

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 1990**

The Board of Trustees convened for a scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 1990, in the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Research and Training Center. Trustees in attendance were: Dr. Louise Scott, Mrs. Olive Wilson, Mr. Frank Hart, Dr. Marvin Efron, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride, Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Mr. John Robinson, Mr. DeVon Belcher, Mr. Vince Rhodes, Mrs. Mickey Lindler, and Mrs. Hannah Meadors. Staff members in attendance were: Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood, Mrs. Jane Zenger, Mr. Pat Smith, Mr. John King, Ms. Gloria Lloyd, Mr. George Smith, Mr. Bob James, Ms. Deborah Haney, Mr. Mike Kelly, and Mrs. Brenda Stork.

Dr. Scott called the meeting to order and at this time she stated for the record that the notice of the meeting was provided to the public in conformance with the requirements of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80(d) of the S. C. Code of Laws, 1976 as amended. Notice of the meeting was published in The State Newspaper, The Journal of Lexington, and The Lexington Dispatch in Lexington.

Dr. Scott welcomed everyone. Dr. Scott said Ida Gibson, Chef in the Opportunity School's cafeteria, is the employee of the month. However, she was not present. Dr. Scott asked Dr. Norwood to present Mrs. Gibson's award to her at an appropriate time.

Next, Dr. Scott ask Dr. Norwood to introduce special guests. Dr. Norwood introduced Mr. & Miss Wil Lou Gray, Mr. Orlando Lomax and Miss Monique Pope. Dr. Norwood also recognized the leadership of the staff in producing the Mr. & Miss Wil Lou Gray Pageant. They were Mr. Johnny Bartley, Mr. Terry Scott, and Miss Marshall. Dr. Norwood said the pageant was a complete and comprehensive event and she was very proud of their hard work. She asked Miss Pope to sing the song she sang in the pageant. Miss Pope did so at this time.

On behalf of the board, Dr. Scott said they were very proud of the students and staff.

Dr. Scott then called for approval of the agenda. Dr. Efron made a motion to amend the agenda. He recommended that the Personnel Committee report be moved after the approval of the minutes. The motion to amend the agenda as recommended was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed.

Next, Dr. Scott called for approval of the September 12, 1990, Board Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes that these minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

Dr. Scott said that Founder's Day went very well. She commended the hard work of the staff and students for this special occasion.

Dr. Scott also commented that she received a letter from Ms. Phyllis Mayes from Human Resource Management congratulating Dr. Norwood and staff on submitting EPMS documentation on time.

Dr. Scott then called for a report from the Personnel Committee. Dr. Efron reviewed the Personnel Actions which was previously provided to the board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed. A copy of these Personnel Actions are attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes. Dr. Efron also said he had discussed with Dr. Norwood the Reduction in Force Policy which the board received. He said the revision on this policy had previously been approved by Human Resource Management. He recommended that the board review and approve any revisions to these policies before they are approved by Human Resource Management.

Next, Dr. Scott called on Dr. Norwood for the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Norwood invited the board to the Alumni Banquet on December 1 at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Norwood then called on Mr. Pat Smith for a report on

a bond issue. Mr. Smith said Ms. Ferguson from the Permanent Improvement Office came to talk with him about the overall permanent improvement plan request for the coming fiscal year. Mr. Smith said we submitted our plan in September which included two items. One was the shower room improvements and the other item was money to extend the covered walkways on campus. He said Ms. Ferguson was basically trying to determine the nature and need for the projects. She told Mr. Smith there would be a \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 bond issuance in this legislative session. Mr. Smith said he felt we would get some strong support from the Budget and Control Board in terms of recommending this for funding.

Next, Dr. Norwood called on Mr. Kelly for a report on the Intervention Specialist position. Mr. Kelly said he had been interviewing for this position and several applicants have expressed an interest. He said we hope to fill this position by December 1.

At this time, Dr. Norwood congratulated Ms. Haney. She has just returned from the final training session of Project Journey and has received certification on the Ropes Course.

Dr. Norwood next reviewed the Enrollment Report which was provided to the board. In order to allow an adjustment period, she said we have not had registration on a weekly basis as we did last year.

At this time Dr. Norwood said the board was provided with a letter from Mr. Carl Garris from the State Department of Education. This was a response to a letter she had written to Dr. Charlie Williams at the request of our budget analyst asking for an explanation about what happens to the money for students who drop out of school. The letter explained the present law does not authorize the Department to distribute these funds to you. In analogous cases, the Department of Youth Services and Corrections are specifically identified as school districts and proviso 28.14 and 28.15 direct the Department in an

explicit formula to allocate EFA funds. Dr. Norwood recommended the board explore the statute and the provision at that point.

Dr. Scott said she wrote to Mr. Walter Dahlgren expressing the appreciation of the board for his service on the board. Dr. Scott asked Mr. George Smith to mail Mr. Dahlgren a foundation brochure.

Mrs. Meadors was not present at this time to report on the Foundation or the Wil Lou Gray Award. Therefore, Dr. Scott called on Ms. McBride for a report from the Budget Committee. Ms. McBride said she talked with Dr. Norwood today in reference to the budget. She did not have any specific information on the budget to report on.

Dr. Scott called on Mrs. Wilson for a report from the Policy Committee. Mrs. Wilson recommended that the policies provided to the board be reviewed at the January meeting. It was the general consensus of the board that the policy readings be held at the next board meeting.

Under old business was the discussion of the January extended meeting. This meeting was previously scheduled by the board to be held at Embassy Suites on Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19. Dr. Scott said the board would be discussing the state government system of finance and the William T. Putnam Associates will be presenting this to the board on the 19th. She asked the board to inform her of any other items they would like to have on the agenda.

Next on the agenda was information on the Summer Board Retreat on July 26-28, 1991. The board will meet on Friday, July 26 at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Scott said the Waccamaw House was booked for that time. Several other locations for the retreat were suggested by the board. Dr. Scott reminded the board that there would not be a regularly scheduled board meeting on July 10.

Under new business, was the review of the legislative agenda. It was the general consensus of the board that these are our priorities for the legislative session.

The next item under new business is the approval of nominees for the Research and Training Advisory Council. A list of nominees recommended was previously provided to the board. After some discussion among the board concerning the nominees, a motion was made by Mr. Hart to defer this matter to executive session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

Next was the discussion of the attendance of NSBA Convention April 13-16, 1991. Dr. Scott asked the board to contact Dr. Norwood's office if they planned on attending this convention.

Dr. Scott said the Legislative Reception and Governor's Conference on Education and will be held on January 29 and 30. Dr. Scott said the information has not yet been mailed for this event, however, she asked the board to contact Dr. Norwood's office if they were attending.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing nominees for the Research and Training Center Advisory Council and other personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed.

After executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Hart to move out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Belcher. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hart to approve the legislative agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Belcher. The motion was passed.

It was the general consensus of the board for the approval of two nominees on the Research and Training Center Advisory Council.

The board agreed that the Wil Lou Gray Award and brochure were complete as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed.

The board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mickey Lindler". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Mickey Lindler

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