

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 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
Ms. Frankie Newman
Mr. Russell Hart
Mr. Tom Hamilton
Mrs. Deborah Blalock

Mr. Robert Collar
Dr. Earle Bennett
Mr. Bryan England
Mrs. Marilyn Edwards-Taylor

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Sgt. Maj. Miller
Mr. Scott Gaines
Mr. Gary Newsome

Mrs. Gloria Robinson
Mrs. Melissa Thurstin
Mr. Scott Poovey
Mr. Charlie Abbott

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2015. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Introduction of new board members: Mr. Robert Collar and Mrs. Deborah Blalock
- On July 27th, 149 students enrolled and 187 were accepted. We received 435 applications this session.
- Current enrollment of 138, with 6 dismissals from parental withdrawals, 4 discipline actions and 1 for medical reasons.
- Presentation of article printed about Dr. Wil Lou Gray in the Collier's Magazine.
- TV Commercial update in Greenville and Charleston areas.
- Mentioned Cadet Tyrae Davis , who represented WLOGS at JROTC Summer Camp at Fort Jackson.
- Graduation ceremony speaker was Thomas Porter, a former cadet and soldier who captured the Iraqi battle flag while overseas.
- Marketing schedule to include "Sharing Services for Student Success Conference" held at the Anderson County Library this fall.
- Presented new Strategic Plan and Organizational Chart, along with current photos of campus life and activities.
- Commented on the VR Lease and conclusion on September 30, 2015.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thurstin commented on the current audit taking place on campus and further explanation of the VR Lease. In addition, she referred to the FY'15 Budget and Financial Report disseminated among the members. She also informed the board of the budget increases for the upcoming year, which includes the LPC position and funding for the day room addition. Mr. England asked about the per pupil cost, which Mrs. Thurstin responded.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A video was shown about the campus life and activities. The new commercial advertisement was also presented to the members. Mr. England complimented the advertising and marketing strategies of the staff. Mr. Hamilton commented on the Project Storm in Chester, SC. In addition, Mr. England asked about our drug testing policy, which was answered by Mrs. Robinson. Dr. Bennett asked several questions about the mental health staffing at Wil Lou Gray and their capabilities to handle special education and students with mental health issues.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Abbott explained the ongoing campus projects, to include the decorative lighting, campus paving and the initial stages of the dayroom addition. Mr. Hamilton commented on campus updates and lawn maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.