

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING
Minutes of March 8, 2000**

The Board of Trustees met on March 8, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. **Board members present:** Ms. Suzanne Turner, Mr. Dan Smith, Mr. Vince Rhodes, Ms. Lynn Ammons, Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Mrs. Frankie Newman, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs, Mr. Russell Hart and Ms. Wilhelmina McBride. **Board members absent:** Mr. Butch Spires, Dr. Louise Scott and Dr. Marvin Efron. Their absence was excused. **Staff present:** Mr. Pat Smith, Col. Sam Glover, Mr. Bob James, Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner, Col. Joe Davis, Ms. Judith James, Mr. George Smith, Mrs. Gloria Woodard, Mrs. Gloria Robinson, and Mrs. Helen Smith.

Mr. Pat Smith introduced Ms. Mary Gail Monts and Ms. Jennifer Lauer from the Office of Human Resources. Ms. Monts distributed materials to the Board on the Agency Head Performance Evaluation, explaining the complete process of the actual evaluation. She also reviewed the Agency Head Salary Commission and the appointment process.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7-9, and January 16, 2000 Board meetings. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported that the Legislative Drop-in was an overwhelming success with 37 House members, 6 Senators, the State Treasurer and the Governor attending. He had received a number of positive comments on the program and the cadets. Mr. Smith informed the Board that the Lexington County Legislative Delegation will conduct its monthly meeting at the school on April 13. He invited the Board to attend Parents Day on March 16 and the staff covered dish lunch held afterwards. Mr. Smith stated that a summary of exit surveys completed to date were included in the Board folders.

Mr. George Smith played a video tape of the Columbia television station WLTX News segment that featured the Black History Month luncheon coordinated by Mrs. Ida Gibson.

Mr. Rhodes introduced Col. Sam Glover, the new director of the Youth Challenge Academy. Col. Glover commented that he is looking forward to working with the Board and Mr. Pat Smith in his mission to have 200 cadets in the program.

Mr. James presented the Student of the Week, Jose Jimenez, and explained the selection process used by teachers, cadre and staff.

Col. Davis introduced cadet Thomas Porter, Battalion Commander, then reported that the Drill Team was overall winner at the Pelion JROTC meet on March 2, 2000. It was the first overall winner designation for the school's JROTC Drill Team.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith read the two personnel actions to the Board. **Mr. Dan Smith made a motion to approve the personnel actions. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy Sections C and D. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy Sections E, F, and I. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Dan Smith made a motion to allow Mr. Smith and Mrs. Busenlehner the necessary authorization to move excess budget from personal service to operating for year-end closing. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Dan Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of a new four wheel drive vehicle. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

No report.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No report.

WIL LOU GRAY AWARD COMMITTEE

Mrs. Newman asked for nominations for the Selection Committee. She stated that if there were no recommendations, she would adhere to the guidelines to ensure there were seven members who met the criteria.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hart made a motion to go into Executive Session. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Thraikill

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