

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SOUTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
February 21, 1973

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Opportunity School was called to order by its Chairman, the Reverend M. B. Webb. Dr. J. C. Holler gave the invocation.

Board members present were: Dr. Marvin Efron, Miss Wil Lou Gray, Mrs. Wayne Unger, Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, the Reverend M. B. Webb, Mr. James McClary, the Reverend James B. Mitchell, Mr. Clarence S. Rowland, Jr., and Mr. J. Truett Willis.

The minutes of the meeting for October 4, 1972 were read. Mr. Rowland asked that the minutes of that meeting be corrected to more nearly reflect the tone of Dr. Charlie Williams' discussion with the trustees concerning the future role of the Opportunity School. Dr. Williams suggested that the trustees should assess and plan the future role and program of the Opportunity School. He indicated that the State Board of Education would continue to give support to the public school adult education programs throughout the state and that this would continue to reduce the potential enrollment of the Opportunity School. Perhaps the Board should even give consideration to a change in the type of program that the school would provide and plan for services to serve a different kind of student population entirely.

Mr. Willis gave a financial report on this year's operation through January 31, 1973. Also, he gave a report on the status of the proposed budget for 1973-74. He stated that the sub-committee of the House Ways and Means Committee had recommended to the full House Ways and Means Committee an increase of \$74,001 in the budget request.

The terms of office of the following trustees expire in 1973. The trustees are: Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Dr. James F. Miles, the Reverend James B. Mitchell, Dr. Oliver Thomas, and Dr. M. B. Webb. Dr. Efron moved that these trustees be asked to serve another term of four years. Mr. McClary gave a second to the motion, which passed unanimously. Also, Dr. Efron asked that Mr. Willis write a letter of appreciation to these five members of the Board.

Dr. Holler and Mr. Willis had been asked at the October meeting to serve on a committee to locate and recommend for nomination a trustee to replace the late Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson. The Committee gave a biographical sketch of one William Melvin Brown, Jr., of Charleston, South Carolina. The Committee reported that the Charleston County Delegation recommended the election of this man. Dr. Efron moved tentative approval of the election of Mr. Brown with the provision that the Committee be empowered to inquire of Mr. Brown his willingness to serve on the Board of Trustees. If he gave his approval to being elected, the Committee would then make this nomination to this session of the Legislature. The Reverend Mitchell gave a second to the motion. Dr. Holler asked that Mrs. Unger serve with himself and Mr. Willis in interviewing Mr. Brown. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Trustees.

Each member was given a letter from Councilman Pat G. Smith of the town of Springdale, South Carolina. The letter gave an invitation to the Opportunity School to become a part of the town of Springdale. Also, the letter indicated that the school would be expected to pay to the town of Springdale the budget item for Security Service for which the town would provide police protection for twenty-four hours per day for seven days per week. By unanimous consent Dr. Efron and Mr. Willis were asked to serve as a Committee to look into the legality of the school being annexed to the town of Springdale. It was called to the attention that we are presently receiving water and sewer service from the town of Cayce and that there might be some conflict with annexation to Springdale. The Committee was asked to look into all possibilities of annexation and make a report to the Board of Trustees in the near future.

Mr. Willis reported that he had signed an agreement with the State Department of Education to provide services for twelve deaf-blind children for a three-week summer program. Mr. McClary moved and Mr. Mitchell gave a second to the motion that the Board approve. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Glenn Turner Summer School Program was briefly discussed with Mr. Willis reporting that plans were under way for the program as had been approved by the Board of Trustees in their October meeting.

Dr. Holler was asked to present a proposal for a twelve-month Student Institute as proposed by David Able, a law student at Harvard University. Dr. Holler gave the background for the proposal with a brief report on the two summer programs which were held—the first one in the summer of 1971 and the second one in the summer of 1972. Much discussion concerning whether or not the Opportunity School should sponsor such an institute ensued. Mr. Rowland moved that the school sponsor the institute provided funds will be made available through private or government grants and that the Chairman of Trustees appoint a committee to work with Mr. Willis in developing the guidelines for such a program within the policies of the Opportunity School. Mr. McClary gave the motion a second and it was passed. The Chairman appointed Dr. Efron, the Reverend Mitchell, and Mr. Rowland to serve on this committee with Mr. Willis.

Dr. Holler suggested that the Board should have a system of codifying and filing minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees and policies of the school. After a brief discussion, he moved that this Board proceed immediately to adopt and codify policies and administrative procedures by authorizing and directing the following:

1. Appoint a committee of three to carry out the above action.
2. Seek funds from current and other sources.

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3. Study or cause to be studied, the existing minutes to locate Board action which has determined policy.
4. Utilize any existing guidelines-especially the Manual of the National School Board Association to assist the committee in its work.
5. Direct Mr. Willis and staff to assist to the fullest extent possible.
6. If funds can be found employ professional and clerical assistance.
7. Report findings and recommendations to this Board at a meeting to be called in approximately twelve months from this date.

Dr. Efron gave a second to the motion. The motion was passed. The Chairman appointed Dr. Holler, Dr. Miles, and Mr. McClary to serve on this Committee. The meeting was adjourned by common consent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Truett Willis
Acting Secretary