

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 21, 2012 – 6:00 P. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

Members Present: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Mr. Joseph Lee, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Mr. James Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Charles Garner

Others Present: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Davis-Cooper, Ms. Christine Green, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Ms. Cynthia Brown, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mr. Douglas Foxworth, Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Mr. Sam Giles, Mrs. Jennifer Holliday, Ms. Bonnie King, Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Mrs. Hattie Pendergrass, Dr. Kerry Singleton, Ms. Roketha Reid, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Ernestine Young, Ms. Michaele Duke, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Lee, Board Secretary and Acting-Chair.

Rev. Norman Gamble led the group in prayer. The group was then asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Garner and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

Public Comment

Ms. Roketha Reid, a WCSD parent, expressed concerns that her son's rank in the junior class at C. E. Murray High School had dropped from number one. She then asked the Board and administration to investigate the matter.

Mr. Lee informed Ms. Reid that the superintendent would provide a response to her concerns.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2012, Board's Budget Committee, Board's Policy Committee, and Regular Board Meetings. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

Action Items

A. Board's Budget Meeting

Mr. Joseph Lee, Budget Committee Chair, made a motion which was seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble, to accept the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget for second reading. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. James Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member opposed: Ms. Norma Bartelle. The motion was carried, (4-1). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

B. Board's Policy Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Garner and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to approve Policies GBEB, GBEC, GBED, GBK, and GCEC for second reading. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

C. Proposed 2012 Summer Work Schedule

A motion was made by Mr. James Darby and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble that the 2012 Summer Work Schedule be approved (Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 5:30 pm and closed on Friday; beginning June 4, 2012, and ending August 2, 2012). The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

D. WCSD Comprehensive Arts Education Plan 2012-2017

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to approve the WCSD Comprehensive Arts Education Plan 2012-2017. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

E-G. Field Trip Requests

A motion was made by Mr. James Darby and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to approve Items E through G, Field Trip Requests, collectively. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

The following Field Trips were approved: **(E)** C. E. Murray High School's Young Ladies of Leadership to Myrtle Beach, SC, June 4-6, 2012; **(F)** C. E. Murray High School's CATE Students to San Antonio, TX, June 27, 2012 – July 3, 2012; and **(G)** Hemingway High School's FBLA/Business Department to San Antonio, TX, June 27, 2012 – July 2, 2012.

H. 2012-2017 Textbook Adoption Recommendations

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to approve the administration's 2012-2017 Textbook Adoption Recommendation. The motion was carried, unanimously, (5-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

The following textbooks were approved:

Publishers	State-Funded Adopted Textbooks
Pearson/Scott Foresman	Scott Foresman Reading Street, K-5
School Education Group	Pre-Calculus-CP, 2 nd Edition
Holt McDougal	Calculus CP- An Applied Approach, 8 th Edition
Pearson-Prentice Hall	Math Tech 4/ Elementary Statistics, 5 th Edition
Holt McDougal	Pre-Calculus with Limits: Graphing Approach, 6 th Edition
Holt McDougal	Calculus AP: Calculus of a Single Variable, 9 th Edition

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. C. E. Murray High School Student Recognized in Essay Contest

C. E. Murray High School Student Kiara Rious, an eighth grader, won 3rd place in the "Soil to Spoon" Essay Contest. Members of the Board of Trustees presented a Certificate of Achievement to Kiara.

B. W. M. Anderson Primary School Students Recognized by SC Economics

Jamal Bostick, a first grade student, and Emani V. McKnight, a kindergarten student, at W. M. Anderson Primary, were presented Certificates of Achievement, by the Board of Trustees, for their posters being selected for publication in the 2012-2013 Economic Concepts Calendar.

C. Kenneth Gardner Elementary School Student Recognized for Math Skills

Elise Campbell, a fifth grade student at Kenneth Gardner Elementary, was one of two top scorers in the fifth grade division at S.C. Section of the American Chemical Society's CSI Workshop held at Claflin University in Orangeburg on April 21st. The School Board of Trustees presented her a Certificate of Achievement.

D. Kenneth Gardner Elementary School Students Recognized for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Art Contest

Dairon Fulton and Brian Chandler, fifth graders at Kenneth Gardner Elementary, were recognized by the SCDE Office of Health and Nutrition for winning first place and second place, respectively, in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Art Contest. Board Members presented Certificates of Achievement to both students.

E. Kenneth Gardner Elementary School Teacher Guest at Bojangles Book Donation

Mrs. Surena Smith, WCSD 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year and fourth grade teacher at Kenneth Gardner Elementary, was present a Certificate of Recognition, by the Board, for being a guest at the Bojangles book donation event at Bojangles of Florence, SC.

F. Kingstree Senior High School Visual and Graphic Arts Department Publishes Magazine

Board Members presented a Certificate of Achievement to Mr. Douglas Foxworth, Graphic Communication teacher and his students for publishing the district's first Art & Literary Magazine, entitled "Pastiche".

G. Finance

Expenditures and Revenues

Ms. Christine Green presented the Revenues and Expenditures Statements to Board Members.

Update on House and Senate Actions

Updated information was provided on the House and Senate votes; and on mandates that impact public school finance.

Update on WCSD Hall of Fame Gala

Ms. Green informed Board Members that \$7,963.00 was deposited from the Gala, and that an additional \$1,025.00 was received during the Board Meeting.

Dr. Jefferson commended administrators, staff members, and the Board for supporting the Gala.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that the Board convene in Executive Session to discuss items listed on the agenda.

A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff

B. Legal Update

C. Contractual Matter

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:40 p. m.

Open Session

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that the Board convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Acting Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 7:25 p. m.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to approve the superintendent's recommendation for the rehiring of administrative personnel for the 2012-2013 school year. Three (3) members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr.

Charles Garner. Two members opposed: Mr. James Darby and Rev. W. C. Henryhand. One member abstained: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. The motion was carried (3-2). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the resignations of Dr. Janice Brown and Mr. Clayton Owens. Five members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member opposed: Mr. James Darby. The motion was carried (5-1). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2012-2013 school year: Miss Katherine A. Brown, Ms. Cynthia Cooper, Miss Stephanie Halmo, Mr. Alexander Kautza, Mr. Domenic Simone, and Miss Francesca Womack. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p. m.

Note: There is a difference in votes because Rev. Henryhand entered during Finance Updates.

Submitted by Joanna M. Fulton

Date June 25, 2012

Board Secretary [Signature]

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Board Reminders:

A. School Board Meetings and Conferences for 2012

High School Graduation Dates:

- 1. Adult Education – May 22, 2012 – 6:00 p. m.
- 2. C. E. Murray High – May 24, 2012 – 8:00 p. m.
- 3. Hemingway High – May 25, 2012 – 6:00 p. m.
- 4. Kingstree Senior High – May 26, 2012 – 8:30 a. m.

WCSD Board Meeting Schedule

- 1. Regular Board Meeting – June 25, 2012

NSBA & SCSBA Meeting Schedule

- 1. New Board Member Orientation – June 9, 2012
- 2. NSBA Southern Region Conference – July 23-26, 2012 – Mississippi
- 3. School Law Conference – August 25-26, 2012 – Charleston/Marriott