

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 1992**

The Board of Trustees convened for a scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 11, 1992, in the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Research and Training Center. Trustees in attendance were: Dr. Louise Scott, Mrs. Olive Wilson, Dr. Marvin Efron, Mrs. Betty Henderson, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride, Mrs. Hannah Meadors, Mrs. Mickey Lindler, Mr. DeVon Belcher, and Mr. Vince Rhodes. Mr. John Robinson was present representing Dr. Barbara Nielsen. Staff present were: Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood, Ms. Gloria Lloyd, Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner, Mrs. Jane Zenger, Mr. George Smith, Mr. Pat Smith, Mr. Bob James, and Mrs. Brenda Stork.

Dr. Scott called the meeting to order. She stated for the record that the 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, 1976 as amended.

The following actions were made by the board:

-Approval of the agenda: Dr. Scott recommended to add under New Business the approval of the School Calendar. Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

-Approval of the board minutes of November 13, 1991 and January 10, 1992. Mrs. Lindler recommended the following revision on the January 10 minutes: page 3 (amended), the last sentence in paragraph 2 should read: After some board discussion, Mrs. Lindler recommended that no exception to the board policy of no out-of-state travel for this fiscal year be granted. A previous recommendation was made by Mr. Hart that policy was made because of budgetary restraints.

-Mrs. Lindler also recommended the following revision on the January 10 minutes on page 3 (amended), paragraph 7: Mrs. Lindler recommended that an appeals process be written and Mr. Robinson recommended that the procedure should fall in line with Section 59-63-240 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina. A motion was made by Dr. Efron to accept the January 10, 1992 board minutes with the above revisions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed. A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to accept the November 13, 1991 board minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lindler, The motion was passed.

The Superintendent's Report from Dr. Norwood was as follows:

-Dr. Norwood invited the board to attend Parent's Day on Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m in the auditorium.

-Proposed a re-design for the Research and Training Spotlight. Mrs. Zenger presented to the board the proposed re-design. Dr. Norwood recommended this revision.

-Fire damage of the apartment has been cleared.

-We have received a certificate of exemption of \$10,000 for purchase commitment. This was a result of our last procurement audit.

-We have a recommended change in the Friday schedule. We receive a citation after a initial response to the DMP citing our Friday schedule. We have worked out a schedule to meet the six hour requirement which will be from 7:50 a.m. - 2:20 p.m. which will allow a lunch break. Changes have been made during the week and have been worked out with the staff. This will submitted to go into effect on Friday, March 13.

-Received approval of our District Improvement and Staff Development Report.

-A student group will be going on a field trip to the Discovery Place in Charlotte.

-Dr. Norwood will be attending a one-day business industry forum sponsored by the Vocational Technical board. She felt this would be some good business contacts for the school.

Mr. George Smith reported on the Foundation as follows:

-Foundation received approval to buy food from the Surplus Property. The next Foundation meeting will be April 9. An oyster roast and quail supper is being planned for the Fall. An auction of hunting and fishing trips will also be held. Dr. Norwood also said we need recommendations from the board in terms of board members for the Foundation. Mr. Robert Sox of Sox and Sons was recommended by Mrs. Lindler.

A report of the Budget Committee was received from Ms. McBride as follows:

-The budget committee met and recommended the following items to the board. First was the truant status of the school. Mr. Rhodes said they discussed the terms of billing for a full 30 days. Under the regulations for Vocational Rehabilitation, Voc Rehab cannot pay for 30 days if the students leaves school before the end of that 30 days. In reference to the extended school year, Mr. James explained the teachers who teach an extra three weeks at the end of the school year are selected based upon the need. They are also recommending that we no longer accept truants for this year due to the budget cuts. Concerning truants for next year, Mrs. Busenlehner recommended cutting our number of truants drastically because at the beginning of the next school year, we will be operating under the same budget as present.

Dr. Efron reported on the Policy Committee as follows:

-Policies IKD and JCDAC-R were presented for second reading.

A motion was made by Dr. Efron to accept policy IKD for second reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lindler. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Efron to accept policy JCDAC-R for second reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lindler. The motion was passed.

-Policies JDE, JBCAA, JBCAA-E1, and JBCAA-E2 were presented for first reading.

Dr. Efron made a motion to approve policy JDE for a first reading. After some board discussion concerning policy JDE, Mrs. Lindler recommended requesting a legal opinion in writing from the Attorney General. Mrs. Lindler moved to table the motion. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meadors. The motion was passed.

In reference to policies JBCAA, JBCAA-E1, and JBCAA-E2, a motion was made by Dr. Efron to accept these policies for a first reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

The Personnel Committee report was presented by Mr. Rhodes.

-Mr. Rhodes informed the board the Personnel Committee met in reference to the Superintendent's interim evaluation review. He said the meeting went well and was an excellent dialogue.

-Mr. Rhodes also reviewed with the board the Personnel Actions which they previously received. A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to accept these Personnel Actions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Belcher. The motion was passed. These Personnel Actions are attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.

Dr. Efron reported on the Wil Lou Gray Award:

-The Wil Lou Gray award brochure has been mailed. We have received four requests requesting the award application packet.

Deadline for returning the application is April 10. In reference to a Wil Lou Gray Award Selection Committee, Dr. Efron recommended the committee not exceed three members. The board recommended the following names for Dr. Norwood to contact that would possibly serve on this committee: Mrs. Hannah Meadors, Mr. W. Melvin Brown, Mr. Tom Kinard, Senator Nikki Setzler, and Dr. Tom Surratt. A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to approve these nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed. Alternate names submitted by the board were Jessie Washington, Joe Pinner, Karen Woodard, and Phil Noble.

Next under old business was the discussion of the DMP Revisions.

-Dr. Norwood explained the hold up on the DMP Revisions related to a determination in the legal section that we were subject to the six hour day everyday of the week. In the DMP revision, the proposal met the total number of hours a week as required but proposed the shortened schedule on Friday to allow students to meet bus schedules. The change in the schedule to avoid a citation on the DMP will make students very late arriving to their homes on Friday. Dr. Norwood recommended we try to pursue some means of allowing this flexibility. After some board discussion, it was recommended that a meeting be held with Melanie Barton to change the statute and have the DMP ready in the Fall.

Under new business was the discussion of the extended July board meeting.

-Dr. Scott recommended the extended July board meeting be held in Columbia. The board agreed to have the extended meeting on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1.

-Approved the Research and Training Advisory Committee recommendations on a motion by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

-A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to approve the School Calendar. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Scott to move into executive session to discuss legal matters regarding teacher work days and for discussion of a suit on an injury of a student while he was at school. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to move out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Belcher.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to approve letters of intent with modification using school name on the second page. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

A motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

The board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mickey Lindler

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