

## Minutes of Meeting

### Board of Trustees of Opportunity School

July 13, 1957

The Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Opportunity School met at the Opportunity School on Saturday, July 13, at 10:00 A. M. The following members were present: Doctor James F. Miles, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. D. R. Coker, Reverend Loren Mead, Doctor M. B. Webb, R. H. Smith, and J. Carlisle Holler, Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer lead by Mr. Mead. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Doctor Webb moved, Mrs. Coker seconded, that a committee be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions and expressions in appreciation of Doctor Wil Lou Gray, retiring Director. The motion was duly passed and Vice-Chairman Miles appointed Doctor Webb as chairman, Mr. Mead and Mrs. Coker to serve on the committee.

Mr. Holler moved and Mr. Smith seconded that the Board ask Miss Gray to write her aims, aspirations, and plans for the Opportunity School as she has from time to time envisioned it; that the paper contain her ideas and observations on the areas of need for the fields of possible service by such an institution as the Opportunity School; that this be done at Miss Gray's leisure for the Board's information and guidance now and in the future. Motion passed.

At this point the Board considered the report from the Executive Committee with its recommendations (copy of report attached). Mr. Mead moved and Mr. Webb seconded the motion that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be approved and that Mr. Watkins be offered the position of Director upon Miss Gray's official retirement until June 30, 1958. It was passed unanimously and Mr. Watkins was invited to meet with the Board.

Mr. Holler moved and Mr. Mead seconded it that the Executive Committee be empowered to confer with the proper state officials regarding land titles, boundaries, and other matters pertinent thereto. Motion passed.

Mrs. Coker moved and Mr. Webb seconded it that the Vice-Chairman be requested to confer with the Director regarding financial reports to the Board, financial policies of the school, and the submitting of other information needed by the Board. Motion passed.

At this point, Chairman Miles called the attention of the Board to the tentative bylaws. They were discussed in general and by common consent it was agreed that they contain much that was desirable for the bylaws of the Board. On motion of Mr. Holler, seconded by Mr. Mead, the Board adopted tentatively as its rules the bylaws submitted with the exception of Article XIV. Substituting for Article XIV, "that these rules may be amended until final adoption by a majority vote at any meeting of the Board." Motion passed.

At this point, Mr. Watkins came before the Board and Mr. Miles stated to Mr. Watkins that he was unanimously elected Director beginning on August 16 upon Miss Gray's retirement until June 30, 1958, at an annual salary at the rate of \$6,500 plus lodging. Mr. Miles made other statements and then called for each member of the Board to make any statements he wished.

When the Board members had concluded, Mr. Watkins expressed his appreciation and his care for the Institution. He formally accepted the position as offered to him; whereupon the Board gave him a rising vote of acceptance and appreciation. Mr. Watkins sat with the Board throughout the remaining of the session.

Mr. Watkins reported that approximately 150 acres were eligible for reforestation, but that application had to be made immediately. The motion was made and seconded and duly passed for Director Watkins to make the application for reforestation.

Motion was made and duly seconded that The Lower Main Street Bank be the depository of the Opportunity School. Motion passed.

Motion was made and duly seconded that September 25 be fixed as the date of the next meeting of the Board. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:50 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
J. Carlisle Holler, Secretary