

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 1983

The Board of Trustees convened for its meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 1983 at 6:43 p.m. in the Archives Room of the William T. Lander Administration Building. Trustees in attendance were: Dr. Marvin Efron, presiding; Mrs. Patricia Bowers; Mrs. Hannah Meadors; Mrs. Jack Wilson; Dr. James Miles; Mr. Clarence S. Rowland; Dr. Louise Scott; Mrs. Anne T. Boyce; Miss Mary Alice Mack; and Mr. James McClary. Those trustees not attending were: Mrs. Elizabeth Thraikill and Mr. Karl Segelken. Also present were: Dr. Milton Kimpson, Executive Assistant from the Governor's Office; Mr. Vince Rhodes, Vocational Rehabilitation; Dr. Robert Fulmer, State Department of Education; Miss Mary Janet Janicki, teacher. The staff present were: Mr. Pat G. Smith, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Jonnie Spaulding, Director of Student Development; Mr. John King, Director of Fiscal Affairs; Mr. George Smith, Director of Admissions; Miss Gloria Lloyd, Director of Personnel; Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Principal; Miss Debra Haney, Dean of Women; and Mrs. Patricia T. Robbins, secretary.

Those Board members absent were: Mrs. Elizabeth Thraikill and Mr. Karl Segelken.

Mrs. Hannah Meadors gave the invocation.

Dr. Marvin Efron stated that at 12:15 there had been a joint session of the General Assembly and a Concurrent Resolution was introduced by Representative Marc Westbrook, who represents this legislative district, and that the General Assembly had the election and re-election of the Board members at that time. Dr. Louise Scott has been re-elected for another term. Mrs. Anne T. Boyce and Mr. James McClary have chosen not to be re-elected. Mr. Vince Rhodes was chosen to fill Mr. McClary's slot on the Board. Mr. Walter Dahlgren, of Anderson, SC was elected to fill Mrs. Boyce's slot. The current Board members will serve until their terms expire unless they choose otherwise. Dr. Efron said he had asked Mr. Vince Rhodes to come as an observer tonight. He would invite Mr. Dahlgren to come to visit the future meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Efron asked if there was a motion to adopt the agenda? Mr. McClary moved that the agenda be adopted. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Efron stated that the minutes of the January 11, 1983 meeting had been mailed. He then asked if there were any additions or deletions? Mrs. Meadors requested that the last paragraph of page eight be changed to read:

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It had been decided at the on-set of the monthly Board Meetings that as soon as the budgetary problems and the evaluation of Mr. Fede were worked through, the meetings would return to their regularly bi-monthly time.

Mrs. Jack Wilson moved that the minutes be adopted with the correction of Mrs. Meadors. Mrs. Meadors seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted.

Mr. Pat Smith, Interim Superintendent, stated that he had attended the Indian Waters Council Explorer Scout Banquet. Our post received the William H. Spurgeon III Award, symbolic of excellence in scouting. The other person receiving this award had put in sixteen years of professional service and we had only put in three years. Mr. Smith showed the award to the Board. Mr. Smith then remarked "It certainly is a noteworthy accomplishment for just three years of service."

Mr. Smith told the Board that our BEDS report has received an all clear status. Therefore, we would be all clear for this school term.

Mr. Smith further told the Board that the enclosed report in the folder from Miss Sanders, our Guidance Counselor, shows that she does an array of social and vocational counseling. She does a good bit of reality counseling also.

Mr. Pat Smith requested the Board to grant permission for Miss Gloria Lloyd to attend the State Personnel Conference on March 30, 31, and April 1. This conference will be held in Myrtle Beach at the Landmark Hotel. It will cost between \$250.00 and \$300.00. The State is undergoing an Employee Performance Management System and it is imperative that we be trained in this method. Mrs. Wilson moved for approval. Mr. McClary seconded. Passed.

Our response to the Auditor's Office audit of our agency has been completed and submitted. We have corrected the deficiencies. There are some that we cannot correct at this time.

Mr. Griswold, Assistant Agency Director of the Budget and Control Board, sent a memorandum that outlines the Budget dates for the fiscal year 1984-85. Mr. Pat Smith asked the Board if they would like for him to schedule a budget workshop, that they might have some in-put into our Budget preparation. Dr. Efron said he thought it would be the general consensus of the Board that they be involved in the Budget preparation. Mr. Smith stated that we had until August 15, but the preparation should be done well in advance of this date.

