

# Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2005

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 9, 2005 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  
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill  
Mr. Bryan England  
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride

Mr. Vince Rhodes  
Mr. George M. Ducworth  
Mr. Russell Hart  
Mrs. Frankie Newman

**Board members absent:**

Mr. Butch Spires and Mr. Carlisle Roddey were absent and their absence was excused.

**Staff members present:**

Mr. Pat Smith  
Col. Ric Favati  
Mrs. Shannon Hicks  
Mrs. Sheryl Lorick  
Mrs. Lesley Stone

Sgt. Major John Kirk  
Mrs. Peggy Williamson  
Mrs. Gloria Woodward

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Ammons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2004, board meeting. Mrs. Diggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- John Tindal, Superintendent of Clarendon School District II visited the WLGOS campus on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. He wrote a letter thanking the staff for their hospitality and accommodations during his visit. He also commended the efforts of WLG and expressed his desire to share what he learned to others in his school district.
- The color guard performs in Charlotte on February 11 at the game between the Charlotte Bobcats and the Miami Heat.
- Legislative Drop-In is scheduled for Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Blatt Building
- An article from Anderson College Today, fall 2004, featured George Ducworth as the director/assistant professor for the new Criminal Justice Program.
- A cadet from the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter wrote a letter to Dr. Smith at the shelter stating how much he is enjoying the program at WLGOS.
- An archive book written by Dr. Wil Lou Gray in 1935 was given to the school.
- Mr. Butch Spires wrote a thank you note to the board for flowers he received.
- Enrollment as of Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> is at 144

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Newman presented the personnel actions. Mr. Ducworth made a motion ratify the personnel actions. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board was reminded of the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the nominations of the WLG Award. In addition to the semi-annual award, it was suggested to give a legislative WLG Award, one to the Senate and another one to the House of Representatives. Mr. Russ Hart, Chairman, asked Mrs. Newman to bring suggestions to the May 11, 2005 meeting.

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**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Budget presented by Mr. Pat Smith in Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner's absence.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Peggy Williamson presented a video of Cycle 13 narrated by cadet Shawdrell McElveen.

Sgt. Major John Kirk spoke about the cadets' weekend trip to Virginia Beach for the 2004 Youth Challenge Invitational. The women's basketball team brought home a first place trophy and the men's basketball team received a forth place trophy. Sgt. Major Kirk stated that the cadets were will behaved and that everyone had a wonderful time, especially the cadets who had the opportunity to see the ocean for the time.

Midlands Technical College is offering a course, COL 103 College Skills, in which cadets at WLGOS would be able to register for and receive three college credit hours. The course will include topics such as career planning, study skills, stress management, tutoring, group guidance, and other pertinent subjects to help guide student success. The course would concentrate on listening skills, note-taking strategies, time management, research skills, memory techniques, and test-taking strategies.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board was reminded of the resignation of Mrs. Suzanne Turner, as well as, the upcoming legislative board screening for new candidates on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thrailkill made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Ducworth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Ducworth to adjourn. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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*Next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 11, 2005, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.*

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