

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 8, 2006 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Dr. Earle Bennett
Mr. Stewart Cooner
Mr. George Ducworth
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russell Hart

Ms. Wilhelmina McBride
Mrs. Frankie Newman
Mrs. Elizabeth Thraikill
Ms. Marilyn Edwards Taylor
Mr. Wayne Sims

Board members absent:

Mr. Vince Rhodes and Mr. R. Carlisle Roddey were absent and their absences were excused.

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Col. Joseph Davis
Ms. Sheryl Lorick

Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Mrs. Lesley Stone
Mrs. Gloria Woodward

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Ducworth made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2006 Board meeting. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- To date there are 103 students enrolled.
- Fifty-three students tested for the GED on September 28 and 29. Forty-two passed the GED.
- Newspaper article honoring Christopher George of Cycle 14 for scoring in top 1% of GED test takers in the U.S. was presented to the Board.
- The second consecutive year WLJ received the prestigious Palmetto Gold School award.
- There were approximately 425 friends, family and staff in attendance at the JROTC Military Ball held on October 27.
- There are 27 students enrolled in the Phase II program.
- There are 17 students enrolled in the COL 103 college course with Midlands Tech this cycle. They will receive 3 hours of college credit for completion.
- The State Workforce Development conference held in Myrtle Beach honored Wil Lou Gray and allowed the school to present a Power Point presentation about our program to the attendees on October 31. There were approximately 500 people in attendance from across the state.
- The Lexington County Delegation held their quarterly meeting on campus on October 12. There were ten Legislative members present.
- The annual Accountability Report was submitted on August 30 to the State Budget and Control Board.
- A letter from Mrs. Bobbie Bellardine, mother of cadet Robert Bellardine currently enrolled, advocating his success at WLJ and her concerns for why the school was not presented as an option when Robert dropped out of high school.
- An update on the HVAC renovations.
- New Honor Cords will be worn by students at graduation who receive a JobReady Card from the Midlands Workforce Development Board. The color of the Honor Cords will coincide with the card level the student achieved.
- Lt. Governor, Andre Bauer, mention the Opportunity School twice in his televised debate with opponent, Jim Barber.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the Personnel Actions. Mrs. Thrailkill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith presented the budget summary in the absence of Mrs. Thurstin.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A video of the cadets' activities from Cycle 17 by Mrs. Peggy Williamson was presented to the Board.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ducworth made a motion to approve Mrs. Abbiegail Hugine as the Wil Lou Gray Award winner for Cycle 17. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Hart assigned Ms. Marilyn Edwards Taylor, Dr. Earle Bennett, Mrs. Frankie Newman and Mr. Stewart Cooner to a committee to explore the option of having a Legislative Wil Lou Gray Award. Dr. Earle Bennett is Chairman of the committee.

Mr. Stewart made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Thrailkill made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Ducworth to adjourn. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 7, 2007 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.
