

# Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MEETING MINUTES

MAY 13, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 13, 2015 beginning at 12:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Mrs. Doris Adams  
Mr. Stewart Cooner  
Mrs. Elizabeth Thrailkill

Dr. Earle Bennett  
Mr. Tom Hamilton  
Mr. Bryan England

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith  
Mrs. Shannan Woovis  
Mr. Charlie Abbott  
Sgt. Maj. James Miller  
Mrs. Sheryl Beeler

Mr. Scott Gaines  
Mrs. Melissa Thurstin  
Mr. Gary Newsome  
Mrs. Gloria Robinson  
Mr. Scott Poovey

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The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. England made a motion to approve the agenda and Dr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2014 meeting and Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Re-election of Dr. Bennett and the two new members, Mr. Collar and Mrs. Blalock mentioned.
- To date, we have had 113 students pass the GED and have maintained 100<sup>th</sup> mark for the fifth consecutive year.
- WLGOS advertisement expanded to 30 second commercial in the Charleston area. Compared Wil Lou Gray brochure versus that of John De La Howe.
- Legislative Luncheon was a success, with over 80 members attending from the General Assembly.
- Mentioned the Restructuring Report and future interview with Legislative Oversight Committee in 2016 or 2017.
- Reminded everyone on the student testimonials which were previously mailed.
- Election of new Board Members scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Mentioned new archive cabinet located in Board Room.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Mr. England read the current Personnel Actions update. Mr. England made a motion to approve the personnel actions and Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

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**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Thurstin gave an update on the budget report included in member's packets. Currently, we are on target for our remaining budget of FY'15, under our carry forward limit for next year. The FY'16 budget passed through the House and Senate without any changes, which includes \$80,000 for a Licensed Professional Counselor and \$300,000 for a dayroom addition for D Dorm. The Senate recently approved a bonus for state employees.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gaines gave an update on the library renovation and provided pictures for the members. Mentioned the use of wireless technology in our classrooms, which includes Chromebooks and Ipads, in addition to magazine subscriptions.

Sgt. Major Miller announced the winners of the weightlifting contest we recently held on campus. Introduced the following students: Cadet Cruver, Cadet Brown, Cadet Harris, Cadet Neal, Cadet Moore and Cadet Long.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hamilton commented on grounds and recycling potential at Wil Lou Gray. Attended conference in Rock Hill recently. Suggested expanding hard and soft skills of students through exploration of solar, wind and water education.

Mr. Charlie Abbott commented on the progress of the underground power, paving and irrigation projects.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Cooner made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the Agency Head Evaluation. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**Mr. England made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. England to conclude the meeting. Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:28pm.**