

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 27 - 29, 2001

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on July 27 - 29, 2001, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Cooper Room, Double Tree Guest Suites, Charleston, South Carolina.

Board members present on Friday, July 27:

Ms. Lynn Ammons
Mrs. Clotilda Diggs
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russ Hart
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride
Mrs. Frankie Newman

Mr. Vince Rhodes
Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Dr. Louise Scott
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill
Ms. Suzanne Turner

Board members absent: on Friday, July 27:

Mr. Butch Spires was absent and his absence was excused.

Staff members present: on Friday, July 27:

Mr. Pat Smith
Mrs. Diana Smith

Col. Ric Favati

Board members present on Saturday, July 28:

Ms. Lynn Ammons
Mrs. Clotilda Diggs
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russ Hart
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride
Mrs. Frankie Newman

Mr. Vince Rhodes
Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Dr. Louise Scott
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill
Ms. Suzanne Turner

Board members absent: on Saturday, July 28:

Mr. Butch Spires was absent and his absence was excused.

Staff members present: on Saturday, July 28:

Mr. Pat Smith
Mrs. Diana Smith

Col. Ric Favati

Board members present on Sunday, July 29:

Ms. Lynn Ammons
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Russ Hart
Ms. Wilhelmina McBride

Mrs. Frankie Newman
Mr. Carlisle Roddey
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill
Ms. Suzanne Turner

Board members absent: on Sunday, July 29:

Mr. Butch Spires
Mr. Vince Rhodes

Mrs. Clotilda Diggs
Dr. Louise Scott

Their absence was excused.

Staff members present: on Sunday, July 29:

Mr. Pat Smith

The meeting began with a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Dan Smith who served on the board and passed away in June. An introduction and welcome was extended to Mr. Carlisle Roddey who was appointed by Governor Hodges to serve the remainder of Mr. Smith's term. Also welcomed to the meeting was Col. Ric Favati who replaced Col. Glover at the Youth Challenge Academy.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Thrailkill made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2001 called Board meeting. Dr. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The final FY 2002 budget passed with the same base allocation as last year. No reduction.
- Mr. Steve Walker, school social worker from Richland School District 1, came by WLGOS to pick up brochures and application packets. The purpose of his efforts is to distribute this information to families of expulsions and dropouts. Mr. Walker goes into the homes of these individuals in his capacity as social worker. The purpose is to help these families learn of alternative resources whereby they can go to continue their education.
- A mailing list is being purchased that contains 114,000 addresses of parents with children ages 15 through 18. The list of names is being purchased through a mailing list company with the addresses coming from Equifax Credit Reports. These addresses have nothing to do with credit reports. They are current addresses because of the credit service that is providing the names.
- There are 66 applications on file for Cycle 8 for the January, 2002 class.
- To date there are 125 cadets enrolled; 103 male and 22 female.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Newman presented personnel actions. Mr. Hart made a motion to ratify the personnel actions. Ms. McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

School Report Card information attached.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

FLOORING SYSTEM

- Install new floor tile in kitchen, dining facility, dormitories.
- Install additional floor drains in kitchen.
- Porcelain tile flooring in canteen. (Install two glass doors between gymnasium and canteen)
- Motorized metal gymnasium bleacher replacements.
- Patch and repaint gymnasium walls (alt).
- Repair damaged gymnasium floor, refinish all of gymnasium floor.
- Install volleyball sleeves in gymnasium floor.
- Renovate gymnasium locker room to fitness center.

ADDITIONS TO ROOF PROJECT

- Install new standing seam aluminum roof and soffit on all buildings.
- Install new shingles and vinyl soffit to campus houses.
- Install aluminum soffit on all buildings.
- Demo and install new roof system above kitchen.
- Metal wall panels and re-flash backside of exist firewall above roofline on admin/class/auditorium.
- New lighting in cafeteria and canteen.

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FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No report.

WIL LOU GRAY AWARD COMMITTEE

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to go into Executive Session. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Ammons made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the Cooperative Services Agreement between the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. Mrs. Thrailkill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to terminate the Cooperative Services Agreement between the Military Department of South Carolina and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. Mr. Roddey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to draft a letter to General Spears informing him of the Board's decision. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting recessed Friday, July 27, at 7:45 p.m., and reconvened Saturday, July 28, at 8:30 a.m.

LONG RANGE PLAN

Mrs. Thrailkill made a motion to accept the Long Range Goals for 2002. Mrs. Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to accept the budget requests for 2002/2003. Ms. Ammons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting recessed Saturday, July 28, at 10:15 a.m., and reconvened Sunday, July 29, at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order to discuss any final items or concerns of the Board. The Board continued discussion on ideas for promoting the program along with transition strategy for the upcoming year. Much discussion followed concerning the impact of the Board's decision on Friday to terminate our partnership with the National Guard. Mr. Smith conveyed to the Board some concerns of Dr. Scott during this time. She believes that June might be more prudent to conclude our relationship because it would coincide with the fiscal year. Another concern is that each school district has a required alternative program and that might pose a problem for enrollment. **With no further business to discuss, Ms. Turner made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Thrailkill seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Board adjourned at 9:10 a.m.**

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 12, 2001, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.