

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held via teleconference on February 10, 2021, beginning at 12:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present via teleconference:

Mrs. Doris Adams	Ms. Kimberly Suber
Mr. Stewart Cooner	Mr. Bobby Collar
Mrs. Marilyn Edwards-Taylor	Mr. Tom Hamilton
Mr. Russell Hart	Mr. Michael Moss
Mr. Reggie Thomas	Mr. Greg Vaughn
Mr. Dan Dobson	

Staff members present via teleconference:

Mr. Pat Smith	Mrs. Shannan Woovis
Mr. Scott Poovey	

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cooner made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2020 meeting and Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Hart acknowledged the newest Board Member, Ms. Kimberly Suber.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- The Ways and Means Sub-Committee presentation was very successful on January 13, 2021. As always, great reception by the members, especially the Committee Chair, Representative Whitmire.
- On December 9, 2020 Representative Collins, of Pickens County, pre-filed Bill H3242 to assist Wil Lou Gray in obtaining drop-out names from all SC school districts, which is a follow-up to Section 59-65-470.
- The 100th Year Anniversary banners have arrived and will be placed on the campus light poles this week.
- For the third time in the schools' history, a student at Wil Lou Gray has received the David Stout Award for the Highest GED score in the state. Congratulations Cadet Daniel Johnson!
- Students began testing this week and two have passed thus far.
- The "Empowered to Win" Career Summit was held on February 5th.
- The Dental Access Carolina, LLC bus returned on February 5th to assist those students who required additional dental care.

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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 gave an update on the FY'21 budget. At present, Wil Lou Gray is on-track for this fiscal year and within state guidelines to carry forward. The FY'22 Budget Request looks hopeful for the recurring requests presented on January 13th.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Adams commented on the banners purchased for the 100th Year Anniversary of Wil Lou Gray. Mr. Smith followed with the classroom pictures recently placed on the website to commemorate the academic progress since the 40's. Additionally, school letterhead will reflect the 100th year and a survey will be placed on the WLGOS Facebook page to reach out to former students to learn about their success stories since graduating.

Since October 2020, student conduct has been stabilized and minimal disciplinary actions have occurred. With this in mind, and upon COVID 19 restrictions, single room occupancy may remain in affect through the upcoming 2021-2022 Academic Year.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith gave an update on the upcoming renovation of the cafeteria and how completion is anticipated around September of 2021.

Mr. Hamilton asked that staff provide Board Members with present pictures of the campus. In reply, Mr. Smith agreed and asked that the members give the staff time to hang banners and grounds people complete spring cleaning of the hedges and flower beds. Mr. Cooner added that he drives by Wil Lou Gray every morning and can attest that the grounds are always presentable.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas remarked on the \$250,000 Retention request for the upcoming FY'22 Budget. Mr. Smith confirmed that this money would be used to retain Human Specialist and Food Service employees who are underpaid.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Vaughn to conclude the meeting. Mrs. Suber seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:14pm.