

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 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, Rev. Jerry L. Dicks, Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Janice M. Gamble, Heyward Baker, Mike Floyd, Mack Burgess, and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: Dr. Kenneth Burgess

Others Present: Ernest Young, Joesph McCullough, Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Michael White, Dr. Myron Davis, Vernie Williams, Jennifer Holliday, Stephanie Brown, Makayla McFadden, Tyquajan Swinton, Christi English, Kayla McLaughin, Kelvin Wymbs, Makya Tisdale, Kathy Williams, Greg Palmer, Grace Cooper, Miracle Cooper, Eunice Alston, Maurice McCrea, and Morgan Samuels

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.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the February 26, 2024, consent agenda by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Rev. Dicks. The motioned was carried.

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the board minutes from January 22, 2024 by H. Baker seconded by Rev. Darby. The motion was carried.

Thought of Today

Dr. Gamble shared the Thought for Today.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Legislative Update

H. Baker, Legislative Liaison, provided a copy of the Legislative Update to include the following: S.245, S. 862, S. 588, and H. 4624 bills.

Security Collaboration

Mr. Greg Palmer, Capital Security Services, shared an overview of services to the school district. The company provides security services to the following schools: Hemingway Middle, Hemingway High School (pilot program), Kingstree High School (West and East Campuses) and C. E. Murray Middle School.

Student Spotlight

Dr. Myron Davis, Executive Director of Public Relations, highlighted Miracle Cooper, KHS student, with a video interview of the honoree, teachers, and clip of her speech from King Day at the Dome. Dr. Davis presented her with a certificate along with her grandmother.

Fine Arts Initiative

Mrs. Jennifer Holliday, Director of Fine Arts, Gifted and Talented, and Grants, provided information about students' awards, school district's recognitions for the Arts, and various programs available to students throughout the school district. Mrs. Holliday shared the vision and mission of the school district's Arts Program, grant the school district will receive for participation in a research project to understand the correlation between the arts and reading, and All County will be held at Kingstree, Middle School of the Arts, Thursday, March 28, 2024, 6:00 PM.

Chorus Performance

Christi English, Choral Director, along with her students' performed a few songs.

Board Items

The chair thanked Melissa Woods, Manager, W. M. Anderson Primary School and staff for the delicious breakfast in recognition of Board Appreciation Month. Also, the chair thanked Mrs. Wendy Fulton and staff for a clean audit for the past five years. A School Board Budget Workshop will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 5:30 PM, Williamsburg County School District Professional Development Room, 500 North Academy Street, Kingstree. Finally, the chair referred to article in *The News* about school district continued State of Emergency under the SC Department of Education.

The board provided remarks, comments, and accolades of various activities of scholars and staff across the school district. It was recommended for students to have choir robes as they travel to various performances representing the school and district.

There were questions about millage increases from 2018 to present, but due to board policies, a request must be submitted to the chair and/or superintendent six days prior to next meeting to be placed on agenda. Rev. Darby will submit a request to the chair about mileage increases to be placed on March 2024 board meeting agenda. Dr. Wymbs shared that he will ask his staff to present this information at the next board meeting.

Dr. Wymbs continued to thank staff for their dedication and commitment to serving our scholars and recognized students for their continued awards and achievements.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the February 26, 2024 meeting by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Rev. Darby. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____