

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

Minutes of Meeting November 19, 1970

The meeting was presided over by Chairman of the Board, Rev. M. B. Webb. The Rev. James B. Mitchell gave the invocation. Board members present, in addition to Rev. Webb and Rev. Mitchell were: Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Mr. Sam Jones, Mr. Clarence S. Roland, Dr. Marvin Efron, Mrs. John S. Boyce, Jr., Mrs. Harriet Johnson and Dr. James F. Miles. Also present were: Mr. Marvin Snell of the firm Ward, Dresham and Reinhardt; Messrs. Walter Bull and Erskine Betts of the Trust Department of Citizens and Southern National Bank; Superintendent Mike Caskey, Principal J. T. Willis, Director Emeritus Wil Lou Gray and Mrs. Eugenia Bechtler, bookkeeper.

Mr. Snell challenged those present to become thoroughly and wholly committed to the Scholarship Fund Raising Drive, to measure up to the best of ourselves during the Feasibility Plus Period, and later; to project the work and goals of the school as so unique, so vital and so worthwhile that this will not be just another campaign - but a different and higher need, a crusade for a greater need so that no one will rest until the goal is achieved.

Messrs. Bull and Betts reported on the Trust Funds they are managing for the Opportunity School Scholarship Trust Fund and they asked for instructions from the Board for their guidance relative to investments for appreciation, dividends, etc. Mr. Jones moved and Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion that Mr. Roland, Dr. Efron and Dr. Gray assist Dr. Holler, Chairman, in advising and approving all investments and money management by the Trust Department of Citizens and Southern Bank. The motion passed. This committee will have all responsibilities of the Board of Trustees to act instead of or in place of the Board or its Executive Committee in managing the Trust Funds of the Opportunity School by the Citizens and Southern National Bank.

Mr. Jones moved and Mr. Roland seconded the motion that the officers of the Board be reelected for another term of two years. They were elected by acclamation.

Principal Willis distributed two pieces of material; one was a Proposal for a Four-Week Summer Program, July 5 - 30, and the other report, The Opportunity School 1931. Mr. Willis discussed his plans for the experimental summer program for 1971, which was outlined in

the written material he distributed. This experimental program, with financial assistance using the Glen Turner Fund, is designed to attract about 70 students, ages 25 to 45, under 9th grade for intensive adult education and counseling to achieve maximum student progress and to measure this progress. Dr. Holler moved and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion that the Board approve the plans as discussed for the special 1971 experimental summer school program. The motion passed.

Dr. Efron moved and Dr. Miles seconded the motion that a long-range planning committee be appointed to report back to the Board at the spring meeting with an evaluation of the present school program, its scope and objectives, and a proposal of future direction for the school, in terms of what it should do and how it should proceed in order to meet anticipated needs. The motion passed. Chairman Webb appointed the following committee to carry out these objectives: Dr. Efron, Chairman, Dr. Miles, Rev. Mitchell and Dr. Gray.

Superintendent Caskey handed out a nine page report on "The South Carolina Opportunity School General Report, November 1970." He discussed the fund-raising campaign, enrollment, the building program and a proposed fountain.

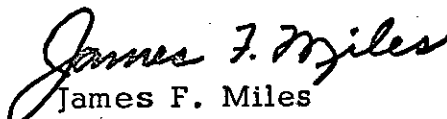
The following persons were suggested as possible nominees for the S. C. legislature for places on the Opportunity School Board of Trustees: Mr. Hal Kohn, Mrs. Marvin L. McCrory, Dr. W. Owen Corder, and Mr. Henry Lee.

There was a discussion of the success and desirability of the Neighborhood Youth Corps students at the Opportunity School.

The following committee was named to plan a retirement party for Superintendent Caskey in the spring of 1971: Principal Willis, Chairman, Rev. Webb, Dr. Gray, Mr. Jones, Miss Marguerita Tolbert and Dr. Holler.

The Board adjourned at about 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James F. Miles
Secretary of the Board

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