

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 1983

The Board of Trustees convened for a meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 1983 in the Archives Room of the William T. Lander Administration Building. Trustees in attendance were: Dr. Marvin Efron, presiding; Mrs. Patricia Bowers; Miss Mary Alice Mack; Mrs. Hannah C. Meadors; Mr. Clarence S. Rowland; Mr. Karl Segelken; Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill; and Mrs. Jack Wilson. Mrs. Anne T. Boyce; Mr. James McClary; Mr. James E. Miles; and Dr. Louise Scott were not in attendance. Dr. Robert C. Fulmer, State Department of Education; and Mr. Pat G. Smith, Interim Superintendent of the Opportunity School, were also in attendance.

Dr. Efron called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Archives Room.

Dr. Robert C. Fulmer gave the invocation.

Dr. Efron asked if there were someone to adopt the agenda? Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill moved that the agenda be adopted as printed. Mrs. Patricia Bowers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Efron made a motion to accept the minutes pending any later information. Mrs. Wilson moved that the minutes be accepted with this consideration: Motion passed.

Mr. Pat Smith, Interim Superintendent, was then asked to give his report. The first part of Mr. Smith's report was the financial report. Mr. Smith stated that as of 5:00 p.m. today we had \$11,500.00 operating monies available to us. This is subject to change daily as our income and outgo change daily. On April 9, we had \$20,000.00. We have since paid our outstanding bills and have \$11,500.00 as of today. Our refundable account which is the key deposit, room deposit, etc. is available to us on a day to day basis, but we keep it separate because it is a refundable account. The others that are available to us on a daily basis are our Chapter I, Chapter II, and USDA or Federal monies which are available to us on a cash basis.

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Dr. Efron asked Mr. Smith if he would say we were in better shape than we had been in years? Mr. Smith stated that we were and it was because of the superintendent's salary, the \$90,000.00 that the Ways and Means Committee was probably going to give us for utilities for next year, the \$22,500.00 given to us last year to install a dishwasher and put mattresses in the dorms, which was a one-time expense. Somewhere, this had slipped back into our budget for the FY84. We also receive \$7,000.00 for equipment annually.

The second part of Mr. Smith's report was dealing with permanent improvement projects. Mr. Smith told the Board that the fire extinguishers had been installed in the cafeteria during the Easter holidays. We were given the money back in November to do this project. The project is now completed.

Dr. Efron stated that the Budget and Control Board made recommendations to the Ways and Means Committee that the salary of the superintendent be raised from \$32,700.00 to \$42,000.00. We then asked for \$45,000.00, as the position of the superintendent had not received any raises as did other state employees. The Ways and Means Committee did not see fit to grant this request. The Ways and Means Committee did give us \$90,000.00 for our utilities for next year.

The school for the Deaf and Blind did well. They got 2½ million dollars for their vocational center. The superintendent did not get a raise in his salary, but will get additional teachers, nurses, aids, and \$60,000.00 to pay for busing. There were four agency heads that got raises.

Mr. Smith recommended that the Board develop a resource list of our Board members. These members would have an influence over certain house members and senators. This list would be at the disposal of the superintendent to call upon when needed. Mrs. Meadors and Mrs. Wilson can work on Representative Pat Harris, who is the chairman of our sub-committee.

Mr. Smith stated that the scheduled Budget Workshop had been held. We worked on the FY85 for about an hour. The school needs an entry level accountant with some computer training, an evening staff person, a full-time nurse for the evening program, to update our reading lab, a van for the school, and to look at some sort of increased capability in our data processing. Everyone in state government is going to on line. Mrs. Thrailkill asked if the state government was not going to work with the Opportunity School in putting us on this? Mr. Smith replied this was where we need our lobbying efforts. This would be a one time expenditure.

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Mrs. Meadors asked if it looked as though our teaching staff were going to stay pretty stable for next year? Mr. Smith stated that the Letters of Intent would not be back until the 15th of April. There will probably be 2 or 3 positions that will come open.

Mr. Smith stated that the school had a meeting to try to decide where our Vocational Education Program should head. We had a representative from the Employment Security Commission as well as Vocational Rehabilitation and they came up with programs that our students will be able to place in after they leave school.

Mr. Smith told the Board that Dr. Robert Fulmer had come out to the school and brought some representatives from the Office of Programs for the Handicapped to help us work out our scheduling problems for next year.

Dr. Efron asked if there were any further questions or comments? Dr. Efron then made a motion to adjour the general meeting and go into Executive Session. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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