

April 5, 1968

Board of Trustees  
S. C. Opportunity School

Minutes of meeting  
April 3, 1968

With Rev. M. B. Webb, Chairman of the Board, presiding, Mr. R. H. Smith opened the meeting with prayer. Present were: Rev. M. B. Webb, Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Mr. Sam Jones, Dr. Oliver Thomas, Mr. R. H. Smith, Mr. Cyril Busbee, Mr. Hal Kohn Jr., Dr. James F. Miles, and Dr. Wil Lou Gray, Director Emeritus. Acting Superintendent Mike P. Caskey met with the Board part of the time.

The minutes of the two previous meetings, August 30, 1967 and March 16, 1968 were read and approved.

The Secretary read and distributed the "In Memoriam" to former Superintendent, William T. Lander, Jr.

Mr. Caskey reported that about \$63,000.00 remains of the dormitory account and that may be \$55,000.00 will be left after the dining hall has been completed. He discussed plans underway for a matching grant from Vocational Rehabilitation to build a combination Evaluation Center- Men's Dormitory as an addition to an existing dormitory. It is estimated that to construct the new building according to the architects specifications the cost may be about \$186,000.00. With 70-30 matching arrangement, the new building which is urgently needed may be possible. Mr. Sam Jones moved and Dr. Carlisle Holler seconded the motion that Mr. Caskey proceed with construction plans for the new Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation Center - Men's Dorm, if it is feasible.

Mr. Caskey reported that he had made overtures concerning the possibility of the State floating bonds for \$1,600,000.00 to provide for construction according to plans for the other new buildings so the Opportunity School will be adequately and efficiently housed. The old classroom and office buildings are very expensive to operate.

Mr. Caskey reported that Mrs. W. T. Lander had been appointed Dean of Girls for two months, or for the remainder of this school term.


Mr. Busbee moved and Mr. Jones seconded the motion that the budgets concerning Vocational Rehabilitation and Evaluation Center be accepted as information. The Board heartedly commended Mr. Caskey for the fine way he had administered the Opportunity School during this time of crisis.

With Acting Superintendent Mike Caskey absent, Dr. Carlisle Holler preported for the committee charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the Board concerning the job of Superintendent. Dr. Holler asked for more time for his committee of R. H. Smith and J. F. Miles to consider this matter. Dr. Oliver Thomas moved that this committee be granted unspecified additional time. Mr. Hal Kohn seconded the motion and it passed. Dr. Holler indicated that his committee would act with all feasible dispatch.

Mr. Sam Jones moved and Dr. Oliver Thomas seconded the motion that Mr. Mike Caskey be paid the salary of the Superintendent while he is acting. The motion passed.

The Board had lunch at the school and officially adjourned at 12:45 P.M. The "In Memoriam" to Mr. W. T. Lander was read in the dining room. A committee of the Board met with Mr. Caskey during the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted

  
James F. Miles  
Secretary, Board of Trustees