

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES**AUGUST 10, 2005**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 10, 2005 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Ms. Lynn Ammons
Mr. Stewart Cooner
Mr. Russell Hart
Mr. Bryan England
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride

Ms. Frankie Newman
Mr. Vince Rhodes
Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Mr. Vince Rhodes
Mr. Wayne Sims

Board members absent:

Mr. George Ducworth and Mrs. Libby Thrailkill were absent and their absence was excused.

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Col. Joseph Davis
Col. Ric Favati
Mrs. Shannon Hicks
Ms. Sheryl Lorick

Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Mrs. Lesley Stone
Mrs. Melissa Thurstin
Mrs. Gloria Woodward

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2005, board meeting. Ms. Ammons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Fourth consecutive unqualified opinion audit report resulting from no citations or material weakness.
- A record number of applications received for one cycle totaling 427 with 232 being accepted and 186 registering on July 10.
- To date 160 enrolled; 135 males and 25 females.
- For the 2004-05 school year 93 cadets received their GED
- Introduction of Melissa Thurstin, new Finance Director
- Passed around article of Dr. Wil Lou Gray featured in the Columbia College Newsletter
- Academic calendar for current cycle
- Lucas McFadden from WIS-TV will be on campus on August 23 profiling the school and cadets.
- The Opportunity will also host the West Metro Chamber Commerce for a breakfast meeting on August 23.
- On Aug. 27 the Color Guard will perform at the WNBA game between the Charlotte Sting and Connecticut Heat at the Charlotte Coliseum.
- Reviewed the draft for the school's Annual Accountability Report and noted pg. 4 for the graph showing increased enrolled and budget reductions, as well as, pg. 8 being incomplete with the 04-05 FY budget analysis and 05-06 FY allocated budget
- Another mass mailing of 41,000 brochures and letters will be mailed out late Aug. for recruitment
- Lexington County Legislative Delegation will hold their quarterly meeting on the campus of Wil Lou Gray September 8 at 6:00 pm and all Board Members are encouraged to attend.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Newman read the Personnel Actions. Ms. Newman made a motion to approve the new personnel actions. Mr. Rhodes seconded motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Budget presented by Mr. Pat Smith. Mr. Rhodes made a motion to compliment and commend Mr. Smith on an outstanding job with the audit and the approval of 05-06 FY allocated budget. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Col. Joseph Davis gave a presentation to the Board about the recent revision to the grading of the school on the state's School Report Card. The school was granted a revision to the criteria used to score TABE performance. The current method is calculated by determining the percentage of students not eligible to take the GED who achieve a 5-month gain in math and reading as measured by pre and post TABE results. Students must attain the gain in each of the content areas to qualify as meeting the criterion. Sixty percent of these students must meet this criterion in order to receive a minimum score. In comparison, the GED results for 60% were considered average/above average. This disparity between ratings made it virtually impossible to be rated above average or unsatisfactory. With the new revision, the school is more fairly rated and provides for a more accurate grade on program performance.

A video prepared by Mrs. Peggy Williamson of the latter part of cycle 14 and the beginning of the current cycle 15 was presented to the Board. Mr. Sims made a motion to commend Cadet Atkinson, the video narrator, for an outstanding job. Mrs. Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Shannon Hicks gave the Board an update on the current status of the HVAC system renovations.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roddey made a motion to nominate George Ducworth as Treasure of the Board. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Roddey to adjourn. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 9, 2005, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.
