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**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 26, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Public Service Administrative Building – Council Chambers 1st Floor
201 W. Main Street – Kingstree, South Carolina 29556**

Members Present: Marva B. Cannon, Dr. Jerry L. Dicks, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mack Burgess, Dr. Janice Gamble, Mike Floyd, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Gary McKenzie, and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: N/A

Others Present: Vernie Williams, Dr. Myron Davis, Joseph McCullough, Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Muma Pechu Skyler Hannah, Dr. Latetia Staggers, Tyrone Frasier, Lerlisa McCollough, Dr. Ernestine Young, Seha Kumas, Rep. Roger Kirby, Mish Met, Bridgette Rodgers, Jonathan Chandler, Mark C. Fraiser, I, Keyanna Hampton, Heyward Segars, Gail N. Hampton, LeShaun Cooper, Malcolm Salter, Jarvon Salters, Sharon Housey, Brianna Wilson, Jonathan Wilson, Alana McFadden, Lucinder Shaw, Macie Davis, Ayesha Hannibal, Myron Frieson, Debra Fulmore, Jennileth Pagal, Keethan Pagal, Vanessa Pressley, Emmanuel Sampeaey, Clarice Mitchell, Alayla Pressley, Kenyon McKnight, Amanda Dorris, Genia Smith, Tyessa Williams, Courtney McClorin, Malik Hayward, Berlinda N. Mack, Deloris Tisdale, Jakira Scott, Bonnie King, Senitta Swinton, Alexis Brunson, Cynthia Kennedy, Angela Rush Fred, Thomas Loner, Santanya McClary, Katie Floyd, Jacqueline Simmons, Brianna Easterling, Rhonda Quattlebaum, Debbie Donnelly, Jennifer Murray, Cassaudra Fulton, Jennifer Holliday, Ida Fulton, Jessica Snow, Keaden Snow and Woodrow Nesbit, Jr

Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Marva B. Cannon at 6:00 pm. The secretary confirmed the Establishment of Quorum and the chair confirmed the Notification of Media.

Welcome

The chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

Moment of Silence

Dr. Dicks asked all people to observe a Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Dr. Dicks, seconded by Dr. Burgess. The motion was carried.

Action Items

A motion was made to approve Monday, July 22, 2024, board meeting minutes by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Dr. Burgess. The motion was carried.

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Thought of Today

Dr. Burgess shared the Thought for Today.

Public Participation

Representative Roger Kirby expressed his excitement about scholars' test scores, unity and thanked Dr. Wymbs for his leadership.

Senator Ronnie Sabb expressed how proud he was of the school district's performance on state assessments. He shared community partners raised \$15,000 for a district-wide celebration of our scholars, thanked Dr. Wymbs for his leadership, and acknowledged the work of the board.

Legislative Update

M. Burgess, Legislative Liaison, shared the mandatory cellphone usage policy provided by the SC Department of Education Board for each school district to adopt.

Recognition of Student Academic Achievement

A. Dorris, Director of Testing and Accountability, recognized the following scholars for the Arts and academic performance, they are: Keethan Pagal - Algebra 1 – KMMSA, Alayla Pressley - Biology 1 – HHS, Kaeden Snow - Biology 1 – HHS. Miracle Myers - Biology 1 – HHS, Jakira Scott - U. S. History and the Constitution – KHS, Malcolm Salters - U. S. History and the Constitution – KHS, Reed Pressley - U.S. History and the Constitution – HHS, Alayla Pressley - English 2 – HHS, Antonio McCray - English 2 – HHS, Kenyon McKnight - English 2 – KHS, Kayron Pechu, Tyler McClorin, Brianna Wilson, SC Ready Recognition, 21st CCLC Art Work recognition, Chanell Montgomery, Kayron Pechu, KaMani McDaniel, Cynthia Kennedy, Malik Hayward

Academic Presentation from the Office of Teaching, Learning and Leadership Support

G. Smith, Assistant Superintendent, celebrated the academic achievement of our scholars. A. Dorris shared the students' test results for all tested schools, and plans to address areas of concerns.

Updates from the Principals

Debbie Donnelly, W. M. Anderson Primary School shared the school's motto, instructional practices to improve scholars' academic performance, attendance, social and emotional support, afterschool programs, and academic enhancement program.

Jennifer Murray, Greeleyville STEAM Academy, shared ELA and math test scores, strategies to improve test scores, and upcoming activities and events.

Woodrow Nesbitt, Jr., Hemingway Elementary School, shared mission statement, teacher certification, scholars' academic performance on state testing, new initiative to enhance leadership skills, and new teaching staff.

Keyanna Hampton, Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy, shared the school's theme, ELA and math test scores, and upcoming activities and events.

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Jonathan Chandler, C. E. Murray Middle School, shared the academic achievement of scholars and a detailed plan to increase scholars' math test scores.

Ayesha Hannibal, Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts, shared the significance of the magnet school being a magnet school due to availability courses, upcoming events and activities, and facilities' upgrades.

Myron Frieson, Hemingway M. B. Lee School and Hemingway High School, shared scholars' SC Ready Data for ELA and Math, 91.7% graduation rate, implementation of programs to enhance students holistic experience, facilities' upgrades, and community partners support.

Mark Fraiser, Kingstree High School, shared the English 2, Algebra 1, and Biology 1 End of Course Exams results, school safety, and the SC Department of Education acknowledgment of math test scores.

Dr. Gamble called a point of order to only discuss items on the agenda.

Recognition of School Board Members SCSBA Boardmanship Institute

M. Cannon, Chair, recognized Dr. Gamble and Dr. Burgess for reaching level 2 with the South Carolina School Board Association. They were presented with a certificate and a pin.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the August 26, 2024, board meeting by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Rev. Darby. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____ Date: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Board Chair: _____ Date: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair