

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

September 7, 1977

The Board of Trustees met for its regular bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 1977 at 12 o'clock noon in the cafeteria for lunch and at one o'clock p. m. in the Conference Room of the William T. Lander Administration Building for the business meeting. Members present were: Dr. J. C. Holler, presiding; Mrs. Anne Boyce; Dr. Cyril Busbee; Dr. Marvin Efron; Miss Mary Mack; Dr. James F. Miles; the Reverend James B. Mitchell; Dr. Louise Scott; Mr. Karl Segelken; Dr. M. B. Webb; and Mrs. Jack Wilson: Dr. Wil Lou Gray, Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Mr. Larry Hoce and Dr. J. T. Willis were also present.

The Reverend James Mitchell led in the invocation.

The agenda was approved as printed with one addition. The Executive Committee asked to give a report.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees for July were approved as printed and mailed to the Trustees.

Mr. Robert Black, Chief Supervisor of the Office of Programs for the Handicapped of the State Department of Education, discussed Public Law 94-142 at the request of the Board. Many questions were asked of him about the program and its opportunities for service by the Opportunity School. Mr. Black suggested that there were perhaps

two avenues whereby the school could serve students under P. L. 94-142. First, it could contract with school districts which have too few students with handicaps to provide effective programs efficiently to provide for those students at the Opportunity School. Second, the Opportunity School could be established as a Regional Resource Center. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Black for his presentation.

The 1978-79 budget proposal was presented. The amount budgeted was \$1,129,851. The Board approved the budget with the understanding that a detailed copy would be mailed to each member of the Board when it is completed.

Dr. Willis stated that there was not a report from the Building and Grounds Committee and that Mr. McClary, chairman, was not present due to personal illness.

Dr. Efron reported for the Education Committee. He had talked with Mrs. Bailey about the school program for the current year and she had informed him that the teachers were prompt with submitting lesson plans to her and that their attitudes seemed to be wholesome. He stated that the Education Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss some plans that the administration will have to present to the Committee.

Dr. Scott had attended a Constructive Citizenship Conference at the school that had been sponsored jointly by the Opportunity

School and the State Department of Education. She reported that the Conference was very informative and interesting.

There was not a report from the Personnel Committee.

Dr. Holler reported for the Executive Committee. The Committee recommended that the Board approve a request from the school for a reimbursement of \$9,000 from the Endowment Fund for scholarships that the school had given for fiscal years 1975-76 and 1976-77. The recommendation was approved. Copies of the annual report on the Endowment Fund were distributed to each member of the Board.

Dr. Holler asked that the Board approve an amendment to the Grievance Policy that was mandated by state law. Amendment was approved.

Copies of a suggested policy for handling complaints and recommendations from people other than employees were distributed. The Executive Committee asked that the Trustees study the policy and be prepared to consider it for adoption at the next meeting of the Board.

Under new business, Dr. Efron moved that the administration pursue with the Office of Programs for the Handicapped the possibility of the school serving as a Regional Resource Center. The motion passed.

Dr. Willis informed the Board that he had had a visit from Dr. Gray and a Mrs. Margaret Gibbs. The purpose of the visit was

to ask him to have the school to print, in book form, a paper that Mrs. Gibbs had written about Dr. Gray. The title of the paper is, "Wil Lou Gray: Her Impact on Adult Education Curriculum in South Carolina." Dr. Holler asked Dr. Scott and Dr. Miles to read the paper and be prepared to make a recommendation to the Board at its next meeting relative to the benefit that would be derived by the school in having it printed.

Dr. Gray asked the Board to support her in an effort to raise the money for one hundred Builder's Scholarships. Dr. Holler and Dr. Miles were asked to serve on a committee with Dr. Gray to develop the plans for raising the money for the Endowment Fund.

A motion to adjourn was passed by the Board.