

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 11, 2020, beginning at 12:00 p.m., via teleconference in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present via teleconference:

Mrs. Doris Adams
Mr. Bobby Collar
Mr. Dan Dobson
Mr. Tom Hamilton
Ms. Kimberly Suber
Mr. Greg Vaughn

Mrs. Deborah Blalock
Mr. Stewart Cooner
Mrs. Marilyn Edwards-Taylor
Mr. Michael Moss
Mr. Reggie Thomas

Staff members present:

Mr. Pat Smith
Mrs. Brent Arant
Mrs. Lettice Glenn
Ms. Diane McNinch
Mrs. Shannan Woovis

Mr. Charlie Abbott
Mr. Scott Gaines
Ms. Libby Key
Mr. Scott Poovey

Staff members present via teleconference:

Ms. Theresa Trowell

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Collar seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Dobson made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Russell Hart. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting and Mrs. Edwards-Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Cooner introduced our newest Board Member, Ms. Kimberly Suber, and thanked all Veterans for their service.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Department of Education recognized Daniel Johnson, a previous cadet, for obtaining the highest GED score in South Carolina and also the recipient of the David S. Stout Highest GED Awards for the year.
- Mr. Johnson joins two previous students, and a runner-up, with this prestigious award.
- The school calendar for the second half of the 2020-2021 school year is included in your packet.
- The Governor's budget presentation was on October 13.
- We hosted a Career Summit for the students on October 16th.

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- The school initiated the 2020-2021 marketing strategy on November 4th.
- We will be exhibiting at the Palmetto School Counselor's Association Conference on January 21-23, 2021.
- The Legislative Luncheon will be held on February 17, 2021.
- Photo of Cadet Caroline Ward, a previous Student of the Month for the Cayce-West Columbia Rotary in October, has enlisted with the US Army.
- The Southeastern Institute contacted WLGOS Medical Department to allow nursing students complete their clinicals with our nursing staff.
- Included is a picture of Officer Spears and her new UTV, donated by Springdale Police Department.
- To date we have 28 GEDs

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith discussed the 2021-2022 budget, which was outlined in the members' packets. The Licensed Professional Counselor, Security Cameras, Keyless Entry, Classroom Flooring and Classroom Security Improvements are all continuations of the FY'21 budget request. The two new items requested are Retention Raises and Operational Costs for the upcoming year.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the FY '22 budget request. Mr. Moss seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Libby Key gave an update on the 2020 Year End Budget Summary included in the member's packets. Per Ms. Key, the budget is on track for the current year, as compared to previous years.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith discussed the school calendar and details related to exact dates of sessions for the students. The students will register on January 4th and leave on June 18th.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Abbott gave an update on some of the campus improvements, including the completion of the underground power lines, which has halted due to underfunding. The Capitol Permanent Improvement Plan has been completed as well as the drawings for the auditorium renovations.

OLD BUSINESS

To follow up on the 2021 Centennial of WLGOS, Mr. Smith discussed the highlights to be utilized during the celebration. With the assistance of PAG Marketing, customized banners will be placed along the entrance and state-wide announcements will be presented via radio, news releases and newspaper outlets. The school has applied for a historical marker to be placed on the campus to commemorate the 100th year Anniversary.

NEW BUSINESS

Based on the recommendations of the Legislative Oversight Committee, the Board of Trustees at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School are affected by three, of the five. In August of last year, Mr. Charles Boykin assisted in the completion of

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board training. Board Effectiveness Training will entail direct contact from Mr. Boykin as well. This Self-Analysis will be scheduled by Mr. Boykin himself.

Mrs. Edwards-Taylor made a motion to amend the current Agenda to include an Executive Session and Mr. Thomas seconded that motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Blalock made a motion to enter Executive Session and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Blalock made a motion to exit Executive Session and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

No action taken following the Executive Session.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Hamilton to conclude the meeting. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.