

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 1984

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees convened for a called meeting on August 14, 1984 in the Archives Room of the William T. Lander Administration Building at 7:00 P.M.. Trustees in attendance were: Dr. Marvin Efron, presiding; Mr. Devon Belcher; Mr. Walter Dahlgren; Mrs. Hannah Meadors; Ms. Wilhelmina McBride; Mr. Clarence Rowland; Ms. Linda Spivey; Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill; and Mrs. Olive Wilson. Those trustees absent were Mr. Vince Rhodes; Dr. Louise Scott; and Mrs. Patricia Watt. The staff members present were: Mr. Sam F. Drew, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Pat G. Smith, Director of Administration, Dr. Jonnie Spaulding, Director of Student Development; Mr. George Smith, Development Officer; Mr. John W. King, Jr., Fiscal Affairs Officer; Ms. Debra Haney, Dean of Students; Ms. Virginia Taylor, Psychologist; Mrs. Andrea Fisher, Nurse, and Mrs. Barbara Sweatt, Secretary.

Dr. Marvin Efron, Chairman welcomed all Board members and staff to the meeting. He introduced the new Board members, Mrs. Wilhelmina McBride of Columbia, Mr. Devon Belcher of Gaffney, and Mrs. Linda Spivey of West Columbia.

Dr. Efron reminded the Board of the primary purpose of this meeting, which was to deal with budget matters. He said that there were a few matters to take care of first, however, and called on Mr. Drew to give the Board an update on personnel. Mr. Drew presented the following recommendations for new personnel:

Ms. Paulette Boyd, Librarian
Ms. Shirley Hodges, Youth Counselor
Ms. Lynn Boles, Youth Counselor
Mr. Samuel Elkins, Youth Counselor
Mr. William Whitaker, Food Service

Mr. Drew also reported the following resignations:

Mrs. Kathleen Lewis, Food Service Instructor
Mrs. Judy Dick, Hearing Impaired Teacher

Mrs. Hannah Meadors move that the Board approve the hiring of the new employees recommended by Mr. Drew. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Efron next proposed to the Board the option of holding the next meeting, normally scheduled in September, at the South Carolina School Boards' Conference in Myrtle Beach scheduled for October 24-26.

A motion was made by Mrs. Olive Wilson to hold the October meeting at Myrtle Beach at the School Board Association Convention. It was seconded by Mr. Walter Dahlgren. The motion passed. Dr. Efron asked Mr. Drew to make the arrangements for that meeting. He then called on Mr. Drew to make his budget presentation.

Mr. Drew explained that his budget presentation was divided into three parts; the 1985-86 Budget request, a closeout report of the 1983-84 Budget, and a report on the final 1984-85 appropriations.

Mr. Drew presented the Board with the budget request. He stressed that the request emphasized the critical need for personnel in certain areas. Specifically, the request called for 5 additional Yough Counselors, an additional nurse and a part-time security guard. The request also sought to increase the time worked by Yough Counselors from the present nine months to eleven months. Other programs being requested included a summer work study program and a pilot project to assist clients in making the transition from school to the work force. A copy of the budget is attached for the record.

Mrs. Meadors asked if there had been any raises other than the teacher's? Mr. Drew informed the Board that all employees had received a 6% increase and an average of 2% merit increase from the legislature. He stated that he had received a 7% raise as had all State Agency Directors. Mr. Drew explained that he had presented the budget request to the State Department of Education. He explained that the agency is required to do this each year. The State Board is to render advice and guidance on the budget. He reported that they approved of the budget. He also said that several Board members had positive comments about the Opportunity School and that he suggested to the Board that they might consider holding a meeting at the Opportunity School. Mrs. Wilson asked if a formal invitation was in order. Mr. Drew said it was. A motion was made by Mrs. Olive Wilson to invite the State Department of Education to the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meadors. The motion passed.

Mr. Drew further defended the priorities for personnel and programs in his budget request by reminding the Board about the type of clients served by the School. He said they all fit into a category that could be referred to as "at risk". They have difficulty adjusting to school, and from school to the world of work. These students need close supervision and our dorms presently are understaffed. He also reiterated the need for Medical Services on the weekend via a School Nurse and weekend security on campus.

