

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
CALLED BOARD MEETING
Minutes of March 30, 2000**

The Board of Trustees met on March 30, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. **Board members present:** Dr. Louise Scott, Mr. Dan Smith, Mr. Vince Rhodes, Dr. Marvin Efron, Ms. Lynn Ammons, Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Mrs. Frankie Newman, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs, and Mr. Russell Hart. **Board members absent:** Ms. Wilhelmina McBride, Ms. Suzanne Turner, and Mr. Butch Spires. Their absence was excused. **Staff present:** Mr. Pat Smith, Col. Sam Glover, Mr. Teddy Call, Mr. Milton Montgomery and Mrs. Helen Smith.

Dr. Scott called the meeting to order and thanked Gen. Spears and Col. Shuler for meeting with the Board. She stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Board's concern over the low enrollment. Gen. Spears and Col. Shuler made some introductory remarks and cited their mutual concern as well.

Col. Glover was asked by Col. Shuler to discuss what efforts were being made to increase enrollment. He stated that he has scheduled several appointments with potential referral sources including: meetings with school administrators from Richland, Orangeburg, and Georgetown School Districts, meetings with law enforcement officials, solicitors and municipal judges. He plans to schedule an appointment with the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice. The Board inquired as to the involvement of each county armory and their role in recruiting. Col. Glover stated that each armory will become more active as a part of the strategy for recruiting cadets.

Col. Glover then asked Mr. Teddy Call to explain the post-residential phase and the impact that increased enrollment will have on mentor/mentee contact and the training demand for increased mentor relationships. Mr. Call outlined the growth of the post-residential phase due to increased enrollment, problematic issues and solutions.

The meeting concluded with much interactive discussion regarding recruiting strategies, the post-residential phase and the mentor program. In closing, Col. Glover assured the Board that his goal was to have 200 cadets graduating from the Academy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Thrailkill

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