

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING
Minutes of November 15, 2000**

The Board of Trustees met on November 15, 2000 at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room. **Board members present:** Ms. Suzanne Turner, Mr. Dan Smith, Ms. Lynn Ammons, Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Mrs. Frankie Newman, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs, Mr. Russell Hart, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride, Dr. Louise Scott, and Mr. Bryan England. **Board members absent:** Mr. Vince Rhodes and Mr. Butch Spires. Their absence was excused. **Staff present:** Mr. Pat Smith, Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner, Mrs. Gloria Woodard, Ms. Judith James, Mr. George Smith, Mrs. Gloria Robinson, Mrs. Sheryl Lorick, Mr. Teddy Call, Mr. Milton Montgomery, and Mrs. Helen Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dan Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mrs. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2000 Board meeting. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Hart recognized Dr. Mary Catherine Norwood and her family for the unveiling and presentation of her portrait. Mr. Hart thanked Dr. Norwood for her work at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. Dr. Norwood thanked the Board and stated that she would always fondly remember the good times and her tenure at the Opportunity School.

Colonel Davis reported that 484 people had attended the JROTC Ball and that Cadets Brandon Fisher and LaShay Watson were selected as King and Queen of the Ball. Colonel Davis reported on JROTC Drill Team and Color Guard competition.

Mrs. Lorick briefed the Board on the Community Service component of the Youth Challenge Academy and recognized Cadets Cogan, Ford and Gehlken for their work tutoring math students at R. H. Fulmer Middle School.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- 44 cadets were in Fort Stewart (Savannah, Georgia) to compete in the YCA Invitational basketball, drill team, physical fitness and chess competition.
- 44 GED graduates to date.
- 195 applications are on file for Cycle VI.
- On line registration is nearly complete.
- Graduation is December 16, at Fort Jackson, Post Theater #3 at 10:00 a.m.
- No confirmation from invited graduation speaker.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Newman made a motion to ratify the personnel actions. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy Sections K, L, and G as amended. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

No report.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No report.

WIL LOU GRAY AWARD COMMITTEE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smith presented the following proposed report card criteria that will be used to rate the Opportunity School as required by the Education Accountability Act. Dr. Scott and Mrs. Diggs suggested changes to the criteria relating to criteria number three. Wording was changed from the Academic Program to the Challenge Phase.

- 60% of students eligible to take the GED will successfully complete the test.
- Students not eligible to take the GED will achieve an average one year gain in Math and Reading as measured by pre and post TABE test results.
- 60% of students entering the Challenge Phase of the Youth Challenge Academy will graduate from the program.
- 100% of students completing the program will perform a minimum of 40 hours of community service.

Mr. Smith asked the Board for approval to send three employees to the National Youth Challenge training conference in New Orleans, January 2-7, 2001. Mrs. Thrailkill made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Hart congratulated Mrs. Busenlehner on the great work in the Accounting Department that resulted in an excellent audit report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. McBride made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mrs. Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Following Executive Session, the Board agreed to work together with the National Guard to resolve program differences through communication, regular meetings and an adoption of standard operating procedures.

Mr. Dan Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Thraikill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina McBride

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