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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

October 7, 1964

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Opportunity School was called to order and invocation given by Dr. Webb, Chairman of the Board.

Minutes of the meeting of March 18, 1964, were read and approved.

Motion was made by Dr. James Miles that this Board hold at least two meetings annually - one in the spring and one in the fall.

The Chairman asked for the report of Miss Tolbert. She stated that the graduation record was broken with 53 students getting certificates, including 10 receiving diplomas. (Dr. Holler stated the school should pursue efforts for the Official State Diploma. Brief discussion followed.)

Religious and other activities were mentioned by Miss Tolbert, who also spoke of the school as being community centered, and giving examples of participation in three community programs.

Miss Tolbert urged careful reading of recommendations included.

The largest gift (\$12,000) to the school from Mrs. Russell Gruman was announced, with \$3,000 received to date. By motion the report was received with gratitude for excellent service of Miss Tolbert.

Miss Tolbert's announcement of her coming retirement brought expressions of appreciation for faithful service from the group. Her report in full was given to each member of the board. Other copies may be seen in the school offices.

Director Lander's report was presented next. He gave information regarding some acreage sold; possibility of continuing use of the lake; other related facts and his discussions with parties concerned.

Mr. Lander mentioned efforts by Dr. Webb and himself regarding the clearing up of school land problems.

For detailed information the Director's report may be read in full in the school office.

Miss Gray and Dr. Miles briefly discussed the origin and progress of efforts to secure title to the property for The Opportunity School.

Brief discussion by the group followed.

Dr. Miles suggested the wisdom of some new buildings as first objective.

Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Coker expressed agreement, which others sanctioned.

Continuing, Mr. Lander explained the budget. He showed how salaries compared with the other teachers in the state. (See copy attached, or in school office.)

An explanation of "supplies" and "equipment" was given.

Of the total appropriation, 51% - 64% is used for plant operation. This and other figures were given to show unreasonable proportion necessary for upkeep.

The budget, it was shown, allows some leeway for increase in prices, more students, additional space, etc.

Present appropriation is approximately \$216,000. The new budget calls for approximately \$226,000.

A motion by Dr. Miles and seconded by Mr. Kohn that the board go on record approving request for 10% increase in accordance with the recommendation for state employees.

A motion by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Smith, was made that the budget be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Coker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thomas, that the permanent improvement section be included. Motion carried.

Mr. Lander mentioned invitation extended to a group or institute of The University of S. C. to hold their conference and have a meal at The Opportunity School.

Dr. Holler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thomas, that no admission be denied to The Opportunity School because of race, religion or national origin. The motion carried.

Election of officers followed by ballot with the following result:

The re-election of Dr. M. B. Webb, Chairman  
Mr. Hal Kohn, Vice Chairman  
Mrs. Harriet Johnson, Secretary  
Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Treasurer

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Those present were: Dr. Webb, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kohn, Mrs. Coker, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Holler, Mr. Jones, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Miles.

Also, Dr. Wil Lou Gray, Director Lander, and Miss Tolbert.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet F. Johnson  
Secretary