

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 9, 2018 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
Mr. Russell Hart
Dr. Earle Bennett
Mr. Reginald Thomas

Mrs. Marilyn Edwards-Taylor
Mr. Tom Hamilton
Mr. Robert Collar
Mr. Michael Moss
Mrs. Deborah Blalock

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Mrs. Shannan Woovis
Mr. Charlie Abbott
Mrs. Sarah Russell
Ms. Diane McNinch
Mr. Scott Gaines
Ms. Betty Sawyer

Mrs. Brenda Arant
Mr. Scott Poovey
Mr. Gary Newsome
Captain Hamlin
Mrs. Lettice Glenn
Miss Amanda Purvis
Mrs. Melissa Thurstin

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 08, 2017 meeting and Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Woovis gave an update on the status of a current Board Member Mr. Bryan England.
Mr. Mike Moss, a new Board Member, introduced himself and his excitement for serving The Opportunity School.
All the Staff introduced themselves to the Board Members.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Mr. Smith commented on the ability to provide teleconference for those members who weren't present.
 - The House and Senate passed the \$500K Supplemental Appropriations for non-recurring campus improvements. Pending FY18 surplus funding. Since 2012, we have seen an increase in our budget of \$6,370,702, \$3,620,702 of that being recurring and \$2,250,000 non-recurring, also pending the \$500,000 this fiscal year.
 - Referred to the enclosed map of students by county since 2014.
 - GEDs this academic year is 161, as noted in the enclosed Admissions Profile.
 - The HR Audit resulted in no findings.
 - The Financial Audit resulted in minor findings, which will be mailed to you.
 - The Procurement Audit will be completed in October and mailed as well. We anticipate only minor findings.
 - Miss Purvis and Cadet Andrew Sawyer appeared on "Low Country Live" on April 17th.
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- Ms. Erin Fox, 2018 SC Teacher of the Year, and Dr. Jenn Hallman of CERRA will visit on May 15th.
 - We have been selected by the House Oversight Committee for review in the next few months.

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- Recognized Mrs. Betty Sawyer for her 30 years at Wil Lou Gray.
 - Recognized Doris Adams and Russ Hart for their service on the Board by the SC Boards Association.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thurstin read the current Personnel Actions update. Mrs. Thurstin acknowledged the hiring of Stephanie Morton, who replaced Mrs. Libby Key in finance and Mrs. Brenda Arant, who replaced Mrs. Gloria Robinson in Medical. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the personnel actions and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No 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'18, we are under the 10% carry forward for next year.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Principal Scott Gaines explained in detail the new pilot program that will begin this year, Jobs for America's Out of School Pilot Grant. In partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation, this program is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. These students will be housed on campus and provided transportation as needed.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Hamilton commented on the beauty and cleanliness of the campus, as did Mr. Thomas. Mr. Abbott gave an update on the bathroom renovations and the pictures sent in the member's packets.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cooner initiated concern of February Board meetings being exchanged for the Legislative Luncheon. The Board voted to have a February meeting as well as the Legislative Luncheon.

Mr. Smith discussed the change in Section 59-51-30. The Opportunity School is under the management and control of a board of twelve trustees, all of whom must be elected by the General Assembly. The only change was that the Governor and State Superintendent of Education were eliminated from our Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5951-35 Orientation for board of trustees (A) Within one year of taking office, all persons elected as members of the board of trustees after July 1, 2018, shall complete successfully an orientation program in the powers, duties, and responsibilities of a board member including, but not limited to, topics on policy development, personnel, school leadership and board relations, at-risk programs, finance, school law, ethics, and community relations as determined by the Board of Trustees. (B) In addition to the orientation program in (A), the board shall provide for training of new and existing board members as reasonable and necessary to adequately serve the at-risk students in its care.

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

Dr. Bennett made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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~~With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Cooner to conclude the meeting. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:07pm.~~