It was decided that a meeting of those Board members, who would like to participate in the planning of the 1984-85 Budget, would meet on March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

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A response to the recommendations of the Advisory Council was included as information in the folders for the Board members.

Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Principal, presented the Annual School Report.

Mr. Rowland asked if we receive a quarterly or annual update from the State Endowment Funds now that they are being handled by the State and not by The Citizens and Southern National Bank? Mr. John King, Director of Fiscal Affairs, stated that we received a print-out just recently from the State. Mr. Pat Smith informed the Board that the State is charged with investing our money for the best possible interest rate.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Student Facilities and Supportive Services:

Mr. James McClary, Chairperson, stated that our students had been to the Zoo, the Columbia Mall, to film shows, and other trips. It appeared to him that our students seemed much more wholesome than any we have had in awhile. Mr. McClary did state that there had been a rape of one of our deaf students. It had been handled very well by the staff and the school was no longer involved.

Dr. Miles stated at this point that he thought that scouting was a wholesome activity. He also thought the dances and athletic activities helped our students to work and play together. He further stated that our students for the most part were better off here than at their homes.

Education Committee:

Dr. Miles stated that Mrs. Bailey, Dr. Spaulding, the faculty, and the staff had been attending workshops at no expense to the school. The school is in the process of meeting certificate requirements. Letters of Intent will be sent to all teachers on March 15. Sixteen students have taken the GED and sixteen have passed. This is 100% of the students having taken the GED and passed. Our Title I Program will be reviewed on March 10, 1983.

Public Relations:

Mr. Rowland stated that he wanted to congratulate Mr. George Smith on following through so promptly his suggestions to him of the people to call upon. He further stated that he had only mentioned it to Mr. Smith and Mr. Smith immediately took action.

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Miss Lloyd stated that she had written a letter to the Attorney General's Office concerning travel for our students in and out of the state. She had submitted a form to the Attorney General's Office for approval to be used by our students.

Miss Lloyd stated that five of our employees had received their evaluations. They had received satisfactory and above. They all received a 2% merit raise.

Miss Diane Bell will be substituting for Mrs. Dale Bosworth while she is on maternity leave. She is a graduate of USC and majored in Early Childhood Education. Miss Margaret Junious is still substituting for our other teachers when they are absent.

Executive Committee:

Dr. Marvin Efron, Chairperson, stated that there had been a transfer of funds from one category to another. They were Mr. Fede's salary and surplus personnel service funds. We did not want these funds to get caught up in personnel use only. We wanted to utilize them in two ways. First, in case we had to use them to pay people's salaries to offset a furlough. Second, to help pay on the utility bill.

In order to meet the 3% budget cut requested by the Budget and Control Board; Dr. Efron, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Smith, and Mr. King met and came to the conclusion to take the equipment funds, personal service funds, and Mr. Fede's salary to use where needed.

Mr. Pat Smith stated that our agency would not have to furlough any of the personnel due to our having done this.

There are 3,207 state employees that are scheduled for reduction in force. That is about 10% of the state work force.

Dr. Marvin Efron asked if there was any discussion on Executive Committee Actions? Dr. Miles asked if the increase in the new superintendent's salary had been approved? Dr. Efron said no. It had been sent to the Budget and Control Board but the Ways and Means Committee has not met for us to submit it to them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pat Smith told the Board that he had contacted Mr. Campbell Kreps at General Services and Mr. Bill Noyes at State Personnel and they informed him that there is not a standard housing policy for state housing. John de la Howe, Youth Services, and the School for the Deaf and Blind all have staff housing. Youth Services is phasing theirs out. The School for the Deaf and Blind have only one house.

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Mr. Pat Smith informed the Board of Trustees that he had approached South Carolina Electric and Gas and asked them if they would install meters on the houses on campus in return for the utility conveyances being turned over to them which the school now owns. Mr. Smith has not had a reply from them as of this date.

NEW BUSINESS:

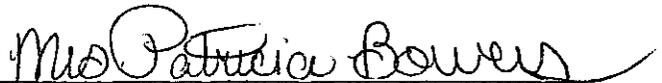
There was none.

The meeting ajourned at 7:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Interim Superintendent was given permission to re-classify the 5 clerical positions at the Opportunity School as he thought appropriate. Mrs. Jack Wilson made the motion to accept the above. Mrs. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mrs. Wilson moved that the actions taken by the Personnel Committee and the Search Committee be approved. Mr. Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

  
  
Mrs. Patricia Bowers  
Secretary, Board of Trustees