

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 12, 2009**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 12, 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. Sandra Dooley-Parker  
Dr. Earle Bennett

Mr. Stewart Cooner  
Ms. Frankie Newman  
Mrs. Marilyn Edwards Taylor  
Mr. Wayne Sims  
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith  
Sgt. Maj. Miller  
Mr. Scott Gaines  
Mr. Charlie Abbott

Mrs. Melissa Thurstin  
Mrs. Gloria Robinson  
Mr. James Freedman

Absent Board members:

Mr. Carlisle Roddey

Mrs. Inease Williamson

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The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2009. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- We currently have 74 students, all of which are male. We will have both male and female students next session and currently have 25% of capacity booked.
- Family Day went exceptionally well.
- Our next board meeting will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- We will host the Lexington County Legislative Delegation dinner on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- We will host our Legislative luncheon on May 12 in the Blatt Building.
- The Girl Scout Director has contacted us in hopes of using our facility to host their annual camp week. There will be a follow-up meeting during the next week.
- Amy Eschenfelder, of Cycle 09-01, recently received notification that she made the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest GED score in South Carolina. Her score was 3790. In 2006 we had a student who received 3710, Chris George.
- Our Guidance Counselor position has been finalized as being shared with Vocational Rehabilitation. In doing so, we saved \$38,000. The Counselor will now be working with disabled kids as well as hosting high school visitations to the school.
- A flow chart was presented in order to compare the increase in enrollment and GED accomplishments for the past two years, despite our budget loss of \$729,000.

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**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Thurstin discussed the possible budget cut for FY'11 of 15%. Fortunately, WLGOs anticipated a cut of 15% and can absorb this without affecting any staff.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Ms. Eadie Weaver prepared a short video of the cadets for the current Semester 10-01.

Mr. Scott Gaines gave an overview of the new website.

SGM Miller commented on the JROTC department:

SGM Miller participated at a camp held this summer.  
The WLGOs JROTC will host a drill competition on September 12<sup>th</sup>.  
The cadets will be attending a football game at The Citadel on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Charlie Abbott gave an update on the renovation of the auditorium and how the project was under budget and resulted in excess funds to fix the lights in the gym and supply new equipment for the cafeteria.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mrs. Thrailkill to adjourn. Dr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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***Next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 4, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.***

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