

**Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2001**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 14, 2001, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room.

**Board members present:**

Ms. Lynn Ammons  
Mr. Bryan England  
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride  
Mrs. Frankie Newman

Mr. Carlisle Roddey  
Mr. Butch Spires  
Ms. Suzanne Turner

**Board members absent:**

Mrs. Clotilda Diggs  
Mr. Russell Hart  
Mr. Vince Rhodes

Dr. Louise Scott  
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill

Their absence was excused.

**Staff members present:**

Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner  
Col. Joe Davis  
Col. Ric Favati  
Mrs. Shannon Hicks  
Ms. Judith James  
Mrs. Sheryl Lorick

Mrs. Gloria Robinson  
Mr. John Robinson  
Mrs. Diana Smith  
Mr. Pat Smith  
Mrs. Gloria Woodward

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. England made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2001, board meeting. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. Smith reported on the following:

Thirty-eight cadets passed the GED out of a total of forty-four cadets taking the test.

Twenty to twenty-five cadets are GED eligible for testing on November 28 and November 29.

The school absorbed a four percent, \$141,000 budget reduction. No reduction in force is required.

The JROTC Ball had approximately 450 cadets, family members, guests and staff present.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Col. Davis introduced Cadet Caywood to the board members. Cadet Caywood scored a 350 on the GED which is the highest score ever achieved on this test by a student at the Opportunity School. He also participated in the Youth Challenge Invitational held in Virginia. Cadet Caywood is a member of the drill team, basketball team, and Knock-out team.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

No report.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

No report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Spires deferred to Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner for the budget presentation. The First Quarter Financial Report, First Quarter Summary and Budget Update reports were dispersed.

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**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Col. Davis, Mrs. Lorick and Ms. James gave the program report. Per Col. Davis we are receiving numerous requests for the JROTC drill team to march and perform in parades and other activities.

Per Mrs. Lorick the students and staff have donated a total of 48 pints of blood to the Red Cross and have one more blood drive scheduled for Tuesday, November 20. The cadets raised \$766.52 for the Children's Shelter by sponsoring a car wash. The community service hours for Cycle VII totals 3,752 hours. Total community service hours since 1998 are 31,100, which represents a savings to the community of \$160,315.

The report Ms. James gave on the TABE results is attached.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Ammons deferred to Mrs. Hicks for the building report. Mrs. Hicks advised the board that WLGOS is ranked number ten in the state for total spending dollars with minority businesses. The roofing project is on time and should be completed by the end of March. The flooring project should begin next month.

**FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

**WIL LOU GRAY AWARD COMMITTEE**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. England made a motion to approve out-of-state travel for the Youth ChalleNGe National Meeting. Mrs. Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Col. Favati reported that the funding for Youth ChalleNGe WLGOS is not in danger at the Congressional level. The current \$63.8 million cap for the program at the national level may be increased. The Allendale program is funded through the Department of Justice and is to lose funding next year.

**Mr. Roddey made a motion to approve the Retirement Incentive Plan and Voluntary Separation Plan. Mrs. Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*The next meeting will be held Friday, January 25, 2002, through Sunday, January 27, 2002, at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Charleston, South Carolina. More details will be forthcoming closer to meeting time.*

*Attachment: TABE Report*