

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

THE SOUTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL  
November 20, 1974

The Board of Trustees met on November 20, 1974 for their Quarterly Meeting. Dr. M. B. Webb, Chairman, presided.

Trustees present were: Mr. W. Melvin Brown, Dr. Marvin Efron, Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Mr. James McClary, Dr. James F. Miles, The Reverend James B. Mitchell, Mr. Clarence Rowland, Dr. Wil Lou Gray, and Director Willis.

Willis led in the invocation. The proposed agenda was adopted. A copy of the agenda is attached hereto. Dr. Efron moved the adoption of the minutes of the meetings on September 11 and special meeting on October 2 as printed. Motion was passed.

Dr. Holler reported for the Endowment Committee that the money of Glenn W. Turner had been invested by the Trust Department of the Citizens and Southern National Bank as follows:

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| \$10,000.00 | Central Maine Power First General Mortgage |
| \$10,000.00 | Consumer Power Company First Mortgage Bond |
| \$10,000.00 | RCA Corporation Sinking Fund Debenture     |

The balance of the Turner money was invested in commercial paper. The report was accepted as information.

Dr. Holler reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that the school was still experiencing some problem with roof leakage in the classroom building and with an engineering error in the removal of water from around the auditorium. He said that the Committee was asking the Attorney General's Office to take some action against the architects, Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolfe because of the leakage and the engineering error. This report was accepted as information.

The Board instructed Willis to request, in the budget for 1975-76, funds to build covered walkways between all of the existing buildings.

Willis reported that the bids on air conditioning the five dormitories would be opened on Tuesday, December 3 at ten o'clock. Members of the Building Committee were asked to be present for the bid opening. Also, Willis reported that the team of consultants from NAPCAE would be on the campus December 11 and 12 for the purpose of interviewing members of the Board of Trustees. The following schedule was arranged.

Wednesday, December 11

Thursday, December 12

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| Dr. M. B. Webb     | 10:00 a.m. | The Reverend James B. Mitchell | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Dr. James F. Miles | 11:00 a.m. | Mr. W. Melvin Brown            | 10:00 a.m. |
| Dr. Marvin Efron   | 12:00 Noon | Mr. Clarence S. Rowland        | 11:00 a.m. |

The trustees suggested that the consultants consult with Senator Thomas E. Garrison of Anderson, Representative Harold D. Breazeale, Miss Lessie Moore, Mrs. Clara Stroud, Dr. Cyril Busbee, Mr. J. S. Agnew, Miss Marguerite Tolbert, and Mr. M. P. Caskey.

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Under the item of new business, Willis asked the trustees to advise him concerning the problem of damage done to the mobile home of Mr. Richard Turner, an employee of the Opportunity School. The damage came about as a result of the school's sewer line stopping up and backing sewage up into the mobile home. The carpeting, flooring, and insulation of the mobile home were damaged. The trustees asked Willis to ask Mr. Turner if his insurance will pay for the damage. If Turner's insurance will not pay for the damage, then Willis is to ask the State Sinking Fund if it will pay for the damage. If the State Sinking Fund does not pay for the damage, Willis is to pay for the damage out of the general fund of the school. Also, the trustees asked Willis to instruct Mr. Turner, in writing, that he will be expected to provide insurance for his own protection against any future damage of any kind on his mobile home.

Dr. Holler reported that he had talked with some of the people at the State Department of Education concerning the evaluation and accreditation of the Opportunity School. The representative from the State Department of Education told Dr. Holler that this action on their part was the result of enactment of a law by the Legislature mandating that standards be applied to John de la Howe, the School for the Deaf and Blind, the schools in the Correctional Institutions, and the Opportunity School. Also, he stated that the State Department found the Education Program at the Opportunity School and its operation pleasing to them. The report was accepted as information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Miles  
Secretary of the Board