

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 13, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 13, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russell Hart
Mrs. Doris Adams
Mr. Stewart Cooner

Ms. Frankie Newman
Dr. Earle Bennett
Mr. Wayne Sims

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat G. Smith
Mrs. Shannan Woovis
Mr. Charlie Abbott
Mr. Scott Gaines
Mrs. Emily Wright

Mrs. Melissa Thurstin
Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Major Charles Davis
Ms. Sheryl Lorick

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Ms. Newman made a motion to approve the absence of Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Thrailkill, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Roddey. Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2008 board meeting and Dr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PRESENTATION

Although absent, Mr. Hart presented Mrs. McBride a gift of appreciation for her twenty-four years of service on the WLGOB Board of Trustees. Mrs. Adams accepted the gift in her honor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- 107 students enrolled on July 14 and to date there are 95 students.
- We are currently discussing a partnership with DJJ to admit students for the upcoming trimester.
- We were notified of a 3% cut in our current budget.
- Updates on the Board Manual will be delivered via cd versus hard copy.
- The accountability report will soon be available for the board to review.
- Two Midlands Tech students will be assisting our staff through work-study.
- 76 students were enrolled in WIA, 4 received Gold, 31 received silver and 29 received bronze cards
- The website will be up and available to view within a week or two.
- We will host the Lexington County Legislative Delegation meeting on September 11, 2008 at 6 pm.
- Graduation will be held on October 17, 2008 at 1pm at Fort Jackson Army Base.
- Presented board the new 2009 license plate for board of trustee members.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Sims made a motion to pass the personnel actions and Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thurstin discussed new 3% reduction and how it would affect Wil Lou Gray budget.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Eadie Weaver prepared a video which included Cycle 20 and current students of Wil Lou Gray.

Mr. Scott Gaines elaborated on the academic success of this trimester and how it has been affected by classroom enhancements as well as increased participation by the students.

Ms. Sheryl Lorick, Residential Director, presented the board with a collection of photos of the students during their last community service outing as well updating members on future dates that would allow students to attend other community functions.

Mrs. Gloria Robinson, Medical Director and WIA Coordinator, summarized the progress of the students who registered with WIA this session. Mr. Pat Smith announced that Mrs. Richie Douglass, Family Services Coordinator for WIA, informed him that WIA would provide scholarships for every session this year.

Mrs. Emily Wright, new employee and Public Information Coordinator, distributed the new brochure to all board members and also gave a brief summary of the marketing strategies on the website, mass mailing and upcoming conferences.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Charlie Abbott reported on the two new mini-vans and gave a brief timeline of the shower renovation in progress. He also informed everyone on the short-term lease with Voc Rehab regarding Dorm B.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A nomination was made by Dr. Earle Bennett for Mrs. Marilyn Taylor to serve as the board secretary. Mr. Sims made a motion to pass the nominee elect and Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. England to adjourn. Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on November 12, 2008 at 6pm.