

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 8, 2017 beginning at 12:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Mrs. Doris Adams
Mr. Tom Hamilton
Mr. Bryan England
Dr. Earle Bennett

Mr. Stewart Cooner
Mr. Russell Hart
Mr. Robert Collar
Ms. Deborah Blalock

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Ms. Amanda Purvis
Mr. Scott Poovey
Mr. Gary Newsome
Maj. Hamlin
Ms. Lettice Glenn

Mrs. Sarah Russell
Mr. Scott Gaines
Ms. Brenda Arant
Mr. Charlie Abbott
Ms. Diane McNinch

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the minutes from August 9, 2017. Dr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Reminded Board Members of emailing board reports.
- WLGO appearance on Low Country Live, WCIV-TV, on October 3rd with former Cadet Nora Grace Blanton.
- Cadet Blanton is one, of four, siblings who attended Wil Lou Gray. She scored an 87 on the ASVAB.
- Made presentation to Berkeley County DJJ on August 28th with Ms. Amanda Purvis.
- Attended meeting on October 24th with Aiken County Government and gave presentation on WLGO.
- Governor's Budget Presentation was cancelled on October 19th.
- WLGO won 1st place in the National School Lunch Week competition.
- Legislative Luncheon will be held on January 24, 2018.
- Tom Hamilton and Marilyn Edwards-Taylor filed for re-election, unopposed.
- Mr. Michael Moss filed unopposed for the seat vacated by Chris Wyatt, who resigned due to health reasons.
- Exhibited at the Anderson County School Districts Sharing Services Fair on September 28th.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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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.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thurstin gave a brief summary on the budget update which was given as a hand-out in the board packet. Mr. Abbott reported on the procurement audit which reported only minor findings with no material weaknesses. Mrs. Thurstin reported on the financial audit which reported only minor findings with no material weaknesses. This report will be mailed directly to the board members.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Diane McNinch discussed the Scholar Centric software program they purchased to assist in their counseling needs for the students. She explained how they were able to test the projective completion of the program and those that may be of academic risk. Ms. Glenn discussed the counseling intern program, which includes six to eight interns throughout the session.

Mr. Smith went over the program comparative chart which indicated the completion rate of the past three sessions. He also discussed the 88% completion program of 18-01, which is the highest completion rate since the Palmetto Gold Award was established.

Ms. Purvis presented the Lowcountry Live program with former Cadet Nora Grace Blanton, who obtained her GED and scored an 87 on the ASVAB. Ms. Blanton intends to join the Air Force in January. Ms. Purvis added that one of Cadet Blanton's brothers in the Air Force Honor Guard and another is in the US Marine Corp. She also described how she uses our Facebook page to keep up with our graduates.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Abbott went over the Day-Room project and the paving project as being completed. The dorm Shower Room project protest period will end on Friday, November 10th and on Monday, November 14th we will be signing the contracts to begin work. Mr. Hamilton described several energy conservation methods.

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

No Report

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. England to conclude the meeting. Dr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.