

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF JULY 12, 1989**

The Board of Trustees convened for a scheduled meeting on July 12, 1989, in the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Research and Training Center. Trustees in attendance were: Dr. Louise Scott, Mrs. Olive Wilson, Mr. Frank Hart, Mrs. Hannah Meadors, Mrs. Linda Sledge, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride, Dr. Marvin Efron and Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill. Mr. John Robinson was present representing the State Department of Education. Staff members present were: Mrs. Jane Zenger, Mr. Pat Smith, Mr. George Smith, Mr. John King, Ms. Gloria Lloyd, Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood, and Mrs. Brenda Stork.

Dr. Scott called the meeting to order and at this time she stated for the record that notice of the meeting was provided to the public in conformance with the requirements of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80(d) of the S. C. Code of Laws, 1977 as amended. Notice of the Meeting was published in The State Newspaper, The Columbia Record in Columbia, The Journal in Lexington, and The Lexington Dispatch in Lexington.

Dr. Scott welcomed everyone including Mr. John Robinson representing the State Department of Education. She also welcomed our new board member Mr. Frank Hart, and Dr. Mary Lee Platz as the new coordinator of Psychological/Social Services.

Dr. Scott then called for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Mrs. Meadors that the agenda be adopted as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Efron. The motion was passed.

The next order of business was approval of the minutes of the May 10, 1989 board meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. McBride. The motion was passed.

At this time Dr. Scott called on Dr. Norwood for the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Norwood called on Mr. Pat Smith to bring the board up to date on a proposal. Mr. Smith said last year we entered into an agreement with the Lexington County Probation Office with public service workers working on our campus on weekends. He said we are now interested in getting a work site project with the minimum security prison system which is much like what the S. C. School for the Deaf and Blind has. Mr. Smith explained we could get as many workers as we need Monday - Friday. He said we would have to provide transportation to and from the work site and provide their meals. He also explained that we reserve the right to screen each inmate's history. Mr. Smith said we have several different work areas in mind. Mr. Hart said he had experience with this program when he was Superintendent in Marion and it worked very well and he felt it would be a real asset to the Opportunity School. Dr. Efron said he was also in favor of this program.

Dr. Norwood informed the board they had received information regarding the Opportunity School license tags. Dr. Norwood passed the form around to the board for them to sign up for these tags.

Dr. Scott asked the board if they had any questions regarding departmental reports which they received previously. There was no discussion or questions from the board concerning these reports.

Next, Dr. Scott called for committee reports. In reference to Personnel Actions, Dr. Efron explained the board received a list of Personnel Actions in the mail. Dr. Efron reviewed this report with the board. A motion was made by Dr. Efron that the Personnel Actions be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion was passed.

At this time Dr. Scott called on Mrs. Meadors for a report on the Foundation. Mrs. Meadors explained she met with Dr. Norwood, Mr. George Smith and the Foundation several weeks ago. Mrs. Meadors said they also met last night and the Foundation is very anxious to move on and that we immediately make plans for \$185,000 as a base. They are making plans for contacts and team building and the Foundation has recommended that we immediately contact Mrs. Barbara Bush and ask her to be a member of the Foundation. She said we will be working through the Governor's Office and Senator's Office to contact Mrs. Bush. They hope to have Mrs. Bush speak at the Opportunity School Graduation Ceremony and be housed at the Governor's Mansion to spend the night.

Mr. George Smith said the goal we set to raise the money will be earned by the Foundation. There would be an outdoor reception after graduation on our campus. The charge to attend the reception would be \$1,000 per couple or \$750.00 per person individually. With these figures, the Opportunity School would net over \$130,000. Mr. Smith explained we would also like to take a couple of our students to Washington to meet Mrs. Bush.

Under old business, was the discussion of the former superintendent portrait. A list of artists provided by the S. C. Arts Commission was given to the board. At this time Dr. Scott appointed an ad hoc committee to review the list of artists and review some of the artists' portraits and prices and make a recommendation to the board at the next board meeting. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Thrailkill were appointed to serve on this committee.

In reference to the board retreat plans, a tentative agenda was provided to the board. The agenda was approved by the board. Dr. Norwood asked the board if they had any preference on any food functions they would like to have at the retreat. After some discussion among the board, it was decided that they would have lunch together at noon on Friday.

Under new business, a copy of the renewal of the lease with Federation of Older Americans was provided to the board. A motion

was made by Mr. Hart to approve this lease. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Efron to move into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the evaluation of Dr. Norwood. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sledge. The motion was passed.

After executive session, a motion was made by Dr. Efron to approve Dr. Norwood's evaluation as revised. The second motion was unanimous.

The board adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mickey Lindler

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