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**Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of March 11, 1995**

The Board of Trustees convened for a scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. on March 11, 1995, at Embassy Suites. Trustees in attendance were: Mrs. Olive Wilson, Mr. Russell Hart, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs, Mr. Vince Rhodes, Dr. Louise Scott, Mrs. Faye Edwards, Dr. Marvin Efron, Mrs. Elizabeth Moorhead, and Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill. Staff present were: Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood, Mr. Bob James, and Ms. Brenda Stork.

The meeting was 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.

Mrs. Wilson welcomed everyone. No guests were present.

The following actions were made by the board:

-Approval of the agenda: Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Diggs. The motion was passed.

-Approval of January 27-28 board minutes: A revised copy was mailed to the board. Paragraph 12 on page 4 had been added. A motion was made by Dr. Efron to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Edwards. The motion was passed.

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

Graduation planning should begin now. Suggestions from the board or an appointment to serve on the planning committee would be welcomed. Mrs. Wilson asked Dr. Efron to serve on the graduation planning committee. Dr. Efron asked the board for recommendations for the commencement speaker. Graduation is scheduled for June 10, 1995.

An internal grant review, Chapter I Neglected and Delinquent, is underway in preparation for external review in May. Plans are also underway to gather data for needs assessment for next year's grant. There will probably be major changes in the program next year mandated from the federal level.

We have done a financial aid projection. We have obligated all of our financial aid funds. Through the end of the year, the current number we would obligate³ about \$50,000. The Foundation fund raiser should help alleviate this problem. We currently have 70 students on one-half financial aid. This is all that fund will accommodate. VR is much slower this year than in the past *in quality of students*.

The Rotary Turn Around Award honored Jamesa Butler in February. Jamesa is on honor club, honor roll and was Miss Wil Lou Gray. She has held a part-time job 1 1/2 years.

The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School girls basketball team won the city league championship and were honored at lunch on Thursday. They received compliments for their excellent sportsmanship and behavior.

Four at large board seats are to be elected by the legislature. They are Mr. Hart, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Rhodes and Dr. Scott. Mr. Hart's seat would be until 1997. Letters of intent should be sent by March 21 to Representative Stoddard on the Legislative Screening Committee. If anyone decided not to run, the person appointed for the unexpired term could run for a full term.

We have received a draft of the 1993 procedures audit and are preparing the response.

Richard Guess has resigned to accept employment at Midlands New Hope. Mr. Guess has been employed with the Opportunity School for nine years.

Staff will be attending a proposal meeting on Drug Free Schools on the 21st. Funding is uncertain at the federal level but it could free up some funds by July 1 for our summer program.

This concluded the Superintendent's Report.

-Standing Committee Reports:

-Policy Committee:

Dr. Efron reported on the policy committee. Dr. Efron said the next section to be reviewed is Section B. He asked the board to review this section and if they had any recommendations/revision to please contact him. The policy committee will meet to review this section before the next board meeting.

The following policies (exhibits) were provided to the board for their information: AEAB-E, Holidays 1995; BBB-E, Board of Trustees; BBC-E, Board Committees; BCAB-E, Regular Meetings. Mr. Hart's new phone number is (803) 984-6838.

-Personnel Committee:

Dr. Scott reported the resignation of Richard Guess. Also, a food service aide II, Marinoff Bowyer, grade 12 was hired on March 3, 1995.

The personnel committee met with Dr. Norwood and she provided the board with a list of current activities and the amount of time devoted to these civic and professional activities.

-Foundation Committee:

Mrs. Thrailkill said the ^{Foundation} dinner/auction went very well. There was a large number of people attending and she felt everyone had a good time.

A motion was made by Mrs. Thrailkill to write a letter to George Smith commending him for his hard work for the Foundation auction and that this letter be placed in his file. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed.

She said the Foundation Committee will schedule a meeting to review concerns of the board and also to review the By-laws of the Foundation. Mrs. Thrailkill said all of the committee members should receive a copy of the By-laws for their review.

-Old Business:

There was no old business.

-New Business:

-Approval of Research and Training Advisory Board Nominations:

Dr. Norwood reported she received acceptance from Janice Traywick to serve on the Research and Training Advisory Board. A motion was made by Dr. Efron to accept Mrs. Traywick to serve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed.

-Approval of School Calendar 1995-96: The school calendar was previously provided to the board for their review. A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to accept the 1995-96 school calendar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed.

-Dr. Efron recommended re-scheduling the July board meeting. The last weekend in July may be a good time for an extended meeting. He asked the board to review their calendars and a date could be set at the May board meeting.

-Approval of Act 135 School Improvement Plan: The School Renewal Plan was previously mailed to the board. A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to approve the plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed.

-Dr. Norwood recommended that the board tour the career education center and the library at the May board meeting. Mrs. Wilson said the board could tour these facilities at 5:00 p.m. before the board meeting on May 10.

-Executive Session: A motion was made by Mr. Hart to move into executive session for a legal update. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Edwards. The motion was passed. The board moved into executive session.

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

~~Any motions?~~

A motion was made by Rhodes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Efron. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

It was the general consensus of the board ^{for WLGOS} to move to other populations than those being served now.

A motion was made by Mr. Hart to charge a study committee to concentrate on 16 years of age and older in developing a vision statement, ~~when approaching other agencies~~. The motion was seconded by

Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed.

A Foundation Committee meeting was scheduled for April 10, 1995, at 10:30 am.

An Ad Hoc Committee on Vision was scheduled for March 27, 1995, at 6:30 pm.

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-Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Efron. The motion was passed.

The board adjourned at ^{11:45 am}~~12:00 noon~~.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Henderson

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