

**Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 6, 2009**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 6, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Mrs. Doris Adams  
Mr. Bryan England  
Mr. Russell Hart  
Mrs. Inease Williamson  
Dr. Earle Bennett

Mr. Stewart Cooner  
Ms. Frankie Newman  
Mrs. Marilyn Edwards Taylor  
Mrs. Sandra Dooley-Parker

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith  
Sgt. Maj. Miller  
Mrs. Shannan Woovis  
Mr. Charlie Abbott

Mrs. Sonya White  
Ms. Sheryl Lorick  
Mr. James Freedman  
Mr. Scott Gaines

Absent Board members:

Mr. Carlisle Roddey  
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill

Mr. Wayne Sims

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The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the minutes from November 5, 2008 and February 11, 2009. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- The Legislative Luncheon was cancelled on May 6<sup>th</sup>, but there will be a formal presentation made by the Lexington County Legislative Delegation in both the House and Senate on May 14, 2009.
- The Awards Ceremony will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> in the Gymnasium on campus.
- Congratulations to Mr. Cooner, Mr. Hart, Mr. Sims and Mrs. Thrailkill for their re-election to the board.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

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Nothing to report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Thurstin gave a quick report on the 18.7% reduction in our current budget as well as the additional 5.2% anticipated in July, which would give a total of 23.9% reduction. Thankfully, we adjusted our current budget for 25% and are able to survive the upcoming year. A hand-out was given about the 3 new provisos we acquired this year. The first allows for the school to carry forward money received through federal grants. The second allows money from by-products of the school to be kept and the third allows special schools to move funds around as needed.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Ms. Eadie Weaver prepared a short video of the cadets for the current Semester 09-03.

Mr. Scott Gaines gave a detailed summary of the current student enrollment in WIA and GED prospects this trimester.

14 students are enrolled in College 103

We have had two recent speakers; Corporal Robinson and a financial counselor.

An admissions update was given by Ms. Sheryl Lorick. We currently have 103 male applicants on file and 22 females. The decline in female applicants has resulted in the decision to enroll females during our October trimester. Ms. Lorick commented on the strategy the admissions department uses to market the program as well as avenues used to track current referrals. At present, a mass mailing is completed twice a year, collaborations with DJJ are maintained and word of mouth furnishes most of our marketing possibilities.

Mr. Freedman, the residential supervisor, gave an update on the weekend activities that the students are involved in: Keep Midlands Beautiful, City of Springdale clean-up Day, Feed the Homeless, Carolina Aquatics and the Motor Speedway recently held in West Columbia.

SGM Miller commented on the success of the JROTC program to date. On April 21, an inspection was made of the program and an overall rating of 96% was awarded. The color guard has participated in many activities, including the Nascar Festival recently held in West Columbia. On May 21, the CG from Ft. Jackson will present a letter of appreciation to the cadets in recognition of their involvement on the Retirees Appreciation Day held on April 25.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Charlie Abbott gave an update on the renovation of the Auditorium and recent electrical fire in the gymnasium. The auditorium is scheduled to be completed on May 29. We will hear soon from the Joint Review Board concerning the lighting on the baseball field.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Cooner to adjourn. Mrs. Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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***Next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 12, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.***

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