

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 5, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russell Hart
Mrs. Doris Adams
Mrs. Inease Williamson

Ms. Frankie Newman
Dr. Earle Bennett
Mr. Wayne Sims

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat G. Smith
Mrs. Shannan Woovis
Mr. Charlie Abbott
Mr. Scott Gaines
Mr. James Freedman

Mrs. Melissa Thurstin
Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Sgt. Major James Miller
Ms. Sheryl Lorick

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Thrailkill made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2008 board meeting and Dr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- 72 students enrolled on November 3 and to date there are 68, composing of 49 males and 19 females;
- On September 11, WLGOs hosted the Lexington County Legislative Delegation dinner in which 11 delegates attended.
- There was a 71% passing rate on the GED for Class 09-01. Elaina Forrester, a student who has enrolled for the past 3 cycles, finally passed the GED.
- Amy Eschenfelder scored a 3790 on the GED and received a Platinum Card from WIA.
- Mr. Smith introduced Sergeant Major James Miller to the board members. With the dismissal of Major Charles Davis, Sergeant Major Miller will step-in as Director of the JRTOC program at WLGOs.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Sims made a motion to pass the personnel actions and Dr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thrailkill made a motion to pass the board policy changes and Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thurstin discussed the new 10% reduction and how it would affect the Wil Lou Gray budget, including the dismissal of four employees.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Principal Scott Gaines showed the Yearbook CD Mrs. Eadie Weaver prepared for the students. He also elaborated on the success of this past cycle while comparing the benefits of shortening the program from 22 to 14 weeks. The students averaged at least 200 points higher on the GED based on the 71% passing rate for Cycle 09-01. Mr. Rod Rogers has joined our campus as an employee with Voc Rehab. This will help ensure job placement for those students who are less qualified to enroll in WIA. Lastly, Mr. Dana Harley completed his OSHA 10 certification and we had 33 students receive their general construction cards this past cycle.

Ms. Sheryl Lorick, Residential Director discussed the progress of admissions for the upcoming cycle, which will begin in March. She also remarked on our decision to maintain student numbers by admitting previous students throughout the program. Her assistant, Mr. James Freedman was introduced to the board members.

Mrs. Gloria Robinson, Medical Director and WIA Coordinator, summarized the progress of the students from Cycle 09-01. We had 5 students who received \$5000 scholarships at graduation, which included 29 Bronze cards, 33 Silver cards, 6 Gold cards and one student, Amy Eschenfelder, who received a Platinum card.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Charlie Abbott reported on the auditorium renovation, as well as the showers in the male dormitories. See insert for detailed pictures.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sims made a motion to go into Executive Session and Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Sims made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mrs. Williamson to adjourn. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55

The next board meeting will be held on February 11, 2009 at 6pm.