

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY
AT THE
WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
MARCH 10, 1999**

The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Board of Trustees met on March 10, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. **Trustees in attendance:** Dr. Louise Scott, Dr. Marvin Efron, Ms. Suzanne Turner, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs, Mr. Dan Smith, Mr. Vince Rhodes, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride and Ms. Lynn Ammons. **Board members unable to attend were:** Mrs. Betty Henderson and Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill. Their absence was excused. **Staff present:** Mr. Pat Smith, Mr. Bob James, Mr. George Smith, Mrs. Gloria Woodward, Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner, Ms. Judith James, Mrs. Gloria Robinson, Mrs. Sheryl Lorick, Colonel Joseph Davis and Colonel Jackie Fogle.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Scott called the meeting to order and recognized Ms. Pat Kinsey and Ms. Mary Broadwater from the School Boards Association.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Scott revised the agenda under old business to include discussion for the selection of an artist for Dr. Norwood's portrait. **Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Dan Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8-10, 1999 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported that the Ways and Means Committee had recommended full funding for all FY 2000 budget items. The Finance Committee included \$2 million dollars for building repairs in the Bond Bill; \$1 million dollars for replacing the roof systems and another \$1 million dollars for replacing flooring in the dormitories, cafeteria and canteen. Mr. Smith stated that the Legislative Drop-in went well. Twenty-seven legislators and two constitutional officers attended. Several Board members were also present. The Board packet included a sample of the new color brochure. Mr. Smith reported that as of March, 71 applicants were being processed for Cycle III. Mr. Smith concluded by stating that everything is on schedule for the March 19 annual auction. He encouraged everyone to attend.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee did not meet. Dr. Efron made a motion to ratify the personnel actions that were in the Board packets. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Turner introduced Ms. Kinsey of the School Boards Association and asked her to review the revised Sections A and B of the Policy Manual. Ms. Kinsey explained the process used to revise Sections A and B and the procedure to use to cross reference the current manual. The Policy Committee scheduled a committee meeting for April 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room to review Sections A and B. Board members were asked to forward all changes to Mr. Smith by March 24.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Dan Smith reported that the Budget Committee met to review expenditures for the first six months. After much discussion on the cost of the English as a Second Language summer program, Mr. Smith made a motion for the Partners of the Americas to be invoiced for all identifiable costs, including the actual cost of Wil Lou Gray employees who are paid by the School plus fringe benefits and that a forty-five percent share of the profit be included for the School to cover overhead and intangible costs. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dr. Efron stated that there is no profit and went on to explain that because the Colombian economy is very depressed, that in all likelihood the program would be canceled for this year.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Diggs reported that the Program Committee had met with Mr. Smith, Mr. Bob James and three faculty members. The committee took no action on the teachers concerns for the Literacy Program and at this time recommended to the Board that the program remain in place.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

No report.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Mr. George Smith provided a brief report on the March 19 auction.

WIL LOU GRAY AWARD COMMITTEE

Mrs. Newman stated that April 15 is the deadline for nominations for the Wil Lou Gray Award. Mrs. Newman asked for Selection Committee nominations. Dr. Scott nominated Representative Vida Miller. Mr. Rhodes nominated Mr. Henderson Dawson. Mr. Dan Smith nominated Mr. Ronald Owenby and Ms. Turner nominated Mr. Louis Sossoman.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Efron stated that the English as a Second Language Summer Program will probably be canceled. Dr. Scott asked Mr. Smith to update the Board on the artist selection for Dr. Norwood's portrait. Mr. Smith reported that he had contacted the South Carolina Arts Commission for the approved artist list. From that list, prices ranged from \$4,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Smith was asked to continue to investigate for an artist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to go in Executive Session. Mr. Dan Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Thrailkill

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