

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 1993**

The Board of Trustees convened for a special called meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 31, 1993, in the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Research and Training Center. Trustees in attendance were: Mr. Frank Hart, Dr. Marvin Efron, Dr. Louise Scott, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride, Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Mrs. Mary Williams, and Mrs. Olive Wilson. Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood and Mr. Ashley Able, Attorney, were also present.

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order. He stated for the record that the notice of the meeting was provided to the public in conformance with the requirements of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80(d) of the S. C. Code of Laws, 1976 as amended.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to move into executive session to update the board on a legal matter. The motion was seconded by Dr. Efron. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to move out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scott. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson that the board agree to accept the new recommendation of the agency's attorney. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Williams. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Efron to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

The board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Henderson

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**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 1993**

The Board of Trustees convened for a scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 10, 1993, in the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Research and Training Center. Trustees in attendance were: Mr. Frank Hart, Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Mr. Vince Rhodes, Dr. Louise Scott, Mrs. Mickey Lindler, Mrs. Betty Henderson, Mrs. Olive Wilson, Dr. Marvin Efron, Mrs. Mary Williams. Mr. John Robinson from the State Department of Education was present representing Dr. Barbara Nielsen. Staff members present were: Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood, Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner, Mr. Mike Kelly, Ms. Deborah Haney, Mr. Bob James, Mr. Pat Smith, Mr. George Smith, Ms. Gloria Lloyd, and Ms. Brenda Stork.

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order. He stated for the record that the notice of the meeting was provided to the public in conformance with the requirements of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80(d) of the S. C. Code of Laws, 1976 as amended.

Mr. Hart welcomed everyone.

The following actions were made by the board:

-Approval of the agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Efron. The motion was passed.

-Approval of the Board Minutes of January 15-16, and February 23, 1993: A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to approve the revised minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Williams. The motion was passed.

The next item on the agenda was the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Norwood called on the Principal Mr. James to report on the Student

Assistance Program, a new program to which we received access. Mr. James presented a handout to the board explaining the program and reviewed it with the board. Mr. James said he attended a seven day training session along with Mr. Johnny Bartley and Mr. John Marston. He said we also plan to provide training for the teachers and develop small support group sessions to help students with alcohol and drug problems, family problems, depression, and suicidal thoughts. He indicated that the Opportunity School was one of ten schools to receive approval for this training which included all costs to attend.

Dr. Norwood reported as of today in the third quarter, we were down 37% over last year on discipline referrals. She commended the staff.

She further reported we have applied for a new grant of \$19,970 for a new Sex Equity Grant. This is one of the areas for which we are still eligible.

There was a photograph in the Department of Corrections newsletter about some of our Wil Lou Gray staff and students as they are receiving a donation for the Honor Club trip to Washington.

Dr. Norwood informed the board they would find in their folder an Affirmative Action Policy Statement. This is a standard Policy Statement. Dr. Norwood asked the board to review this statement and if they had any suggestions or changes to be considered by the policy committee to please inform Dr. Efron. This will be brought up for approval at the May board meeting.

She also indicated that our preliminary BEDS report indicated that we will achieve an "all clear" in terms of our accreditation status.

A pre-conference interview with the auditors is scheduled for March 24.

This concluded the superintendent's report.

Dr. Scott asked Dr. Norwood if she had received a response from Dr. Nielsen clarifying whether the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School could participate in Target 2000. Dr. Norwood said she had not had any response. Mr. Robinson said he talked with Dr. Nielsen about this today. He explained that her response was that the funds would be disbursed to school districts and not addressed to agencies. Dr. Norwood said she had made Senator Setzler aware of this issue. Mr. Robinson said the plan is submitted by Department of Education on behalf of the Superintendents of the State. He suggested that state agencies address the loss of those funds. Mr. Hart requested a motion that we approach the appropriate people in the legislative process to encourage the recognition of the agencies in the state that have students in school and ask them for consideration. Mrs. Wilson so moved. Mrs. Thrailkill seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Mr. Robinson said the proposal is now in the Education Sub-Committee. Mr. Hart appointed a committee, Mrs. Lindler, Mr. Rhodes, and Dr. Norwood as Chairperson to immediately approach Mr. David Wright, Chairman of the Education Sub-Committee, for consideration on this issue. Mr. Hart also asked Mr. Pat Smith to work with the committee.

Mr. Hart asked the status of the new shower stalls in the dormitories. Mr. Pat Smith said he spoke with the architect today. The plans were going well. He said we should have bids in April and the shower stalls should be replaced this summer. Dr. Norwood said we were also working on the ventilation system, resurfacing, and replacement of fixtures. This work will also conclude the heating/cooling renovation.

The standing committee reports were as follows:

-Policy Committee: Dr. Efron made a motion that policies GBA, GAM-R, GAM-E, GBKA, GAE-R and GBI be approved for second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed.

-Personnel Committee: Dr. Scott reviewed the personnel actions provided to the board. She made a motion that the board ratify these personnel actions as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Williams. The motion was passed. A copy of these personnel actions are attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.

-Approval of 1993-94 Calendar: The calendar was previously provided to the board. The motion was made by Dr. Efron the calendar be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Dr. Norwood said there were 190 teacher work days. There are 210 days from the beginning of the first day to the last. Labor Day is a holiday. The motion was passed.

-Executive Session: Mr. Hart stated the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss legal matters and the position on restructuring and the legal aspects of this. A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to move out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Efron to continue to seek independent status but if that is not possible to request being a separate division with agencies whose goals are similar to ours. The agency closest to our goals is Vocational Rehabilitation. However, if that could not be then the three residential schools have a lot in common and could be grouped together. If the alignment remains as proposed now, we would be most closely aligned with family services. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to draw up to \$18,000 additional funds from the undistributed income balance of the endowment if

needed to fund student scholarships. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Henderson. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lindler to pursue the confidential aspect of the teacher pay settlement. If not successful, proceed through the court. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lindler to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. The motion was passed.

The board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Henderson".

Betty Henderson

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