

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 12, 2020, 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
Mr. Reggie Thomas

Mrs. Deborah Blalock
Mr. Bryan England
Mr. Tom Hamilton
Mr. Michael Moss
Mr. Greg Vaughn

Staff members present:

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

Ms. Diane McNinch
Ms. Stephanie Morton
Mr. Scott Poovey
Mrs. Sarah Russell
Officer Brandi Spears
Ms. Theresa Trowell
Sgt. Charles Woods

The meeting was called to order at 12:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mr. England made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Dan Dobson and Mr. Robert Collar. Mr. Cooner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. England made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2019 meeting and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Hart introduced our newest Board Member, Mr. Greg Vaughn.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- The Governor's Executive Budget Recommendations included all of our request for 2020-2021.
- The JROTC Luncheon was held on December 20, 2019 and approximately 350 attended.
- The Color Guard posted colors at the Department of Education Board Meeting on January 14th.
- Lexington County Night with the Legislature was held on January 14th.
- Mrs. Woovis, Ms. Morton and I presented our 20-21 budget request to the Ways and Means Sub-committee on January 15th.
- Mrs. Ulmer and I gave a presentation to the Irmo Optimist Club on January 17th.
- Mrs. Ulmer and I exhibited at the Palmetto School Counselors Association meeting on January 23-25th.

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- Ms. Amanda Whittle and Ms. Kayla Capps, of the SC Department of Children's Advocacy, visited on January 27th.
 - Of the 800 complaints since July 1, 2018, none were related to Wil Lou Gray.
- Mrs. Woovis, Ms. Morton and I presented the 20-21 budget request to the Senate Finance Sub-committee on Jan. 29th.
 - H4746 Status. Drop out list from each district.
- 11 students visited the BMW plant on January 29th.
- Cadets served as race monitors on February 1st for the MGC Long Run.
- Ms. Ulmer and I did an interview on "Lowcountry Live", WCIV-TV, in Charleston on February 4th.
- On February 10th, the board screening for Mrs. Adams, Mr. England, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Kimberly L. Suber was conducted.
- The 20-03 Class will begin on March 2nd.
- The Legislative Luncheon will be held on April 15th.
- The Admissions Profile is updated and in the packets.
- In May 2019 we awarded our 2500th GED and to date we have 2634 GEDs.
- The New Board Roster is in the packets.
- "Thank you" note received from Cayce-West Columbia Rotary Club pertaining to participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program.
- Cadet Limur Myers, of North Augusta, just received his GED today, February 12th. Cadet Myers was introduced.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith discussed the second amendment request for the 2020-2021 Budget. This money will assist in the shortage we encountered through the EIA supplement for the 2019 teacher pay raise.

Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the FY '21 amended budget request. Mrs. Edwards-Taylor 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.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The new marketing strategy was presented to the board. Included in this presentation were the new brochures, displays and website. The brochures will be utilized in the upcoming mass mailer, which should begin in two months. Marketing continues on TV, radio and billboards, but Wil Lou Gray now has an advertisement on the internet which runs the promotional video without the option to click-out. Since January 13th, the video has been watched over 36,000 times.

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 \$500,000 received this year. Architectural designs to be presented in late February or March.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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