

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of November 12, 1997**

The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Board of Trustees met on November 12, 1997 at 7:00 pm in the Wil Lou Gray School Research and Training Center. Trustees in attendance were: Mr. Vince Rhodes, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride, Dr. Marvin Efron, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs, Mr. Dan Smith, Mr. Russell Hart, Mrs. Frankie Newman, Mrs. Betty Henderson, Ms. Suzanne Turner, and Mrs. Mary Williams. Dr. Louise Scott was not present. Staff present were: Mr. Pat Smith, Mrs. Gloria Woodward, Mr. George Smith, Mr. Bob James, Mr. Mike Kelly, Colonel Davis and Ms. Judith James.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rhodes. He stated that Dr. Scott was unable to attend. Her absence was excused. She was with her daughter who had been admitted to Greenville Memorial Hospital.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Efron to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session after the Interim Superintendent's report for a legal update on a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Henderson. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 1997 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Henderson. The motion passed.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Rhodes stated the Interim Superintendent's report had been mailed to each Board member. Mr. Smith reported 92 active students and mentioned that a year ago enrollment was 104 students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hart made motion to go into executive session for a legal update and a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Diggs. The motion passed. Following executive session, Dr. Efron made a motion to approve \$1500 for advertising for the Superintendent's vacancy. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Henderson. The motion passed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Henderson made a motion to give Mr. Smith the authority to hire Student Affairs staff as needed. Dr. Efron seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Henderson made a motion to approve the hiring of part-time staff for the accounting department while the accounting clerk is on medical leave. Dr. Efron seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mrs. Henderson made a motion to let Mr. Smith advertise for the Dietitian position. Dr. Efron seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mrs. Henderson moved to ratify employee resignations. Mr. Dan Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee recommended the Tobacco-Free Regulations Awareness form be signed by each employee and student. A motion was made by Mrs. Thrailkill to adopt the form. Mrs. Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed. A motion was made by Dr. Efron to recommend approval of the appeal procedures for student discipline. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed. A motion was made by Mrs. Thrailkill to require Board approval for any cooperative agreement made with any agency or entity involving a program or facility. Mrs. Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dr. Efron stated that he would present the agreement with the Partners of the Americas under New Business.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Ms. McBride reported that the Budget Committee did not meet prior to the Board meeting. The committee did receive by mail an explanation of the questions that were asked concerning the spreadsheets at the last Board meeting. Ms. McBride stated that she had to talk to Mrs. Busenlehner who agreed to answer additional questions at the next extended Board meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Diggs wanted to know if any changes had been made in the instructional program to ensure the progress of student achievement. Mrs. Diggs stated that each student should be tested to determine the student's reading level on the day he/she enrolls at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. Each student should be tested as he/she moves up. Mr. Smith was asked the number of graduates who had passed the exit exam. Mr. Smith responded that of the 15 who had graduated, 10 passed. Mrs. Diggs requested that Mr. Bob James attend the extended Board meeting to answer questions the committee had. Mrs. Diggs reported that she had participated in the State Board Meeting discussing curriculum.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Hart reported it would cost \$11,750 to have individual meters installed on campus housing. At present, there is no money in the budget for the installation. Mr. Hart made a motion for Mr. Smith to research the budget for the money and report his findings at the next Board meeting. If not available, the committee will have another proposal to consider at that time.

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FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Williams stated that the Foundation Committee did meet, but she was unable to attend. Mr. George Smith reported that the auction is scheduled for March 20, 1998.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Efron made a motion to approve the memorandum of agreement with the Partners of the Americas for the English as Second Language summer program. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed. By consensus, the Board approved for the extended Board meeting to be held at Hickory Knob State Park on January 9-11, 1998, if available. Mr. Smith will notify each Board member when confirmed.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Hart to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Efron. The motion passed.

The board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Thrailkill

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