

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES of September 14, 1994**

The Board of Trustees convened for a scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 29, 1994, in the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Research and Training Center. Trustees in attendance were: Mrs. Olive Wilson, Dr. Marvin Efron, Dr. Louise Scott, Mr. Vince Rhodes, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride, Mr. Russell Hart, Mrs. Faye Edwards, and Mrs. Mary Williams. Staff present were: Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood, Mr. Bob James, Mr. Mike Kelly, Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner, Ms. Gloria Lloyd, Ms. Gloria Rawl and Ms. Brenda Stork.

After dinner at approximately 6:45 p.m., the Board toured the WICAT Lab.

The meeting was then called to order by Mrs. Wilson. 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. She also introduced Mrs. Hart who was present.

Mrs. Wilson welcomed everyone including a new board member Mr. Russell Hart of Inman, S. C. Mr. Rhodes introduced a new staff member of Vocational Rehabilitation, Mrs. Carolyn McCrea.

The following actions were made by the board:

**-Approval of Agenda:** Dr. Efron made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. McBride. The motion was passed.

**-Approval of July 29, 30, 1994, Board Minutes:** Dr. Efron made a motion to approve the minutes of July 29, 30, 1994, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. McBride. The motion was passed.

**-Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Norwood reported on the following:

-At the present time, student affairs staff and students were on the first Camp Buckhorn trip for this school year.

-Mr. Pat Smith is presently attending the Executive Institute.

-Dr. Norwood emphasized she expects to work with Mrs. McCrea as a member of the Wil Lou Gray team.

-A copy of the Agency Head's Planning Document was provided to the board. Dr. Norwood reviewed the new objective for TQM added which was required by the Agency Head Salary Commission.

-Dr. Norwood reminded the board the applications for renewal of the Wil Lou Gray license plates were due at this time.

-The S. C. School Boards Convention will be held October 20-23, 1994, at the Myrtle Beach Hilton for those members who will be attending.

-A State performance pay increase package is to go into effect October 1,

1994. We were given an amount of money and list of those who qualified. A 1.75% increase is due for those receiving meets requirements, 3.75% for exceeds, and 4.75 for substantially exceeds. The amount was different for each agency due to the breakdown for performance evaluation.

-We have been investigating the \$50,000 issue on buses. She discussed with the board at the July meeting what we could purchase with this. We have determined that if we purchase mini-vans which are 10 passenger vehicles, we will be able to meet federal guidelines and will not have to spend \$36,000 for a new bus. We could purchase three mini-vans and a station wagon. Mr. Rhodes commented that it may be required that one vehicle has a lift for handicapped students.

This concluded the superintendent's report.

**-Standing Committee Reports:**

**-Policy Committee:** Dr. Efron reported on the policy committee. Policies GAM and JCDA were provided to the board for a second reading. Dr. Efron made a motion that these policies be approved for second reading. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**-Personnel Committee:**

-Dr. Scott reported there was no ratifications to report on at this time.

**-Other Committee Reports:**

-There was no other committee reports.

**-Old Business:**

-There was no old business to report.

**-New Business:**

-Discussion of Response to Legislative Proviso: Dr. Efron reported that at the last board meeting he was asked to contact the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, Senator Setzler. A meeting was held on August 31 so that he could give us some thoughts on the Opportunity School's mission and pressures that are currently transpiring with the legislature at this time. Dr. Efron explained the Governor's State of the State Address mentioned Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School being involved with serving status offenders. He reminded the board at that time we did do a study and forwarded that to the House committee. As a result of that study, we did not get funding because we did not choose to accept court ordered status offenders without review by the admissions committee.

Prior to the August 31 meeting, the committee discovered there was a proviso stating that the Opportunity School is to send another report to the legislature by January 1 which will address how we will serve court ordered status offenders. Senator Setzler said we need to do a study. Therefore, Dr. Efron requested the Chairman form a committee to respond to this proviso.

Mr. Rhodes suggested the Lexington and Richland County Delegation be invited to the school for breakfast to review this report before January 1.

The report will be presented to the board at the November meeting.

**-Executive Session:** Mr. Rhodes made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a legal update and an update on a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed.

The board moved into executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to move out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Scott to upgrade a food service position as high as Nutritionist 1, Grade 30 if necessary to obtain the best qualified leadership and supervision of that department. Also to establish the position of Sr. Data Control clerk by changing a position being held vacant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Efron to accept Mrs. Thrailkill's proposal to attend the National School Boards Association Convention. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and approved by the board.

Mrs. Wilson appointed the following committee to develop the response to the legislative proviso concerning service to court ordered status offenders: Dr. Efron, Chairman, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Diggs and Dr. Scott.

Dr. Efron made a motion to hold the January extended meeting on January 27 and 28, 1995. The motion was seconded by Ms. McBride. The motion was passed. Arrangements are to be made with Embassy Suites in Columbia.

**-Adjourn:**

Mr. Rhodes moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed.

The board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Henderson