

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 19, 1975

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees convened at 10:00 AM on November 19, 1975, in the conference room at the school. Trustees in attendance were: Mrs. John S. Boyce, Jr., Mr. W. Melvin Brown, Jr., Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Mr. James McClary, Dr. James F. Miles, the Reverend James B. Mitchell, Mr. Clarence S. Rowland, Jr., Dr. Oliver Thomas, and Dr. M. B. Webb. Others present were: Dr. Wil Lou Gray, Director Emeritus; J. T. Willis, Ed. D., Director; Dr. Curtis Ulmer, University of Georgia; Ms. Elizabeth Crum and Mr. Ken Woodington from the Attorney General's office; and Mr. Rick Snoddy, representative from Governor Edwards' office.

Dr. Webb called the meeting to order and asked the Reverend Mitchell to lead in the invocation.

The minutes of the meeting for September 10, 1975, were approved as printed and mailed to the Trustees.

The proposed agenda was approved with one change as follows: Ms. Crum and Mr. Woodington were asked to inform the Trustees about the status of the Guignard will. Ms. Crum and Mr. Woodington informed the Trustees that they had presented a brief to Judge George Bell Timmerman in which they claimed that the legatees in the will had not met the terms of the will, time wise and thus the Opportunity School should be awarded its share of the legacy stated in the will. The amount of the legacy as of this time, because of interest on investment, is \$50,000. Judge Timmerman ruled that the Opportunity School was not entitled to the money.

Dr. Miles moved that Ms. Crum and Mr. Woodington pursue the proper legal course to secure the school's share of the will. Dr. Holler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Ulmer presented the report of the NAPCAE Committee's findings and recommendations resulting from their study. Much discussion ensued. The Board accepted the report as information and set January 28, 1976, for a special meeting of the Board to study in depth the report. The motion, as made by Dr. Holler, instructed Dr. Willis to study the report and be prepared to give his reactions to and make recommendations concerning the Committee's recommendations at the special meeting. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion. The motion, as passed, provided for the Board to go into executive session at this special meeting for the purpose of discussing the report. Mrs. Boyce invited the Board to meet in Marion and Mr. Brown invited it to meet in Charleston. A place was not decided upon.

After lunch, Dr. Willis made two recommendations to the Board. The first recommendation was that a person be employed to promote and sell the game, "Palmetto Patriots" and that he be paid a commission based upon the sales. The second recommendation was a salary supplement schedule for classroom teachers. A copy of the schedule is herewith attached. No action was taken on the two recommendations. Dr. Willis gave to each of the Trustees a copy of his interim report.

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Dr. Wil Lou Gray gave an interesting and informative presentation of the game, "Palmetto Patriots." The Board extended its best wishes to her in the endeavor.

Dr. Holler introduced the following policy to be voted upon at the next regular meeting of the Board:

"Students may not have in possession or on campus a knife with a blade over two inches long, a blackjack, a metal pipe or pole, firearms, or any other weapon, device or object which may be used to inflict bodily harm.¹

Possession or manufacture of bombs designed to damage a person or property is unlawful.² Stink bombs are prohibited in school buildings or elsewhere on the campus.³ Bomb threats are a criminal offense regardless of truth.⁴ "

Violation of any of the above policies may result in a student being expelled from school and subject to criminal prosecution by state law.

There being no other matters of business, the meeting was adjourned.

¹South Carolina Code, 16-141.2

²Ibid., 16-143.

³Ibid., 16-162.

⁴Ibid., 16-383.1 and 16-383.2