

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 26, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Public Service Administrative Building – Council Chambers 1st Floor
201 W. Main Street – Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

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

Member Absent: Mack Burgess

Others Present: Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Travoy McCullough, Ernest Young, Berlinda Mack, and Vernie Williams, Nelson Hilton, Keyanna Hampton

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

Rev. Dicks asked all persons to observe a Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the board minutes by H. Baker seconded by Rev. Dicks. The motion was carried.

Thought of Today

Rev. Darby shared the Thought for Today.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Dr. Janice Gamble and seconded by Dr. Burgess. The motioned was carried.

Public Participation

There was no public comment.

Legislative Update

H. Baker, Legislative Liaison, provided an overview of business completed by the General Assembly to include the adoption of FY 2023-2024 state budget (H.4300), and capital reserve fund (H.4301) compromise proposal presented by the conference committee and the Senate followed with a unanimous vote. In addition to H.4023 adopted by the House and Senate that made changes to the local First Steps Partnership Board

to include providing the appointment of an employee by each local school district board of trustees. Finally, the House and Senate appointed members to a conference committee to work out the differences between House-passed and Senate-passed bill to enact the South Carolina Transparency and Integrity in Education Act, also known as the Critical Race Theory (CRT) bill (H.3728).

Update from meeting with the State Superintendent

M. Cannon, board chair, provided an overview of the meeting with Superintendent Ellen Weaver, Kimberly Mack, and Matthew Ferguson held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. As a result of this meeting, a date to remove the state of emergency could not be provided at that time. The superintendent and staff will be reviewing audit reports of the school district and will share information with the board.

Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy

B. Mack, principal, Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy and Neilson Hilton, Director of Special Programs and Counseling Services, provided information on Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy.

Board Items

Rev. Darby questioned how often the mileage has been raised since 2018 and by how much?

Dr. Wymbs providing additional information about the Leadership Academy at Kenneth Gardner Elementary School. He gave examples of local leadership and the positive impact on students.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Rev. Darby. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____

Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____

Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____