

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

May 11, 1977

The bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees convened at one o'clock p. m. in the Conference Room of the William T. Lander Administration Building. Members present were Mr. Clarence S. Rowland, presiding; Mrs. Anne Boyce; Dr. Marvin Efron; Mr. James McClary; Dr. James F. Miles; the Reverend James Mitchell; Dr. M. B. Webb; and Mrs. Jack Wilson. Also present were Dr. J. T. Willis, Director and Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Principal. Mr. Karl H. Segelken, newly elected trustee, was presented. He succeeds Dr. Oliver Thomas as a trustee elected by the Alumni Association.

Dr. Webb gave the invocation.

The agenda was approved as was printed and mailed to the members of the Board. Likewise, the minutes of the meeting on March 9, 1977 were approved as printed and mailed to the members of the Board.

Dr. Willis gave an interim report. A copy of the report is attached hereto. In the report, Dr. Willis reported that twenty five per cent of the questionnaires sent to former students were completed and returned to the school. One of the reasons that the questionnaires indicated was claimed by many of the students for dropping out was the matter of school rules. Many of the students resent authority.

Mrs. Bailey gave a brief report on the instructional program and the plans that are being made for next year. She reported that some of the teachers were not as cooperative in making lesson plans and in

planning the curriculum for next year as she would like for them to be. Consultants from the State Department of Education have been working with the teachers in developing objectives for the instructional program.

Dr. Miles moved that the Director of the school be instructed to keep the Trustees informed of the number of students suspended from school and the reason for suspension. Also, that comparative information be provided the Trustees relative to the public schools. The motion passed.

The Board approved the Calendar of Activities for 1977-78.

A copy of the Calendar is attached hereto.

Mr. McClary reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that the sign marking the entrance to the campus had been installed. The Committee has under study plans for identifying all of the buildings on the campus. Some research has been done relative to size, materials, wording, and cost of plaques and signs. A complete package for identifying the buildings and the portraits in the Archives Room will be presented to the Board in a future meeting of the Board.

The Board approved the painting of the portrait for Dr. Marguerite Tolbert by Mrs. Katherine Clark at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

Dr. Efron reported that the Education Committee had not had a meeting since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees. He had talked to some students and some teachers and had learned from them that some progress is being made in improving the instructional program. He moved that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution commending Dr. Willis and Mrs. Bailey for emphasizing the instructional program by asking the teachers to participate in pre-service and in-service training,

in developing objectives for the instructional program, and in writing lesson plans that will assist them in achieving their objectives. Also, that the teachers be expected to cooperate with Dr. Willis and Mrs. Bailey in the above efforts and that they implement those plans, motivate the students, and live up to the philosophy of the Opportunity School. The motion passed.

The Personnel Committee did not give a report.

Under unfinished business, Dr. Willis reported that a screening committee of senators and representatives had approved the election of Dr. Holler, the Reverend Mitchell, Mr. Rowland and Dr. Webb and that the election will take place before the Legislature adjourns.

Dr. Efron moved that Dr. Willis invite the counselors of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation to spend a day or more on the school campus. The purpose of the visit will be for the counselors to learn more about the school, its program, and its philosophy. Also, it will give the counselors an opportunity to make suggestions as to how the school can better serve their clients. The motion passed.

Dr. Efron moved that the Director of the Office of Programs for the Handicapped meet with the Board of Trustees on September 7 to talk to the Trustees specifically about P.L. 94-142 and how the Opportunity School can fit into that Law. The motion passed.

By common consent, the meeting was adjourned.