

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 14, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russell Hart
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride
Mr. Stewart Cooner

Mrs. Sandra Parker
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill
Ms. Marilyn Edwards Taylor
Mr. Wayne Sims

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat G. Smith
Ms. Sheryl Lorick
Mr. Charlie Abbott
Mr. Scott Gaines

Mrs. Melissa Thurstin
Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Mrs. Shannan Woovis

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Mr. Sims made a motion to apporove the absence of Mrs. Williamson, Ms. Newman and Dr. Bennett. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With the consensus of the Board, the minutes were approved from February 13, 2008 board meeting.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PRESENTATION

Mr. Hart presented Mrs. McBride a concurrent resolution for her twenty-four years of service on the WLGOB Board of Trustees.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Received Palmetto Gold School for the 3rd consecutive year.
- To date we have accepted 75 students for the upcoming session.
- 67 cadets passed the GED this year and 13 will be tested on June 4th and 5th.
- 7 cadets are currently participating in work experience.
- Attended Richland II board meeting and gave presentation on Wil Lou Gray.
- Temporary website www.wlgosstudents.com
- Marcus Brown received Governor's Citizenship Award
- New Mini Bus delivered.
- Great American Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 17th.
- Attributed success of current session to employees of WLGOB.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. England made a motion to pass the personnel actions and Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thurstin presented the current budget summary as well as the proposed budget for 2008-2009. Details included Wil Lou Gray being 1 of 4 agencies to receive additional recurring funding for the budget year 2008-2009.

Mr. Smith provided detailed information on the new lease agreement between Wil Lou Gray and Vocational Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Thurstin explained the significance of the new proviso that we had to present to the Senate in order to keep the money received from Vocational Rehabilitation in the budget for the upcoming year 2008-2009. Mrs. Thrailkill made a motion to approve the proviso and Mrs. Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Peggy Williamson prepared a video, narrated by Cadet Elaina Forrester, showing various activities, accomplishments and work experience of the cadets from Cycle 20.

Mr. Scott Gaines explained the new trimester calendar, which was recently developed by a panel of select staff in order to keep admissions at Wil Lou Gray near capacity. Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the new calendar and Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The new school report card criteria was presented to the board members by Mr. Scott Gaines. Community Service was deleted from the criteria and more emphasis was placed on TABE improvements. A motion was made by Mr. Cooner to approve the new report card criteria and Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

As part of the new trimester program, Mr. Scott Gaines devised a Wil Lou Gray Graduation Diploma to present the students at the graduation ceremony on June 6, 2008. This diploma will allow students to gain employment as well as increase their chances of entering a division of the armed forces. Mr. Roddey made a motion to approve the graduation diploma and Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

As described earlier by Mr. Smith and Mrs. Thurstin, on March 1, 2008 the Vocational Rehabilitation Agency signed a rental agreement with Wil Lou Gray for the lease of Dorm F on campus. This is an annual contract. Mr. Roddey made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Mr. Sims made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the Agency Head Evaluation. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Cooner made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Thrailkill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Roddey to adjourn. Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 13, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.
