

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 13, 2019 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. Marilyn Edwards-Taylor
Mr. Russell Hart

Mrs. Deborah Blalock
Mr. Dan Dobson
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Reggie Thomas

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Mrs. Shannan Woovis
Mr. Charlie Abbott
Mrs. Brent Arant
Mr. Scott Gaines
Mrs. Lettice Glenn
Captain Hamlin

Ms. Diane McNinch
Ms. Stephanie Morton
Mr. Gary Newsome
Mr. Scott Poovey
Mrs. Sarah Russell
Officer Brandi Spears
Ms. Theresa Trowell

The meeting was called to order at 12:51 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mr. Cooner made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Mike Moss, Mr. Tom Hamilton and Mr. Robert Collar. Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2019 meeting and Mr. England seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Introduced new SRO we acquired through current year budget, Ms. Brandi Spears.
 - Mr. Hart welcomed Ms. Spears to WLGS.
- On October 24th, Mrs. Ulmer made a presentation to the New Bridge Alternative Academy.
- On October 28th, 113 students registered for Class 20-02.
 - To date, 73 students have achieved their GED.
- Ms. Stephanie Morton, Mrs. Shannan Woovis and Mr. Pat Smith presented the Budget Request for FY' 21 on October 29th.
- The JROTC Luncheon will be held on December 20th at 12pm at the Brookland Baptist Convention Center.
- The annual Legislative Luncheon has been scheduled for April 15, 2020.
- Billboards will be strategically placed throughout South Carolina this month and into December.

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- Over 31,000 pieces of mass mail will be delivered in December.
- Gregg Vaughn from Pendleton, SC has filed unopposed for the board seat held by former member Angela Hanyak.
- Incumbent members Ms. Doris Adams, Mr. Reggie Thomas and Mr. Bryan England all intend to file for re-election.
- Pass calendar for Class 20-03 in folders for review.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. England made a motion to approve the personnel actions and Mrs. Blalock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith commented on the FY' 18 Financial Audit, as sent to the Board Members via mail.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the FY' 18 Financial Audit and Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Stephanie Morton gave an update on the 2020 Year End Budget Summary included in the member's packets. Per Ms. Morton, the budget is on track for carry-forward next year.

Since presenting the FY' 21 Budget request on October 29th, an amendment has become necessary through the possible purchase of 13 new smartboards in the Academic Department. The requested amount totals \$90,000.

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

Mr. Charlie Abbott gave an update on the Procurement Audit recently completed in October. In addition, the cafeteria just completed a review by the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program through the department of the USDA. Again, there were no findings and the staff passed with a 99% rating.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

With the completion of the Lexington Oversight process, a video was shown of the final meeting on September 27, 2019. In this video, Chairman Jefferson thanked the participants from Wil Lou Gray.

Director Pat Smith thanked all participants who prepared the articles, designed the Powerpoints and presented before the committee.

Mr. Reggie Thomas commended Mrs. Shannan Woovis on her dedication and commitment to the Board Members and Wil Lou Gray.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Abbott gave an update on some of the campus improvements, including the continuation of completing the replacement of overhead power lines to underground and the renovation of the Auditorium.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

As the 100 year anniversary of Wil Lou Gray approaches, Mr. Smith suggested we celebrate this milestone by hiring an event company to coordinate the historical event. Additionally, Mr. Smith read some of the brief history of Wil Lou Gray and that teachers were only given \$100 as salary. In the beginning, there were 19 girls and 17 boys to enroll at Wil Lou Gray.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. England to conclude the meeting. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.