

*Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School*  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2006**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 8, 2005 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Ms. Lynn Ammons	Ms. Frankie Newman
Mr. George Ducworth	Mr. Vince Rhodes
Mr. Russell Hart	Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Mr. Bryan England	Mr. Wayne Sims
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride	Mrs. Elizabeth Thraikill

Board members absent:

Mr. Stewart Cooner was absent and his absence was excused.

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith	Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Col. Joseph Davis	Mrs. Lesley Stone
Col. Ric Favati	Mrs. Gloria Woodward
Ms. Sheryl Lorick	

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Roddey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2005 Board meeting. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Board Screening of Candidates will be held on Mon. Feb. 13 at 10:30 am. The Opportunity School has three at-large seats and there are three candidates; Mr. Carlisle Roddey, Ms. Marilyn Taylor Edwards and Dr. Earle Bennett.
- There were 425 applications received for Cycle 16 and 182 students were accepted into the program. 142 students registered on Sunday, January 8.
- To date there are 127 cadets enrolled; 101 males and 26 females.
- Family Day will be held on Friday, March 3 at 9:00 am.
- The Legislative Breakfast will be held in the Blatt Building on Thursday, March 23 at 8:00 am.
- The School received the Palmetto Gold Award for the 2005 school year. Along with the recognition, the school received \$4304 for general education use.
- The School received a thank you letter from PFC Tracie Goodwin, a school resource officer for Springdale Elementary, for the Opportunity School's fundraiser in honor of Adam Turner who passed away in the fall of cancer. The contributions of the fundraiser helped with Adam's funeral costs.
- The Opportunity School has a new website that is now ADA compliant and more user friendly. An online interactive application will be added to the website shortly.
- A former cadet from Cycle 10, Anthony Owens, passed away last week in Iraq. He enlisted in the Army after graduation from Wil Lou Gray.
- The Gaffney Ledger featured an article about Cadet Kortni Mykytka who was Valedictorian for Cycle 15.
- Since the School partnered with the Youth Challenge Academy in 1998, eighty-nine cadets have enlisted in Military Service; 63 in the Army, 12 in the Navy, 8 in the Marine Corps and 6 in the Air Force.



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**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Budget presented by Ms. Thurstin, Director of Finance.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

A video of the activities of the last two months of Cycle 15 and the first five weeks of Cycle 16 by Mrs. Peggy Williamson was presented to the Board.

Mrs. Gloria Robinson, Medical Director, gave a brief recap of Give The Kids A Smile Day on February 3. This is a free clinic sponsored by Midlands Technical College's Dentistry Dept. Twenty cadets participated in the clinic and three will receive root canals and three other cadets will have their wisdom teeth removed; all free of charge. This free clinic is only available for the winter cycles. The cadets were chosen to participate in the clinic based on the severity of their dental needs.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Smith gave a brief update on the status of the HVAC System.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Smith stated that no applications had been received for the Wil Lou Gray Award after an extensive mail out to all S.C. Superintendents and chamber of commerce's statewide. He then proposed nominating someone in the Legislature who has been an active supporter. Mr. Rhodes proposed that Mr. Smith select several legislative candidates and bring their names to the May Board meeting for voting. Mr. Smith also stated that the school would continue to mail out application packets.

No action was taken.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Ducworth to adjourn. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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*Next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 10, 2006 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.*

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