

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

S. C. OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

April 30, 1969

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the Board, Rev. M. B. Webb. Mr. R. H. Smith opened the meeting with prayer. Those present were: Rev. M. B. Webb, Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Dr. Carlisle Holler, Dr. Wil Lou Gray, Dr. Oliver Thomas, Mr. R. H. Smith, Mr. Sam Jones, Rev. James Mitchell, Superintendent Mike P. Caskey, Dr. James F. Miles and three representatives from the architectural firm of Lyle, Bisset, Carlisle and Wolf.

Dr. Holler reported that the Building Committee of the Board and Superintendent Caskey had met on March 15 with the architects, reviewed and developed plans, assigned different priorities and arrangements. Dr. Holler presented to the Board the architects so they could explain the progress of building plans. Principal concern centered around proposed toilets for men and women to be built onto the multi-purpose room of the Physical Therapy - Gymn building, and around the multi-use structure to house classrooms, administrative offices, and auditorium. After considerable discussion, Dr. Oliver Thomas moved and Rev. James Mitchell seconded the motion that the Building Committee and the architects proceed with the plans and report back to the Board as the plans reach the next stage of development. The plans for the toilets will be submitted for bids so that construction may proceed. Consideration was also given to plans for a combination Vocational Rehabilitation - Dormitory building and for a shop-maintenance-storage complex. Development of plans will continue under the guidance of the Building Committee.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Copies of the constitution and by-laws of the Board and a list of Board Committees were distributed.

Chairman Webb named or renamed the following committees:

Executive Committee: Rev. M. B. Webb, Chm. of Board; Mr. Sam Jones, Vice Chairman; Dr. Carlisle Holler, Treasurer; and Dr. James F. Miles, Secretary.

Education Committee: Dr. Carlisle Holler, Mr. Sam Jones, and Mrs. R. H. Johnson.

Building and Grounds Committee: Dr. Carlisle Holler, Mr. R. H. Smith, Rev. James Mitchell.

School Development Committee: Dr. James F. Miles, Dr. Oliver Thomas, Mrs. David R. Coker, Dr. Wil Lou Gray.

The committees will elect their own chairmen.

After considerable discussion Dr. Holler moved and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion that Chairman Webb, Dr. Miles and Mr. Jones serve as a special committee to advise with Principal James Truett Willis regarding official leave for summer work toward the Ph.D. degree in adult education. The motion passed. (This committee met immediately after the Board adjourned and instructed Dr. Miles to write Superintendent Caskey, with a copy to Principal Willis advising that the Board would grant Mr. Willis leave with pay for those weeks this summer or the Saturdays needed to pursue his graduate work, on a continuing basis, but that request for leave each semester be acted upon separately by this committee.)

Dr. Miles was asked to make preliminary revisions of the constitution of the Board, and report back to the Board for its action.

Superintendent Caskey presented a school report concerning many topics, but chiefly: (1) the status of the \$97,735.83 scholarship trust fund; (2) staff job descriptions; (3) a Vocational Rehabilitation health center for the Opportunity School; (4) details concerning salaries by job classifications; and (5) financial accounting to date.

Considerable discussion centered around clarifying and effectuating clear-cut lines of professional type work by the Superintendent and the Principal. Superintendent Caskey was instructed to insure that both positions provided full-time, professional type work with lines of authority commensurate with the positions.

Dr. Holler moved and Dr. Thomas seconded the motion that the Executive Committee establish policies and practices for handling the Scholarship Trust Fund. Motion passed.

Considerable discussion involved policy matters and school service areas with a speech by Dr. Holler which deserved to be recorded, but which was not. Involved were ideals of locating and bringing in adults who need the Opportunity School, of creatively filling new and larger needs of the State, of redefining the purposes of the school in terms of adult education needs, which provided numerous challenges for the Superintendent to insure a continually effective Opportunity School program to better meet the very great adult education needs of the State.

Dr. Holler moved and Mr. R. H. Smith seconded the motion that the Executive Committee proceed with plans to finance a fund-raising campaign for the Opportunity School Scholarship Trust Fund fund. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at about 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


James F. Miles, Secretary