

Revised
WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF May 14, 1997

The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Board of Trustees convened for a scheduled meeting on May 14, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Research and Training Center. Trustees in attendance were: Dr. Louise Scott, Mr. Vince Rhodes, Dr. Marvin Efron, Mrs. Frankie Newman, Ms. Suzanne Reynolds, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride, Mrs. Mary Williams and Mrs. Betty Henderson. Board members not present were Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Mr. Russell Hart and Mrs. Faye Edwards. These three board members asked for excused absences. Staff present were: Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood, Ms. Deborah Haney, Mrs. Gloria Woodward, Mr. Pat Smith, Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner, Mrs. Gloria Robinson, Mr. Mike Kelly, Mr. Bob James, Mr. Pelham Myers, and Ms. Brenda Stork.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Scott. She stated for the record that the notice of the meeting was provided to the public in conformance with the requirement of the SC Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80(d) of the SC Code of Laws, 1976 as amended.

The following actions were taken by the board:

RECOGNIZE GUEST

Dr. Scott introduced to the board Mr. Dan Smith of Gaffney. He has been elected to serve on the board effective July 1, 1997. He will replace Mrs. Faye Edwards.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Mr. Pelham Myers was recognized by the board as employee of the quarter. A plaque was presented to him.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Scott informed the board she had been contacted by Representative Jake Knotts and he expressed an interest to be placed on the agenda for this meeting. She recommended amending the agenda to add his name. Dr. Efron made a motion to approve the agenda adding Representative Knotts. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Diggs. The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF March 12, 1997, BOARD MINUTES:

Dr. Scott recommended a revision to page 5, paragraph 2, to add Mr. Pete Howell

to the Ad Hoc Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Rhodes to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Diggs. The motion was passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Norwood informed the board of graduation scheduled for June 7 at 11:00 a.m. She said we anticipate 20 graduates.

The school has been authorized and granted funding to employ a third JROTC instructor should that be needed next year.

We will be able to offer Spanish I next year through ETV Distance learning. We will not need a certified teacher to do this.

The annual update to the ACT 135 plan has been approved.

A financial statement through April 31, 1997 was provided to the board.

A Lexington 2 summer program meeting was held on May 13. An extra program was added for May 23rd to assist Lexington 2 with a special need for their at risk students.

The school's explorer post will dedicate their project to the Brian Center Nursing Home on May 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Norwood further reported students withdrew during the school year for the following reasons:

Completed Units:	1
GED:	8
Other Program:	3
Return to Public School:	42
Behavior:	41
Non Attendance:	10
Re-Entered:	3
Moved:	1
Runaway:	4
Incarcerated:	2
Maternity:	1

This concluded the superintendent's report.

REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mrs. Diggs reported the ad hoc committee to study strategies for increased enrollment met on April 23, 1997. The minutes of this meeting were provided in the board folders. She said we see a declining approach to us in terms of at-risk youth. We suspect that most of that is related to the fact that more school districts are doing more things to try to retrieve dropouts and to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion. Mrs. Diggs welcomed any recommendations the board may have. She said the next ad hoc committee meeting is scheduled for May 21, 1997, at 12:00 noon.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee: Mrs. Henderson reviewed the personnel actions provided to the board. Mrs. Henderson made a motion to ratify these personnel actions as provided. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reynolds. The motion was passed. A copy of these personnel actions are attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.

Policy Committee: Dr. Efron reviewed the following policies for 2nd reading:
EBH - Campus Housing Policy
JCDA - Tobacco Free Policy
KG-R - Use of Facilities.

A motion was made by Dr. Efron to approve these policies for second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed.

Dr. Efron also reviewed the following policies for first reading:

CC-E - Organizational Chart
CEE-R - Compensation and Benefits
CEI - Evaluation of the Superintendent
CF - Board-Superintendent Relations
CGD - Employment of Staff
CGPFB - Administrative Personnel Conferences And Visitations
CGPG - Personal Leaves and Absences Annual Leave
CGPG-R - Personal Leaves And Absences/Annual Leave/Illness
CGPGC - Administrative Personnel Maternity
CM - Policy Implementation
CMAA - Administrative Rules Drafting.

He explained CEE-R and CGPG-R were regulations from State Human Resources and required board approval only. A motion was made by Dr. Efron to approve the above policies for first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed.

Budget Committee: Ms. McBride reported the budget committee had not met.

She said a financial report was provided in their folders.

Program Committee: Mrs. Diggs said there was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds Committee: No report was provided from this committee.

Foundation Committee: Mrs. Williams reported the Foundation Board of Directors met in April. She said the auction was very successful and the Foundation made a profit of \$18,318.30.

She further reported the Foundation committee met and concerns have been expressed to her from the board of trustees regarding Foundation money that is approved to be spent for the WLGOS JROTC Military Ball and the Student Affairs Honor Club trip. Mrs. Williams explained there is money in this fund not designated for scholarships which can be used for such purposes.

Dr. Norwood informed the board the WLGOS has received a bequest from Edna Brown in the amount of \$3,000 donated to the scholarship fund. In order to qualify, the Foundation's 5013C status was documented and qualified for this bequest. She asked if it is accepted to the Foundation, should this be accepted by the chair of the Foundation or the chair of the Board of Trustees? Dr. Scott advised Dr. Norwood to seek legal advice concerning this issue.

No other committee reports were presented at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Wil Lou Gray Award Selection Committee Recommendation: Mrs. Newman informed the board this committee met on May 12 and reviewed applications for nine nominees. The following recommendations are made to the board for the award: first place: Virginia A. McCuen of Lexington; second place: Mrs. Kalyah Hill of Anderson; third place: Nancy Linville of Clemson. A motion was made by Dr. Efron to approve these nominations for first place and two honorable mentions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion was passed. Dr. Norwood will make contacts to these individuals.

Discussion Concerning Summer Extended Meeting: After board discussion, the July board meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 11th and Saturday, July 12th. This meeting will be held at the Opportunity School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to move into executive session by Mr. Rhodes for the purpose of personnel matters, a legal update and the agency head performance review. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Williams. The motion was passed. The board moved into executive session.

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

No action was taken by the board as a result of the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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