

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 11, 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
Mr. Wayne Sims
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill

Stewart Cooner
Ms. Frankie Newman
Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Mrs. Marilyn Edwards Taylor
Mrs. Inease Williamson

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Sgt. Maj. Miller
Mrs. Shannan Woovis
Mr. Charlie Abbott

Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Ms. Sheryl Lorick
Mr. James Freedman
Mr. Scott Gaines

Absent Board members:

Dr. Earle Bennett

Mrs. Sandra Dooley Parker

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. England made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to an error on the November 5, 2008 minutes, the minutes were not approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- To date there are 56 students enrolled and 42 qualified to take the GED.
- The school won the Palmetto Gold Award for the fourth consecutive year.
- The Legislative Luncheon will be held on May 6th from 12 to 2 pm in room 112 of the Blatt Building.
- The Awards Ceremony will be held on February 19th in the Gymnasium on campus.
- The School's budget presentation to the House Ways and Means Sub-Committee meeting was held on January 14th.
- Discussions have begun between WLGO and Voc Rehab about sharing a Career Counselor position.
- The JROTC participated on three separate competitions at CE Murray High School and were awarded 1st place in Squad Unarmed, 2nd place in Individual Armed and 3rd place in Fancy.
- Russ, Libby, Stewart and Wayne are running unopposed.
- The West Metro Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was held on February 11.
- Mr. Smith suggested the next board meeting be held on the same day at the Legislative Luncheon, May 6th.
- The next trimester will begin on March 9th.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith gave a budget report on the current status of our finances. Due to a loss of \$665, 0000 in our current budget year, our base budget will begin at \$3.2 million next year. The loss of the current year resulted in employee reductions and a dorm closure.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ms. Eadie Weaver prepared a short video of the cadets for the current Semester 09-02.

The new WLGO\$ Promotional DVD was shown.

Mr. Scott Gaines gave a detailed summary of the current student enrollment in WIA and GED prospects this trimester.

41 of the students will be taking the GED this trimester.
Over half of our students are obtaining their GED's.
Students are exposed to GED and Aztec software.

The academic calendar for 2009-2010 was presented to the members. Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the calendar and Mrs. Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

An admissions update was given by Ms. Sheryl Lorick. There are 53 males accepted at this time for the next trimester and 12 females. Many students have been placed on a waiting list for the cycle which begins in July. Ms. Lorick commented on the strategy the admissions department uses to market the program. Mrs. Thrailkill suggested direct contact with the Family Court Systems in South Carolina as well as DSS.

Mrs. Gloria Robinson presented the board with the updated incentives that WIA is now offering the students who pass the GED and/or increase their TABE or Workkeys scores while at WLGO\$. The current numbers for this trimester include 35 bronze cards, 3 silver and 1 gold. In addition to the increase in incentives, WIA will also present college scholarships on Awards Day, February 19th.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Charlie Abbott gave an update on the renovation projects currently taking place on campus.

Male private showers
Auditorium renovation
Canteen HVAC
Ball field lighting

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

The Legislative Luncheon will be held on May 6, 2009, as well as the next board meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. England to adjourn. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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