

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 28, 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, Dr. Janice Gamble, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Gary McKenzie, and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: Mike Floyd

Others Present: Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Joseph McCollough, Ernest Young, Dr. Myron Davis, Dr. Latetia Staggers, Genia Smith, Rev. Shawn V. Chestnut, Latonya West and Vernie Williams

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.

Press Release

M. Cannon read the press release from the State Department of Education about the increase of board governance to the local board. The chair appointed the following board members to the Policy Council: Dr. Dicks, committee chair; Mack Burgess, and Gary McKenzie.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda for tonight's meeting by Dr. Dicks, seconded by Dr. Gamble. The motion was carried.

Action Items

A motion was made to approve the Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees Minutes from Monday, September 23, 2024, seconded by Dr. Burgess. The motion was carried.

Thought of Today

C. Isreal shared the Thought for Today.

Public Participation

Rev. Shawn V. Chestnut, parent, expressed her concerns about her daughter's school bus involvement in an accident and the school did not contact the parents.

Legislative Update

M. Burgess, provided the Legislative update on Model Policy for Unencumbered Time for elementary school teachers to provide at least thirty minutes on each regular school day to all full-time teachers teaching in grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

Policy JIC-J- Prohibition of Personal Electronic Devices During the School Day (Third Reading)

M. Cannon read board policy JIC-J that addressed personal electronic devices during the school day. This was the third reading of the policy to be implemented on December 1, 2024. I, Alfred Lenard Darby, make a motion to adopted this policy, seconded by M. Burgess. The motion was carried,

Academic Update, Genia Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership Support

G. Smith, Assistant Superintendent, provided the October updates to include the number of students who participated in the 2-day remediation during the first intersession, District-Wide Common Formative Assessments (CFAs), Weekly District Observation with a focus on Tier 2 instruction, and district wide professional development days. She also provided the following updates: (1) November 7th – Annual United to Read K-2 event with Black River United Way and contact Belinda Mack to volunteer to read; (2) November 9th – MTSS Festival “Changing the Game” and the contact person is Thelvanesa Greene; (3) KMMSA and KGLA were awarded the 2024-2025 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant of \$10,000 for each school; (4) the Kingstree High “River of Soul” Marching Band participated in North Carolina A & T University Homecoming Parade in Greensboro, NC; and (5) partnership with SC State University to launch a Spring cohort for a new Doctoral Program.

Security Update, Greg Palmer, Capitol Security Services, LLC

G. Palmer, Capital Security Services, LLC, provided an update on school security to include armed security and/or School Resource Officers at each school across the district. In addition, he shared that there was no reported incident at the two high school homecomings.

Executive Session

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session by Dr. Gamble, seconded by Rev. Darby. The motion was carried.

Open Session

A motion was made to end the executive session and return to open session by Rev. Darby, seconded by Dr. Gamble. The motion was carried. A motion was made to accept the recommendation from the superintendent for the Finance Director by Dr. Dicks, seconded by M. Burgess. The motion was carried.

Adjournment

I, Alfred L. Darby make a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr.. Dicks. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____