

*Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School*  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2007

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 14, 2007 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Dr. Earle Bennett  
Mr. Stewart Cooner  
Mr. Wayne Sims  
Mr. Russell Hart

Ms. Marilyn Edwards Taylor  
Mr. Bryan England  
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride  
Mr. Carlisle Roddey

Staff members present:

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

Mrs. Gloria Robinson  
Mrs. Melissa Thurston  
Mrs. Shannan Woovis

Other Attendees:

Ms. Frannie Heizer

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Mr. Hart asked that Ms. Frankie Newman, Mrs. Sandra Parker, Mrs. Elizabeth Thraikill and Mrs. Inease Williamson be excused from the meeting. Mr. Roddey made a motion to approve the absences and Mrs. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2007 meeting. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- To date there are 103 students enrolled.
- 39 cadets passed the GED in September; second test date is November 27 & 28.
- There are 68 cadets registered in WIA.
- There are 36 cadets participating in Phase II.
- 15 cadets are registered for College 103 at Midlands Technical College.
- The JROTC Ball was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Brookland Banquet Center. There were 350 attendees.
- The graduation ceremony for Cycle 19 will be held on December 8, 2007.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. England read the current Personnel Actions update. Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the personnel actions and Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

No report.

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Melissa Thurstin reported on 2008-2009 Budget Summary and gave an update on the SCEIS transition.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Mr. Scott Gaines, principal of Wil Lou Gray, gave an update on the Academics, WIA and Phase II participation by the cadets.

Mrs. Peggy Williamson prepared a video showing various activities and accomplishments of the cadets in the current cycle.

In the absence of Colonel Davis, Mr. Smith listed the parades that the JROTC members have participated and future dates as well.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Charlie Abbott discussed the progress of the HVAC system and presented a proposed timeline for the installation of the showers in the male dormitories.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cooner made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters related to the Youth Challenge Academy agreement. Mrs. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Cooner to adjourn. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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***Graduation will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Jackson Community Activities Center.***

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

***Please be thinking of a deserving recipient of the Wil Lou Gray Award to be given at the December graduation.***

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