

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
MAY 17, 1961

The Opportunity School Board of Trustees met in the Recreation Hall of the Opportunity School at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, as was suggested at the March meeting. Dr. M. B. Webb, Vice-chairman, presided. Members of the Board attending included: Dr. Webb, Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson, Secretary, Mrs. David R. Coker, Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, R. H. Smith, Hal Kohn, Jr., and Sam H. Jones. Others present were Dr. Will Lou Gray, Director Agnew, and Miss Marguerite Tolbert, Assistant Director.

The invocation was given by R. H. Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The chairman first asked for any information on the status of the proposed survey. Dr. Gray reported that \$1500 had been appropriated by the legislature for 1961-1962. She also stated that \$500 was left from the \$1000 previously appropriated. She reminded the Board that this balance must be spent before July 1.

Miss Gray then reported that she had contacted Dr. George C. Mann, former head of Adult Education in California and now with the United States Office of Education in Washington, and that he would be glad to come to the Opportunity School and render whatever service he could.

Dr. Webb next called for committee reports.

Dr. Holler reported for the Executive and Nominating Committees concerning a new director. He first spoke of previous information which he had given in a joint committee meeting held previously. This informal report was to the effect that Dr. Mann had been considered carefully as a possible director. After much discussion, the committee felt that if Dr. Mann should become the director, it would necessitate another change very soon.

In the meantime, the nominating committee had interviewed several possibilities. A report of these interviews was briefly given. Then the chairman, Dr. Holler, proposed the name of William T. Lander, Jr. of Williamston as director, giving a review of Mr. Lander's excellent qualifications. He recommended that the Board consider Mr. Lander for the position, asking for remarks from the other members.

Mr. Kohn mentioned the value of Mr. Lander's varied public school and college experience, fortified with leadership in the field of adult education.

Dr. Holler commented on the many fine qualities of Mrs. Lander, who he felt was admirably suited for the position, "wife of the director".

Dr. Holler also stated that in recommending Mr. Lander he had the approval of the State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Jesse T. Anderson, and former Vice-chairman, Dr. James F. Miles of Clemson.

Dr. Webb called for a motion.

Mrs. Coker moved that Mr. Lander be elected as the new director. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. It was stipulated that the new director be paid a salary of \$7500 and moving expenses.

Mr. Kohn suggested that the Board immediately apprise the survey committee of the attributes and availability of Dr. George Mann as consultant for the survey and urge them to consider seriously his early appointment in order to implement the survey and to advise with the new director.

Mr. Kohn then moved that a letter be sent from the Board to members of the survey committee, giving Dr. Mann's qualifications and information that he is now available as survey consultant. This motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Mrs. Coker stated that the basic philosophy of the Opportunity School should prevail and should become a part of the survey.

Director Agnew gave his report on school enrollment, the farm, and finances, all of which made a satisfactory showing. He also made recommendations concerning teachers attending summer school.

Dr. Webb, referring again to the new director, asked about the date of employment and tenure of office.

To this Dr. Holler expressed the opinion that the new director's salary should begin at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, that some overlapping time of the two directors would be desirable, but suggested that Mr. Lander not take over his official duties until July 15.

Mr. Jones moved that the date of July 1 would be desirable. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson and carried. Mr. Kohn then moved that Mr. Lander assume full responsibility as director on July 15. Motion carried.

Adjournment for lunch.

Afternoon Session:

The chairman asked that Dr. Holler present the new director and his wife to the members of the board. Mr. Lander assured the board that he would do his best as the director of the Opportunity School.

Dr. Webb welcomed the Landers and promised the board's cooperation, after which the Landers and Miss Tolbert left.

Dr. Webb next referred to Mr. Agnew's recommendations regarding teacher pay and summer study. A discussion followed as to some expense compensation.

Dr. Holler moved that the administration make a study regarding some study-plan for teachers. Motion carried.

There was a final discussion regarding some school situations and wise solutions of these problems. Following this Dr. Holler offered a resolution, which was accepted.

A motion, made by Mrs. Coker and seconded by Mr. Kohn, carried, to the effect that the Board condemn hazing in all forms at the Opportunity School.

A motion was made and carried which left the matter of salaries to the decision of the Executive Committee of the Board.

The resolutions regarding the excellent services of Director Agnew were read by Mr. Sam Jones, Chairman of the Committee, and were accepted unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Harriet F. Johnson
Secretary to the Board