

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 31, 2002

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on January 25 – 27, 2002, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Wando Room, Double Tree Guest Suites, Charleston, South Carolina.

Board members present on Friday, January 25:

Ms. Lynn Ammons
Mrs. Clotilda Diggs
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russ Hart
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride

Mrs. Frankie Newman
Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Dr. Louise Scott
Mr. Butch Spires
Ms. Suzanne Turner

Board members absent on Friday, January 25:

Mr. Vince Rhodes and Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill were absent and their absences were excused.

Staff members present on Friday, January 25:

Mr. Pat Smith
Mrs. Diana Smith

Col. Ric Favati

Board members present on Saturday, January 26:

Ms. Lynn Ammons
Mrs. Clotilda Diggs
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russ Hart
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride

Mrs. Frankie Newman
Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Dr. Louise Scott
Mr. Butch Spires
Ms. Suzanne Turner

Board members absent on Saturday, January 26:

Mr. Vince Rhodes and Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill were absent and their absences were excused.

Staff members present on Saturday, January 26:

Mr. Pat Smith
Mrs. Diana Smith

Col. Ric Favati

Board members present on Sunday, January 27:

Ms. Lynn Ammons
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russ Hart
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride

Mrs. Frankie Newman
Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Mr. Butch Spires
Ms. Suzanne Turner

Board members absent on Sunday, January 27:

Mr. Vince Rhodes, Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Ms. Lynn Ammons, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs and Dr. Louise Scott were absent and their absences were excused.

Staff members present on Sunday, January 27:

Mr. Pat Smith

Mrs. Diana Smith

A moment of silence was observed before the meeting began.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Newman made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roddey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2001, Board meeting. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Accepted 148 cadets on Sunday, January 13, for Cycle VIII. Current enrollment is 129; 107 males and 22 females. Lowest attrition rate since Cycle III and third lowest class attrition rate for the Pre-ChalleNGe phase.
- Coach Jeffries' speech at the November graduation ceremony was excellent and enjoyed by everyone.
- Cadet Caywood scored a 350 on the GED and Cadet Hunter scored 292 on the GED.
- Out of 75 cadets administered the GED, 56 passed the GED; 75 percent pass rate.
- Legislative Drop-in is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., in Room 221 Blatt Building.
- All cadets tested negative (first time ever) on the drug-screening test.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Newman presented personnel actions. Mr. Spires made a motion to ratify the personnel actions. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report

BUDGET COMMITTEE

A budget summary was passed out and Mr. Spires advised the Board that the Opportunity School budget is on target.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

No Report

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Pictures of the roofing and flooring projects were passed around to show all the improvements that are being made to the campus buildings.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No Report

WIL LOU GRAY AWARD COMMITTEE

Suggestions and ideas were discussed to increase participation in the solicitation of nominations. A suggestion to reduce application material sent to the school districts and increase application material to several business organizations, as viable candidates to promote participation in this award, was entertained.

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Spires made a motion to approve travel for Mrs. Thrailkill and Mr. Smith to attend the National School Board Association conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 6 – 9, 2002. Mrs. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Meeting recessed Friday, January 25, at 7:55 p.m., and reconvened Saturday, January 26, at 9:00 a.m.

LONG RANGE PLAN REVIEW

Mr. Smith presented the interim data for the Long Range Plan and answered questions. Mr. Spires and Dr. Scott stated we should change the Long Range Plan format. The consensus of the Board is that Mr. Smith develop a strategic plan that projects enrollment to 250 per cycle. Mr. Smith and Col. Favati are to work together to design a strategic plan. Mr. Smith will provide a verbal report at the March meeting.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Spires made a motion to suspend the interim performance rating review for Mr. Smith. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Roddey made a motion to seek an increase in Mr. Smith's salary to the mid-range level. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting recessed Saturday, January 26, at 11:30 a.m., and reconvened Sunday, January 27, at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order to discuss any final items or concerns of the Board. The Board continued discussion on ideas for promoting the program along with raising enrollment to manageable levels. **Mr. Spires made a motion to formally design a logo that incorporates WLGOS and YCA and that all future publicity include both titles. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed. With no further business to discuss, Ms. Turner made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**

The Legislative Breakfast Drop-in is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., in Room 221 of the Blatt Building.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2002, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.