

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 4, 1969

South Carolina Opportunity School

Present were: Rev. M. B. Webb, Chairman; Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Treasurer; Dr. James F. Miles, Secretary; Mrs. David R. Coker, Mr. Hal Kohn, Superintendent Cyril Busbee, Mr. R. H. Smith, Rev. James B. Mitchell, Mr. Sam Jones, Dr. Wil Lou Gray, Director Emeritus; Superintendent Mike Caskey and Principal James T. Willis.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend James B. Mitchell, a newly elected member of the Board replacing Mr. Hal Kohn who declined re-election. Dr. Holler moved that both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Kohn be eligible to vote in this meeting. Motion carried. Dr. Holler moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion that the W. B. Thomasson Heating Company install such thermostats and circulating pumps as approved by architects, Lyle, Bisset, Carlisle and Wolf, for correcting the heating problem in one of the girls' dormitories. The motion carried.

Supt. Caskey presented a written progress report on the Opportunity School. Supt. Caskey was commended for the fine manner in which the report was prepared and presented.

Consideration was given to the status of Opportunity School employees under the new S. C. Employee Job Classification System. Dr. Miles moved and Mr. Kohn seconded the motion that Supt. Caskey be authorized to increase salaries of all Opportunity School employees below the State minimum up to the minimum if funds become available. The motion passed.

Mr. R. H. Smith moved and Mr. Kohn seconded the motion that the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company's request for a substation on Opportunity School property be approved according to plats and written

specifications. The Board approved.

Mr. Bisset, architect, with Lyle, Bisset, Carlisle and Wolf, presented plans for additional buildings as an outgrowth of cooperation of the Superintendent and the Board's Building Committee. Included are buildings for classrooms, administration, diagnostic center and dormitory, infirmary, staff housing, toilet addition to gym, and lounge addition to dormitory B. After due consideration Mr. Hal Kohn moved that the plans be accepted subject to continued negotiation of the Building Committee. Mr. Sam Jones seconded the motion, and it passed.

Mr. Sam Jones moved that Rev. James Mitchell replace Mr. Kohn on the Board Building Committee. The motion passed.

Dr. Holler moved that Mr. Sam Jones be elected vice chairman of the Board to replace Mr. Kohn. The motion passed.

The Board instructed Dr. Holler to continue working with the State Attorney General to get all scholarship trust funds under a single management unit to be administered by the Board.

The Board designated Dr. Wil Lou Gray as chairman of fund-raising for the Opportunity Scholarship Trust Fund.

Dr. Holler moved and Mr. Kohn seconded the motion that Superintendent Caskey accept as students two girls assigned by the Richland County Court as a pilot project in rehabilitation. The motion carried.

Mr. Hal Kohn moved that the S. C. legislature increase the size of the Opportunity School Board of Trustees from nine to twelve members. The motion passed.

The Board recommended that Principal James Truett Willis proceed with graduate school work toward his doctorate in Adult Education in

summer school. Dr. Miles moved and Mrs. Coker seconded the motion that the School grant official leave to Mr. Willis for this purpose. The motion passed.

The Executive Committee and the Superintendent will designate the date for a fall Board meeting. In the meantime, there will be a meeting called for April 30 at 10:30 a.m. to specifically consider school operating practices and policies, assignment of Board committees and the building program, among other things.

The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned about 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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