

**WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 1998**

The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Board of Trustees met on November 11, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Trustees in attendance: Dr. Louise Scott, Dr. Marvin Efron, Ms. Suzanne Turner, Mrs. Clotilda Diggs, Mr. Dan Smith, Mr. Vince Rhodes, Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill, Ms. Wilhelmina McBride and Ms. Lynn Ammons. *Board members unable to attend were: Mrs. Betty Henderson and Mr. Russell Hart.* Their absence was excused. Staff present: Mr. Pat Smith, Mr. Bob James, Mr. George Smith, Mrs. Gloria Woodward, Mrs. Suzanne Busenlehner, Ms. Judith James, Mrs. Sheryl Lorick, Colonel Joseph Davis, Colonel Jackie Fogle and Mrs. Helen Smith.

Dr. Scott welcomed Ms. Patricia Kinsey and Ms. Mary Broadwater of the South Carolina School Boards Association.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

**Dr. Efron made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 1998 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed.**

**INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Smith mentioned that the graduation service for the first Youth Challenge Academy will be December 19 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Rick Henry will be the speaker. To date, twenty-one (21) students have passed the GED. Mr. Smith mentioned that the calendar, *Significant South Carolina Women*, was included in Board packets. The calendar features Ms. Marguerite Tolbert. Mr. Smith stated that Career Day would be December 1st. Colonel Davis reviewed JROTC activities and mentioned several upcoming events.

Dr. Scott asked Colonel Fogle to provide an update on the Youth Challenge Academy. Colonel Fogle discussed highlights of the Youth Challenge Academy Olympics and the success of the cadets who had placed in the events.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Dr. Efron made a motion to ratify the personnel actions. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Turner called upon Ms. Patricia Kinsey and Ms. Mary Broadwater to outline the revision process for the Policy Manual. After much discussion, **Mr. Rhodes made a motion to enter into a contract with the School Boards Association to revise the Policy Manual. Mrs. Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed.** Dr. Efron opposed the motion. Ms. Kinsey quoted a cost of \$3,000 to complete the Policy Manual revision.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Dan Smith reviewed the first quarter expenditures, then asked that the Board be provided a budget roll-up. Mr. Smith stated that the Academy had not budgeted for GED tests, cadets would have to absorb this cost as part of the teaching concepts.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Diggs asked that the following recommendations be put in the form of a motion:

1. Instruct the Admissions Committee to have a diverse student population. Enroll students in three grade level/tiers with the flexibility to change as they improve reading scores.

4.0 and Below-----Literacy  
4.0 to 6.9-----pre-GED preparation  
7.0 and Above-----GED preparation

2. Instruct the Principal to have one or more GED Labs reserved for students interested in preparing for the SAT.
3. Instruct the Administration to submit a follow-up report of the last class.

**Dr. Efron made a motion to adopt the recommendations. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Mrs. Diggs asked that the Long Range Goals of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School be discussed at the January Board meeting. **Dr. Efron made a motion to discuss the Long Range Goals at the January Board meeting. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

No report.

**FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. George Smith stated that the Wil Lou Gray Foundation's annual auction is scheduled for March 12, 1999. Mr. Smith stated that the Foundation had donated \$850 for the cadet trip to Maryland.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Pat Smith stated that the extended Board meeting will be held January 8-10, 1999 at the Embassy Suites Hotel at Kingston Plantation at Myrtle Beach. Check-in is 4:00 p.m., check-out is 12:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Scott asked the Board to consider designating dates for the extended Board meetings for 1999. After much discussion, **Dr. Efron made a motion that the second weekend in January and the second weekend in July be designated as the dates for the extended Board meetings in 1999. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mrs. Diggs made a motion to go into Executive Session. Dr. Efron seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mrs. Diggs made a motion for the Board to return to open session. Dr. Efron seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

There was no Board action following Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

**Mr. Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dan Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Thrailkill

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