

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



MEETING MINUTES

JULY 9, 2003

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on July 9, 2003, 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
Mr. George M. Ducworth
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russ Hart

Ms. Wilhelmina McBride
Mr. Vince Rhodes
Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill
Ms. Suzanne Turner

Board members absent:

Mrs. Frankie Newman and Mr. Butch Spires were absent and their absences were excused.

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Col. Joe Davis
Mrs. Diana Smith
Ms. Sheryl Lorick
Mrs. Shannon Hicks

Col. Ric Favati
Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Mrs. Gloria Woodward
Mrs. Peggy Williamson
Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. An introduction with a warm welcome was extended to the newest board member, Mr. George M. Ducworth.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Roddey made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Thrailkill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2003, Board meeting. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- We have accepted a total of 228 students for Cycle XI. This is the highest anticipated female enrollment at 53, and 175 male students.
- Audit is going well for FY 02 with no major findings and none anticipated.
- Currently, we have a total of 117 GED graduates for Cycle X with 37 GED test scores still outstanding. It should be approximately 2 more weeks before the latest GED results are known.
- A budget update will be sent out in September. Total reductions \$854,123 or 24.823%; current base \$2,687,533. There is a rumored upcoming budget reduction of 1 to 2% in December. Steps are being taken in anticipation of this upcoming reduction.
- Graduation was an overwhelming success with 1,200 in attendance. Mrs. Beatrice Manning was the speaker. Next cycle, graduation will be held at Fort Jackson in the Community Activity Center (CAC) which will accommodate larger crowds and has increased parking area.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Hart presented personnel actions. Mrs. Diggs made a motion to ratify the personnel actions. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Ammons made a motion to accept the policy changes to ECAF that will consolidate the WLGOS Foundation and Award committees into the Executive and Personnel committees, respectively. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Ammons made a motion to make award presentations of the WLGOS Award at the graduation ceremony in June and December. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Update will be sent out in September.



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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thrailkill deferred to Mr. Pat Smith for a video presentation compiled by Mrs. Peggy Williamson with the cooperation of the cadets featuring the various cadet activities for Cycle X. Col. Davis reported that 46 cadets passed the GED.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Ms. Ammons made a motion to grant approval for a plan by Vocational Rehab to use a portion of WLGOS property and make a parking lot for overflow parking to be used by both agencies. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. England made a motion to approve the building of a shelter by the maintenance department next to the volleyball court to be used by the students for outdoor activities. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No Report

WIL LOU GRAY AWARD COMMITTEE

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to temporarily suspend all convention travel for the board due to the state budget cuts. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. McBride made a motion to reduce the number of board meetings per year from 6 to 4 meetings. Meeting months will be February, May, August and November. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2003, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.
