

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 1980

The Board of Trustees convened for its regular bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 1980 at 1:00 p.m. in the Archives Room of the William T. Lander Administration Building. Trustees in attendance were: Mr. Clarence S. Rowland, presiding; Mrs. Anne Tilghman Boyce; Dr. Marvin Efron; Dr. Louise Scott; Mr. Karl Segelken; Dr. M. B. Webb; Mrs. Jack Wilson; Dr. J. C. Holler; Mr. James McClary; and The Reverend James B. Mitchell. Also, in attendance were Mr. Salvatore A. Fede, Superintendent; Mr. John King, Director of Fiscal Affairs; Miss Gloria Lloyd, Director of Special Services; Dr. Jonnie Spaulding, Director of Student Development; Mr. Pat Smith, Director of Facilities and Supportive Services; Mrs. Denise Hoce, Teacher; Mrs. Lida Moore, Teacher; Mr. Steve Hooper, Teacher; Mrs. Lisa Peeples, Chairperson of the Advisory Council; and Mrs. Patricia Robbins, secretary to the Superintendent.

The Reverend James B. Mitchell led the invocation.

Mr. McClary moved that the agenda be adopted as printed by the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Jack Wilson seconded the motion.

Mrs. Jack Wilson moved that the minutes of the September 10, 1980 meeting be adopted as presented to the Board. The motion was seconded by the Reverend James Mitchell.

Mr. Salvatore A. Fede, Superintendent, made his report to the Board of Trustees. He discussed classification and non-classification of the teachers, campus housing for the staff, and our teachers working toward earning additional endorsements to teach in the handicapped program.

Mrs. Lisa Peeples was introduced to the Board. Mrs. Peeples is the Chairperson of the Advisory School Council. She explained the purpose of the school advisory council and added that she would like to come back to the Board to discuss the Constitution and By-Laws when these items are ready.

Dr. Jonnie Spaulding passed out an outline of topics (distributed to members) for discussion including activities of personnel involved in student development. She mentioned that the Education Committee had met earlier and that members of the Board had visited the classrooms. She, also, stated that considerable time and work had gone into the enrichment program for the students and there had been very little response from the students. Dr. Spaulding told the Board of Trustees of the visit to the Family Fest, the visit to the South Carolina State Fair, and the Halloween Contest at the Opportunity School. All activities were well received by the students.

Dr. Spaulding further stated that four teachers have applied for permits to teach in various areas of Special Education. Also, that Mr. O'Neal Miller, grounds keeper, is taking a course at the University of South Carolina. He has, also, received a permit to teach Horticulture for this school year. The course Mr. Miller is taking at the University of South Carolina will go toward his certificate in horticulture. This places the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School for the first time, in the position of having all of its teachers properly certified.

Dr. Spaulding stated that the Labor Department will enroll 20 students at the Opportunity School. We have twelve students enrolled and will receive the others shortly.

Dr. Spaulding further stated that the Title I Program has denied us an extension of time for the identification of qualified students. We have written to Mr. Garlin Hicks who replied that he was not authorized to give an extension of time. We have now written to Mr. William Terrell in Washington, D.C. We have not as of this date received a reply.

Mr. John King, Director of Fiscal Affairs, presented a packet to the Board containing the Annual Report FY 1980, Analysis of Institutional Revenue YTD, Budget-7% Personal Service Reduction, Revised Policy (9/29/80) on Use of Meal Tickets, and the proposed student fees for SY 81-82 (copies presented to members).

Dr. Marvin Efron made the motion that the 7% Reduction in Personnel Expenditures as mandated by the Governor be approved by the Board. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Anne Boyce.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jack Wilson to adopt the Revised (9/29/80) Policy on the Use of Meal Tickets. The motion was seconded by Dr. J. Carlisle Holler.

The motion was made by Mrs. Anne Boyce to adopt the Proposed Student Fees for SY 81-82. The motion was seconded by Dr. Louise Scott.

Mr. Pat Smith stated that the floor tiles bid would soon be open to the public. Also, that USDA had increased its payment to us this year.

Mr. Fede told the Board that in the past monies had been returned to the state for personnel services. However, with the 7% reduction in personal services this would not occur in the future. It, also, appears that we may not be able to ask for supplemental monies either.

Board Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. McClary stated that as they visited the classrooms several students had approached him regarding the heat in the classroom building. He wanted to know if there was not something that could be done to have more heat in the buildings. Mr. Pat Smith informed Mr. McClary and the others that as a state agency we are required to satisfy a state law setting our thermostats at 65° for the winter setting.

Development Committee: No Report.

Education Committee: Dr. Louise Scott reported that she had attended the School Boards Association Meeting at Myrtle Beach. She stated that many are concerned about the overlapping services being provided by the state agencies.

Personnel Committee: Dr. Marvin Efron stated that the teachers are at the present time unclassified. They are concerned about becoming classified. The State law (copy attached) requires all state agencies to have their teachers classified.

Mrs. Denise Hoce, teacher, notified the Board of Trustees that in January an amendment will be introduced which will be voted on in the House of Representatives (copy attached). If the amendment passes, the teachers may be exempted from being classified at the present time. If the amendment is not passed, they may be classified.

Mr. Hooper, teacher, stated that he thought that it was easier for a secretary than a teacher to go from one classification to another.

Dr. M. B. Webb made the motion that we postpone the discussion until further study could be made by the Personnel Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Karl Segelken.

Mrs. Denise Hoce stated that she would like to have two teachers attend every board meeting. Mr. Fede stated that this procedure would be fine, provided that all classrooms would have teacher coverage.

Dr. Marvin Efron further stated that he felt the policy on campus housing, meals, and other benefits should be evaluated by an impartial group from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Efron made the motion that a letter be submitted to the Dean of the College of Education, by the Board, requesting this service. The motion was seconded by Dr. Holler. (This letter was mailed to Dr. Mulhern on November 25, 1980).

Executive Committee: No Report.

In the matter of unfinished business the motion was made by Dr. Marvin Efron and seconded by Mrs. Jack Wilson that the meeting tentatively scheduled for January 16, 1981 at Hilton Head be relocated to the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School starting with supper on Friday, January 16, 1981 at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Following un-finished business, the Board of Trustees elected by ballot the following persons to serve as:

- A. Chairperson-Dr. Marvin Efron
- B. Vice-Chairperson-Mrs. Olive Wilson

The Board then decided to use verbal nominations to elect the position of Treasurer and Secretary. The motion was made by Mrs. Anne Boyce to appoint Dr. Louise Scott to the position of Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Dr. J. Carlisle Holler.

Dr. Webb made the motion that Mr. McClary be appointed to the position of secretary. The motion was seconded by Dr. J. Carlisle Holler.

The Board then went on record to express their appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Clarence Rowland for the services and fine efforts he had made during his tenure as Chairperson.

Mr. McClary made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Boyce. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.