

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****MEETING MINUTES****MAY 9, 2001**

The Board of Trustees met on May 9, 2001, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room.

Board members present:

Mrs. Clotilda Diggs
Mr. Russell Hart
Mrs. Frankie Newman
Mr. Dan Smith
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill

Mr. Bryan England
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride
Dr. Louise Scott
Mr. Butch Spires

Board members absent:

Ms. Lynn Ammons, Mr. Vince Rhodes and Ms. Suzanne Turner. Their absence was excused.

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Mrs. Sheryl Lorick
Ms. Judith James
Mrs. Diana Smith
Col. Joe Davis

Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner
Mrs. Gloria Woodward
Mrs. Shannon Hicks
Ms. Gloria Robinson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Diggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Spires made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2001 Board meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- GED success is on the increase with 84 cadets passing to date. Four of the cadets missed passing by one point.
- GED re-testing will begin May 30 and 31. We anticipate at least 100 GED graduates for this school year and this may be the largest number of cadets to receive their GED in a school year.
- We were included in the 1% budget reduction announced on May 8, 2001, which will mean a mid-year reduction of \$34,409. Plans are to take this out of unfilled positions and, if not needed, it will be returned to us in the form of carry-forward for the next fiscal year.
- Senate budget request version is unchanged from the House version and means our base allocation will be the same as FY 2001.
- Representatives from USC and Fort Bragg conducted the JROTC annual inspection on May 8, 2001. We retained the Honor Unit With Distinction rating with a score of 585 points out of a possible 600 points.
- We anticipate accepting 150 to 175 new students for Cycle VII.
- The East Regional Youth ChalleNGe Invitational was hosted by WLGOs beginning on Sunday, May 6 through Thursday, May 10. We placed second in men and women's basketball, sixth place in triathlon, first place in volleyball and first place in drill team competition.
- The JROTC Ball is scheduled for May 25.

CADET RECOGNITION

No cadet recognition due to the ongoing Youth ChalleNGe Invitational.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Spires made a motion to approve the third reading of the amendment of the Discipline Policy, Section JICDA – Student Code of Conduct. Mrs. Thrailkill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

All board members present received the final version of the policy manuals.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Spires deferred to Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner for the budget presentation. Mrs. Busenlehner presented the Quarterly Budget Update for 2000-2001.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

No report.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No report.

WIL LOU GRAY AWARD COMMITTEE

Dr. Scott announced that Mr. George Ducworth from Anderson, South Carolina, is the Wil Lou Gray Award winner. Ms. Barbara Porth Leaphart from Lexington, South Carolina, was first runner-up.

Mrs. Newman suggested a review and a possible revamp of the WLG award solicitation list. This was referred back to the committee for further study.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Newman made a motion to approve July 27 through July 29, 2001, as the next board meeting date in Charleston, South Carolina, at the Double Tree Guest Suites. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A discussion concerning the rescheduling of the board meeting to a night other than Wednesday ended with a consensus to send out a survey for a sampling of the board members to choose a more convenient meeting night.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Spires made a motion to go into the Executive Session. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Smith made a motion to come out of the Executive Session. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Smith made a motion to respond to the SCI Evaluation paragraph by paragraph, and create a model for staffing with an organization chart for WLGOS. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Friday, July 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Double Tree Guest Suites, Charleston, South Carolina, and ending on Sunday, July 29. Travel packets and further information concerning agenda, meeting times and accommodations will be forth coming.