

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 1982 MEETING

The Board of Trustees convened for its regular bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 30, 1982 at 1:04 p.m. in the Archives Room of the William T. Lander Administration Building. Trustees in attendance were: Dr. Marvin Efron, presiding; Mrs. Anne T. Boyce; Ms. Patricia Jacques; Mrs. Hannah C. Meadors; Dr. James F. Miles; Mr. Karl Segelken; Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill; Mrs. Jack Wilson; and Mr. James McClary. Mr. Clarence Rowland, Ms. Mary Mack, and Dr. Louise Scott were absent. Also, present were Mr. Bill Whitaker, S.C.E.A.; and Mr. John Despenza; Mr. James Knox; Mr. Fred Flag; Mr. Frank Kistler; Ms. Gloria Lloyd; Dr. Jonnie Spaulding; Ms. Deborah Haney; Mrs. Thelma Bailey; Ms. Mary Janet Janicki; Mr. Pat Smith; Mr. John King; Mr. George Smith; and Ms. Patricia Robbins. The guests were welcomed by Dr. Efron.

Dr. Miles led the invocation.

The minutes of the meeting of May 7, 1982 were approved by concurrence.

Mrs. Wilson motioned that the executive session to discuss personnel matters be moved to the first of the meeting and that the agenda be adopted as modified. Mr. McClary seconded the motion. Approved. Everyone but the board members and Mr. Fede left the room at this point.

The meeting resumed at 3:04. At this time Mrs. Wilson went over the material covered in the executive session. First, a discussion of the job description of the superintendent. Mrs. Wilson moved that the board accept the superintendent's job description. Mr. McClary seconded the motion. Approved. The board also noted that the evaluation had been moved from January 1983 to March 1983.

The second item discussed was the Employee Performance Management System. Mrs. Meadors motioned that it be accepted. Mrs. Wilson seconded. Approved.

Mrs. Wilson motioned that the agency freeze on the hiring of substitute teachers, part-time help and travel be continued with the exception of the student recruiter for the FY1982-83.

Mrs. Meadors seconded it. Approved.

Mrs. Meadors motioned that the Annual School Report be accepted. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Approved.

Mr. Fede asked that a motion be made to accept the resignation of Mr. Michael Holliday, Mr. Edward Irick, and Mr. Richard Turner. Mrs. Wilson so motioned. Seconded by Ms. Jacques. Approved.

Mr. McClary moved that the Recreation Specialist position not be filled at this time because of the present state freeze on hiring. Seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Approved.

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Mr. McClary moved that the school calendar be accepted. Mrs. Wilson seconded it. Approved.

Mr. McClary motioned that the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan be approved. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion. Approved.

Mr. McClary motioned that both the 1982-83 Cooperative Agreement between Vocational Rehabilitation and Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School and the joint agreement on the summer program be approved. Ms. Jacques seconded. Approved.

Mrs. Wilson motioned and Mr. McClary seconded, that the board approve both the Action and Information Agendas subject to possible changes. Approved.

Mr. McClary motioned, seconded by Mrs. Boyce, that the Maintenance fee, presently \$70 per month, be decreased to \$35 per month commencing August 1, 1982 for those residents having additional responsibilities. Approved.

Mr. Fede discussed the status of a request which had been referred to the State Auditor's office in which the father of a student, Mr. Gorsline, wished to become a school donor. Mr. Gorsline has already donated a scoreboard for the school ballfield and considerable athletic equipment. He now proposes to establish a donation program whereby the school would receive from 5% to 20% per year of total profits of his company. Mr. Fede advised the board that he will keep them informed on progress of this proposal.

Mr. McClary reported that Ms. Haney and Mr. Knox had made their reports to the board. These reports showed that there had been a great improvement in preventing students from so much drug abuse. Mr. McClary reported that both deans expressed a need for an instructor to teach the staff sign language in the fall. Ms. Jacques indicated she would be willing to assist in this matter.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the student statistics sheets had been reviewed by the Education Committee. Mr. Segelken said that the Recruitment Report prepared by Mr. George Smith showed the numbers of students recruited by Mr. Smith during recent years. There were 32 recruitments in 1978-79, 79 in 1979-80, 104 last year and 74 this year. Mr. Smith has visited many counties, been on educational T.V. and on radio. He has been working with the Symmes Foundation in an effort to acquire books for the library. Mr. Smith has also contacted several carpet manufacturers for some carpet for the school. Mr. Segelken was advised by Mr. Fede at this point that he would arrange to have Mr. Smith's report sent to all board members. (However this report was passed out by Mr. Smith later during the meeting.)

Mrs. Meadors stated that the employee/teacher performance evaluation is being sent to State Personnel. She further stated that if it is approved by State Personnel, it will also be approved by the board.

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Mr. King reported to the board on the year-end status of funds and the allocation of funds for FY1982-83. Mr. King explained how the current Budget and Control Board cut back of three tenths of one percent applies to the agency. He also discussed the other financial documents distributed to all board members at this time.

Dr. Efron requested that he be given copies of tapes of the meetings along with the minutes of the meeting. He further requested that the agency strive to finalize the minutes within five working days.

Dr. Efron stated that it was brought up in the Executive Session that Mrs. Betty Sawyer has a request from Laurens County for a photograph of Dr. Gray to use in painting a portrait. It was suggested that we check with Mrs. Ayers to see if she has a photograph of Dr. Gray. By general consensus it was agreed that the portrait above the mantle in the Archives Room could be borrowed. Mr. McClary pointed out that he thought it should be insured. Dr. Efron stated that the people in charge of borrowing the portrait were very responsible people and would take good care of it. Mr. Fede indicated he would contact Mrs. Ayers as to availability of an appropriate photograph of Dr. Gray.

Dr. Efron recommended that the proposed policy regarding public participation in board meetings that deals with a visitor wishing to enter into discussion be amended to read "...upon invitation by the chairman ...," rather than "... upon invitation by resolution of a majority vote ...". Mr. McClary so motioned, seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Approved.

Then the discussion was opened as to changing the time of the board of trustees meetings. Mrs. Meadors and Dr. Scott (who was absent) did not want to meet on Friday. Mrs. Wilson said that Wednesday board meetings were putting her job in jeopardy at the school where she worked. Mr. Segelken stated that Friday was pay day for him and out, as far as a meeting day.

Dr. Miles motioned that it remain the way it was. Mr. Segelken seconded the motion. Disapproved. Then Mr. McClary made a motion that they meet at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Approved.

Dr. Efron stated that Mr. McClary has asked to be relieved of his duties as secretary. Mr. Wilson motioned that Mr. McClary's request be approved and that a new secretary be elected the next board meeting. Mrs. Boyce seconded. Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

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James McClary, Secretary  
Board of Trustees