A final priority in the budget was for television monitors. Mr. Drew explained that the school only had 5 monitors and they were 15 years old. ETV recently installed a new Microwave Tower, but monitors were needed to make us of it.

Dr. Efron made the announcement that the Administration Committee had met and reviewed the budget and they voted to endorse all of the recommendations that were in the Budget request.

A motion was made by Mr. Walter Dahlgren to accept the 1985-86 Budget. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Drew then presented a closeout report for fiscal year 1983-84, two graphs were presented, one showing overall revenues and expenditures, the other showing the revenues and expenditures by category. He pointed out that the graphs demonstrated that the agency had spent as planned and that the overall expenses were just under revenue. The graphs are attached for the record.

Finally Mr. Drew reported to the Board on the final appropriation for 1984-85. He indicated that the agency had gained approximately \$565,000 in additional appropriations for the 84-85 fiscal year. Around \$300,000 of that appropriation would be devoted to the asbestos removal project. \$215,000 of the \$300,000 represented non-recurring revenue. Thus the agency actually gained approximately \$360,000 in recurring revenue. A copy of the chart presented is attached for the record.

Mr. Drew said that approximately \$50,000 of the new appropriation was for teacher's raises. He stated that this particular portion of the increase had come as a result of a provision written into the Educational Improvement Act which allowed our Teachers the same raises as teachers in the surrounding districts.

Mr. Drew went on to say that the housing proviso had also passed and that the Bill to have a portrait of Dr. Gray painted to hang in the State House had passed. He said that the money allocated for the portrait, \$5,000.00 had been transferred to the Budget and Control Board from the Arts Commission and that he would check to see when the portrait would be commissioned.

Mr. Drew then called on Dr. Jonnie Spaulding and members of her staff to make a brief presentation to the Board concerning the new program which was initiated this year. Dr. Spaulding introduced Ms. Deborah Haney, Dean of Students, Mrs. Andrea Fisher, Nurse, and Mrs. Virginia Taylor, Psychologist.

Dr. Spaulding outlined the new program. She passed out OPP Team folders to the Board members and explained what the OPP Teams do. Dr. Spaulding indicated that OPP Teams were case management teams that were assigned students to track during the year. She said that OPP stood for Outline for Personal Progress and that such a plan was devised for every Opportunity School client now. Dr. Spaulding called on Mrs. Taylor to explain the counseling programs available to students through the new system. Mrs. Taylor explained the counseling procedures. She talked about the new counseling program through in-school suspension. She said the school is attempting to exhaust all resources before a student is turned away and that in cases where we cannot serve a student, we attempt to refer him to another agency. She said that everyone is working hard to make this work and that the programs were designed to help the students leave here as well adjusted citizens. Mr. Drew said that we hope to provide more and better services than we ever have before but that we still suffer from lack of counseling and supervisory personnel. He said that we are getting a great deal of verbal support for our efforts from Human Service delivery people in other agencies and in the schools. Ms. Haney talked about the recreational activities available this year. She said that the total program is much more structured this year. The students get up at 6:30 and exercise, then they go to breakfast. They attend classes or other scheduled activities from 8:30 to 5:00 P.M.. She said there is less time to get into trouble. She said that every student is assigned a work period. She also said the OPP Team work will provide better records to be shared with parents and other referring agents.

Mrs. Fisher reported on her duties as Nurse. She said she had worked out an agreement with Med Central to provide Medical Services for our students. We are transporting students for Medical Services.

Dr. Spaulding thanked the Board for their interest. Dr. Efron thanked the staff for their time and efforts.

Mr. Drew called the Board members' attention to their folders and to the fact that the Opportunity School and the Federation of Older Americans have entered into a cooperative agreement. He said that the Federation would be housed on campus for a small rental fee and that the school and Federation would work jointly on several projects. One project already under way to raise money is the sale of bricks from old Columbia High School. Mr. Drew recalled for the Board that Miss Gray had founded the Federation of Older Americans.

