

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in-person and via teleconference on November 8, 2023 beginning at 12:00 pm in the Wil Lou Gray Board Meeting Room.

Board members present:

Mr. Stewart Cooner
Mr. Dan Dobson
Mr. Michael Moss
Ms. Cheryl Fralick

Ms. Doris Adams
Mr. Greg Vaughn
Mr. Blake Lindsey
Ms. Marilyn Taylor

Board members present via teleconference:
Mrs. Deborah Blalock

Board members excused:

Mr. Reggie Thomas

Staff Members present:

Mr. Pat G. Smith
Ms. Christine Avery
Mr. Cedric Williams
Mr. Charlie Abbott
Ms. Diane McNinch
Ms. Libby Key
Ms. Brenda Arant
Mr. Robert Isom

Ms. Kristin Shumpert
Mr. Michael Evans
Mr. Scott Gaines
Ms. Theresa Trowell
Ms. Lettice Glenn
Ms. Cynara Wattley
Ms. Joyce Legree

The meeting called to order at 12:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Vaughn made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dobson seconded the motion, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Dodson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2023 meeting. Mr. Lindsey seconded the motion; motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- 103 Cadets were accepted for the October 30 class and 94 enrolled.
- 41 GEDs awarded for this session.
- Governor's Budget presentation on September 30.

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- Ms. Laurie Davidson with the Department of Children's Advocacy will tour with five of her staff on November 6.
- We have participated in several community events this session:
 - Springdale's National Night Out on October 3.
 - Springdale Elementary School's Fall Fest on October 5.
 - JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) Leadership Development Conference on September 26 with 83 students from across South Carolina participating.
- Hosted a visit and tour from Prime Time Seniors from Lyman Methodist Church for lunch and Q & A on October 11 with 37 in attendance.
- Future community events:
 - Our JROTC Unit will post the Colors for the NAACP's Veteran's Day Presentation on November 19.
 - Cayce-West Columbia Rotary Club's Adopt-A-Highway on November 18.
 - Rotary Club's Student of the Month on December 5.
 - Our cadets will participate in the Cayce-West Columbia Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Parade of Lights on December 9.
- Quick Notes pie chart showing percentage breakdown on who contacts our cadets (3082 messages).
- Nice parent posting on our Face Book.
- Next Board meeting in February 7.
- Legislative Luncheon is February 14.
- Received a \$100.00 gift from Mr. Tony Laws a long associate of Russ Hart in honor Marge Hart for the Wil Lou Gray Foundation.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Moss made a motion to approve personnel actions, Mrs. Dodson seconded the motion; motion passed.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Ms. Shumpert updated the board on the FY'24 YTD Report.

Ms. Key updated the Board FY'25 Budget Request Update.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith introduced Joyce Legree and Robert Isom, who presented a video on the 24-01 session recap and discussed various activities including a recent drama production by our cadets and an upcoming production.

ACADEMICS

No report.

COUNSELING

No report.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

No report.

MEDICAL

No report.

RESIDENTIAL

No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Abbott briefed the Board on the cafeteria Freezer/Cooler Project status and Breezeway Project. The electrical line project is complete.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board voted to have the Summer Retreat in August in Columbia. The Retreat Committee is to meet to finalize plans.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

ADJOURN

Ms. Taylor made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Moss seconded the motion; motion passed.