

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2003

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 13, 2003, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Ms. Lynn Ammons
Mrs. Clotilda Diggs
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russ Hart
Mrs. Frankie Newman

Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Dr. Louise Scott
Ms. Suzanne Turner
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill
Mr. Vince Rhodes

Board member absent:

Mr. Butch Spires was absent and his absence was excused.

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Col. Joe Davis
Mrs. Diana Smith
Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner
Mrs. Gloria Woodward
Ms. Judith James

Col. Ric Favati
Mrs. Sheryl Lorick
Mrs. Shannon Hicks
Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Mrs. Peggy Williamson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Diggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roddey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2003, Board meeting. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Legislative Drop-in had approximately 70 members of the House and Senate in attendance with many positive comments about the program coming from the legislators.
- Family Day was held on Friday, March 7, with approximately 375 family members and guests in attendance.
- Ways & Means Committee recommended an 11.39% reduction from our base budget for FY 04 (\$345,527).
- Currently, we have a total of 145 cadets enrolled for Cycle X; 125 males and 20 females.
- The Blood Drive was held on February 28, netting 37 pints of blood from the cadets and staff.
- An article in the *State* newspaper on March 6 featured Ms. Wil Lou Gray for the Women's History Challenge in honor of Women's History Month.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Newman presented personnel actions. Mrs. Newman made a motion to ratify the personnel actions. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Budget report and discussion held for Executive Session.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thrailkill deferred to Mr. Pat Smith for a video presentation compiled by Mrs. Peggy Williamson with the cooperation of the cadets featuring the various cadet activities for Cycle X.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

No Report

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No Report

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WIL LOU GRAY AWARD COMMITTEE

Dr. Scott reported that 1,007 WLGOS Award letters and applications were mailed between September 2002 and February 2003 to all school superintendents, principals, Chamber of Commerce offices, Literary Associations, state colleges, universities, and other organizations. The House and Senate were also included in these mailings. To date, no responses have been received. No new names were submitted for the Selection Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. England made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ms. Ammons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Newman made a motion to renew the 5-year contract between WLGOS and the National Guard Youth Challenge program with no changes in the contract wording. Mrs. Diggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Roddey made a motion to change the housing policy for the director and maintenance supervisor from mandatory to optional. Ms. Ammons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A proposal from Mrs. Newman to obtain a joint resolution from the legislature to honor George Smith for 28 years of service, dedication and hard work at WLGOS was referred to the Personnel Committee.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Ms. Ammons to adjourn. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 14, 2003, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.