

WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF MEETING ON JANUARY 11, 1980

The Board of Trustees convened for its regular bi-monthly meeting on Friday evening, January 11, 1980 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner in the cafeteria and at 7:00 p.m. for the business meeting in the Archives Room of the William T. Lander Administration Building. Trustees in attendance were: Mr. Clarence S. Rowland, Jr., presiding; Mrs. Anne Boyce; Dr. Marvin Efrom; Dr. J. C. Holler; Miss Mary Alice Mack; Mr. James McClary; Dr. James F. Miles; the Reverend James B. Mitchell; Mr. Karl Segleken; Dr. M. B. Webb; and Mrs. Jack Wilson. Dr. J. T. Willis was also in attendance.

Dr. Webb led the invocation.

Dr. Efrom moved that the agenda be adopted as printed. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. McClary moved that the minutes of the meeting for November 14, 1979 be adopted as printed. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Willis gave the following report. The enrollment is above 200 which is normal for this time of year. The members of the staff are working together in a very cooperative manner to produce an effective program for the students. Mrs. Beth Marcum of the Office of Programs for the Handicapped made a return visit to the school to audit the school's compliance with Public Law 94-142. Mrs. Marcum assured the school administration that after a revision of some of the procedures the school would be in compliance.

Mrs. Bailey and Dr. Willis recommends all of the teachers for re-election for the school year 1980-81. Action was delayed on the recommendation until such time that the Education Committee and Personnel Committee can have a conference with Mrs. Bailey.

Dr. Willis reported that, from his conversation with many of the teachers, Mrs. Bailey has made significant improvement and is doing the best job that she has done since accepting the position as principal. However, she still has many problems but, because of his health condition, he is not willing to discharge her from her position.

Mr. McClary reported that the Building and Grounds Committee had not met since the previous Trustee meeting and consequently did not have a report. Dr. Willis reported that Stanley Smith and Sons had the low bid of \$131,000 for construction of a vocational building. Construction should begin very soon.

Mr. Segleken reported that he did not have a report from the Development Committee.

There was not a report from the Education Committee.

Dr. Efrom reported that the Personnel Committee would be meeting with Mrs. Bailey in the very near future to discuss her work with her.

Mr. Rowland reported that the Executive Committee had met on December 17 to discuss a matter with Dr. Willis. He asked that Dr. Willis state to the Board the purpose of that meeting.

Dr. Willis informed the Board that his health conditions are such that he cannot give his best to the responsibilities as director of the school. For that reason, he is resigning his position on or about June 30, 1980.

Dr. Webb moved that the Board express its appreciation to Dr. Willis for his services and requested that he withdraw his resignation. Mrs. Boyce seconded the motion. Dr. Willis expressed his appreciation to Dr. Webb for his sentiments but stated that from all of the research that he had done on the cause of cancer and the treatment of it, the primary cause is stress and he did not believe that he would be able to fight the cancer until he can get out from under the pressure of this job. Dr. Webb withdrew his motion.

Dr. Miles moved that the Board of Trustees have the portrait of Dr. Willis painted and placed in the Archives Room with the portraits of all former directors. The motion was passed.

Dr. Holler moved that the Chairman appoint a committee with Dr. Webb as Chairman of the committee to draw up suitable resolutions concerning Dr. Willis and the plan for announcement of his resignation. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Rowland appointed Dr. Holler as Chairman of a search committee to begin looking for a re-placement for Dr. Willis. To serve on a committee with Dr. Holler, he appointed Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Miles, and Mr. Segleken.

Mr. Rowland reported that the endowment funds had been turned over to the State Treasurer for investment purposes. Dr. Miles, as a member of the Executive Committee which serves as the Endowment Committee, made the following motion: I move that the Board of Directors of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School officially designate all of its present endowment funds as the Scholarship Trust Fund, and that such funds be held in perpetuity, and that only the earnings of the Scholarship Trust Fund be used for Scholarship purposes. Dr. Efrom seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Under Unfinished Business, the Calendar Agenda for 1980 with the schedule of meetings was adopted.

There were no items under New Business.

Under Other Business, Dr. Miles gave a report from the Special Committee for naming buildings. He expressed his appreciation to Dr. Efrom for suggesting that the Board give consideration to naming the Evaluation Center in honor of Mr. James McClary. He cited the many contributions that Mr. McClary has made over the years to the school and the community. Mr. McClary is very worthy of such an honor but the committee would like to give further consideration to the topic. A copy of the committee's report is appended hereto.

A motion to adjourn was passed.

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