Mrs. Hannah Meadors reported to the Board that the chairperson of the Patriots Point Commission had mentioned having a statue of Dr. Gray placed on the campus. Also, Ms. Clealia Hendrix of the Commission on Women had suggested Miss Gray's name as a nominee for the upcoming Woman of the Year Award in Columbia, SC.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Dahlgren seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

1984-85 Budgetary Allocations

<u>Category/Purpose</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Received</u>
I. <u>B & C Board-Agency's Request</u>		
(a) Travel and Per Diem for Board Members	5,000.00	5,000.00
(b) Contractual Services	5,000.00	5,000.00
(c) Supplies and Materials for Education	33,500.00	33,500.00
(1) Regular Program (10,000.00)		
(2) Vocational Program (18,000.00)		
(3) Evening Program (5,500.00)		
(d) Fixed Charges for Insurance Premium	6,000.00	6,000.00
II. <u>Legislative Budget Actions</u>		
(a) Contractual Services	15,000.00	15,000.00
(b) Part IV for Asbestos Removal	215,000.00	215,000.00
(c) Personal Services	87,276.00	87,276.00
III. <u>Other Legislative Gains</u>		
(a) Education Improvement Act	53,211.00	53,211.00
(1) Salaries (46,179)		
(2) Fringes (7,041)		
(b) Portrait - Miss Wil Lou Gray	-0-	-0-
(c) Housing Proviso	-0-	-0-
Total(s) For Fiscal Year 1984-85	<u>555,487.00</u>	<u>555,487.00</u>

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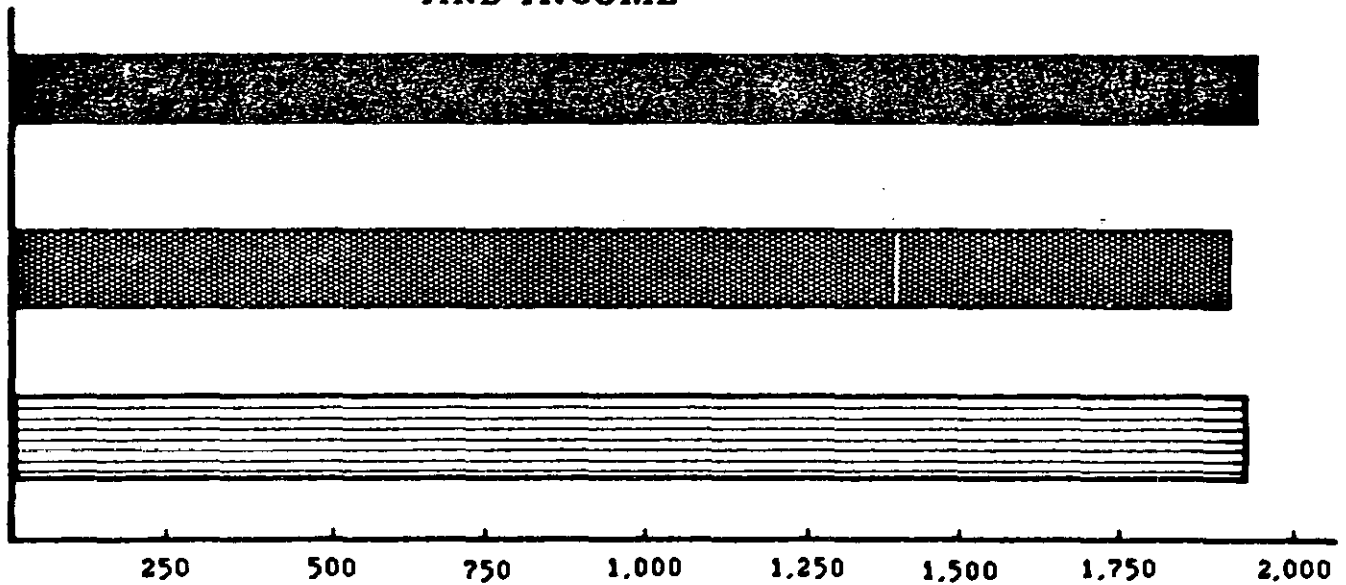
CLOSEOUT REPORT

**REVENUES
AND INCOME**

Initial
authorized
allocations

Agency
budget for
1983-84

Actual Y-T-D
expenditures



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EXPENDITURES

