

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 9, 2006 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. George Ducworth
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russell Hart

Ms. Wilhelmina McBride
Mr. Vince Rhodes
Mr. R. Carlisle Roddey
Ms. Marilyn Edwards Taylor
Mr. Wayne Sims

Board members absent:

Ms. Frankie Newman and Mrs. Libby Thrailkill were absent and their absences were excused.

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Col. Joseph Davis
Mr. Scott Gaines
Ms. Sheryl Lorick

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roddey made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2006 Board meeting. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- 98 students received a GED for the year (Cycle 15 & Cycle 16).
- 129 students enrolled to date; 100 males and 29 females
- 431 applications received for this cycle; the third consecutive highest number of applicants.
- A mass mailing of 30,000 recruitment letters is scheduled for September.
- The Lexington County Delegation will hold a meeting on campus on Thursday, October 12 in the Board Room.
- The JROTC Military Ball will be on October 27 at the Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia.
- The Color Guard will perform at the preseason NBA game between the Charlotte Bobcats and Indiana Pacers on October 24.
- The Midlands Workforce Development Board presented the Opportunity School with a Partnership Award in recognition of meeting the employment and training needs of Richland, Lexington and Fairfield counties.
- Pictures of the RTA bus featuring WLG students who participated in the WIA program during Cycle 16 were presented to the Board.
- A thank you note from the Wil Lou Gray Award Winner, Dr. Cheryl Allread, for Cycle 16 was presented, as well as a thank you note from Patty Schafer, of the West Metro Rhythm on the River Concert Series, complementing the cadets and their service to the organization.
- The newsletter, *Central View*, from the Central Midlands Council of Governments featured an article on the Opportunity School and its success with the Work Keys Program sponsored by the Midlands Workforce Development Board and showcased pictures of the RTA bus with WLG students holding their Work Keys cards.
- A catalog from the National Guard featured the Wil Lou Gray Color Guard from Cycle 15 was presented to the Board.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

With the consensus of the Board, the Personnel Actions were approved.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No questions regarding the Budget Summary.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A video of the cadets' activities from Cycle 16 and the beginning of Cycle 17 by Mrs. Peggy Williamson was presented to the Board.

Mrs. Lesley Stone reported on the WIA Program for Cycle 17.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith gave an update on the status of the HVAC renovations.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

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

Following Executive Session, Mr. Rhodes made a motion to authorize use of the Endowment Fund to supplement the HVAC improvement project and to reimburse the Endowment Fund completely upon receipt of the Capitol Reserve Funds in December. If the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School does not receive the Capitol Reserve Funds, then the Opportunity School will be responsible for full reimbursement to the Endowment Fund. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Ducworth to adjourn. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 8, 2006 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.
