March 2, 1966 were read by the Secretary, James F. Miles and approved as read.

Board members present were: Rev. M. B. Webb, Dr. Oliver Thomas, Hal Kohn, Dr. Carlisle Holler, Mrs. Harriet Johnson, Sam Jones, R. H. Smith and James F. Miles. Superintendent William Lander and Director Emeritus, Wil Lou Gray met with the Board.

Under "old business" Superintendent Lander reported that the land transfer approved at the last Board meeting was consummated. He also reported that the Budget and Control Board approved the use of our institutional revenue to continue the practice of paying our teachers on a formula of state aid plus 12½%; whereas the appropriation provided less salary increase for our teachers because they are classed as state employees rather than as teachers.

Dr. Holler moved approval of Supt. Lander's recommendation that Lysle, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolf be employed to draw plans for the Dining Room-Kitchen building for which funds are available. Mr. Kohn seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Jones moved that the Building Committee be authorized to act for the Board on all matters pertaining to the building program and that necessary demolition of existing buildings be administered by the Building Committee. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion and it passed.

Dr. Miles moved that Supt. Lander go before the Budget and Control Board to ask for the \$1,318,000 to complete the building program and that the Building Committee be authorized to act on priorities of which buildings are needed first. Dr. Thomas seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Smith moved that Chrm. Webb appoint a committee to suggest names for new buildings to the Board for approval. Mr. Kohn seconded the motion and it passed. The committee was to be named later.

Mr. Kohn moved that an appropriate citation for the outstanding service of Miss Lessie Moore (who recently retired) be prepared by Dr. Holler and Mrs. Johnson and that an appropriate gift of not more than \$50.00 go to Miss Moore along with the citation. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Kohn commended Supt. Lander upon the way he has handled the building program.

Mr. Holler moved that the staff maintenance fee be raised from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per month and that student maintenance be raised from \$60.00 to \$65.00 per month. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Smith moved that the proposed Opportunity School budget for 1967-68 as prepared by Supt. Lander be approved, but that Supt. Lander be permitted to adjust the budget upward if it appears that State funds may be available. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed.

Dr. Holler moved that Dr. Miles write a suitable letter for the Board to Dr. Wil Lou Gray in appreciation for her contribution of over \$12,500.00 (to match a similar amount raised by the alumni) for the Opportunity School Scholarship Trust Fund. This fund now has over \$25,000.00 in it, the interest of which is sufficient to maintain two students in perpetuity on scholarships at the Opportunity School. Dr. Thomas seconded the motion and it passed.

Board officers were reelected as follows:

Rev. M. B. Webb, Chairman
Mr. Hal Kohn, Vice Chairman
Dr. James F. Miles, Secretary
Dr. Carlisle Holler, Treasurer

Dr. Miles moved that Dr. Wil Lou Gray be named Chairman of fund raising for the Opportunity School Scholarship Trust Fund, with a goal of \$1,250,000.00, of which over \$25,000.00 has been raised. Dr. Thomas seconded the motion and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at lunch time.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Miles
James F. Miles, Secretary