

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 28, 2013 – 6:00 P. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

Members Present: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Rev. Alfred Darby, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Joseph Lee

Others Present: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Davis-Cooper, Ms. S. Christine Green, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. Del Brown, Ms. Bonnie King, Ms. Jacqueline Simmons, Attorney Vernie Williams, Mr. LaKarr Cooper, Ms. Michaela Duke, Mr. Chris McKegan, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Vice-Chair.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

Public Comment

Ms. Jacqueline Simmons, President of the Williamsburg County Education Association, addressed the Board on behalf of Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services employees' request for salary increases.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2013, Regular Board Meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

Action Items

A. Board's Budget Workshop

The Budget Workshop was rescheduled to January 30, 2013, at 9:00 a. m., due to the lack of a quorum.

B. WCSD Proposed Calendar for the 2013-2014 School Year

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve the WCSD's Calendar for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

C. Kingstree Senior High School's Field Trip Request

The Vice-Chair asked for objections to approving Action Items C-G, Field Trip Requests, collectively. There were none.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve the following field trips:

1. Kingstree Middle School Music Department to Ashville, NC, February 28–March 2, 2013, to perform with a Collegial Choral Conductor.

2. Hemingway Elementary School BETA/Tiger Cadets to Orlando, FL, May 22-26, 2013, to visit Universal Studios.
3. Hemingway Career and Technology Center to North Charleston, SC, March 13-15, 2013, to compete in HOSA State Leadership Conference.
4. Kingstree Senior High School Science Department to Columbia, SC, January 31, 2013–February 1, 2013, to serve as evaluators.
5. Hemingway High School Science Department to Columbia, SC, January 31, 2013– February 1, 2013, to serve as evaluators.

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

H. Parent's Request to Provide Home School Instruction

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve the parent's request to provide home school instruction. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

I. WCSD Student's Request for Early Completion of High School

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve the WCSD Student's request for Early Completion of High School. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

Information Items

A. WCSD 2012-2013 Junior Scholars

Junior Scholars receive special recognition from the SC Department of Education and have opportunities to participate in special programs sponsored by South Carolina colleges and universities. The 2012-2013 Junior Scholars are Tristan Kinard from Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School and Demarius Smith from Kingstree Middle School. Board Members presented Certificates of Achievement to students

B. WCSD Students Recognized by State Athletic Associations

C. E. Murray High School Student, Naomi Moore, was recognized by the South Carolina Coaches Association as the number #1 player in State Class 1A Girls Basketball, and was also recognized in the December 2012 edition of *High School Sports, SC Basketball Stats* for an impressive record of 21.7 rebounds and 4.7 assists. Board Members presented her a Certificates of Recognition.

Hemingway High School student, Diamond McFadden, was recognized by the South Carolina Coaches Association as one of the top 10 Sophomores in State Class 1A Girls Basketball. Board Members presented her a Certificate of Recognition.

Hemingway High School students, DeQuan Casey and Anthony McCormick, were both named to the All-State Football Team – Class 7A, by the South Carolina Coaches Association. Board Members presented them Certificates of Recognition.

Kingstree Senior High School student, Jahreef Rodgers was recognized in the December 2012 edition of *High School Sports, SC Basketball Stats* for his outstanding record of 21.7 rebounds. Board Members presented him Certificate of Recognition.

Kingstree Senior High School's LaToya Jones was selected by the South Carolina Coaches Association as one of the top 5 Senior AA Girls Basketball players in the State of South Carolina. Board Members presented to her a Certificate of Recognition.

C. CATE Students Participate in 2012-2013 National Development Association Annual Poster Contest (NCDA)

Students from C. E. Murray Middle/High School participated and placed in the 2012-2013 NCDA Annual Poster Contest. Winners were Devyn Cotton and Shatara Singletary, 3rd place, Poster 1; Aaliyah Williams, Mario Paramo, and Jameyel Huges, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places, respectively, Poster 2. Ms. Kathleen Felder, Career Specialist, will receive monetary award of \$100 from NCDA for submitting the most entries. Board Members presented students and advisor Certificates of Recognition.

D. Recognition of Board Members - School Board Recognition Month

Principals Dr. Jennifer Gardner and Mr. Levi Keith made presentations to Board Members; and also recognized and thanked them for actions taken, and decisions made, on behalf of Williamsburg County School District.

E. Board Member Receives 15-year Service Award from SC School Boards Association

Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., Board Vice-Chair, was honored by the School Boards Association, with a letter of commendation and a 15-year lapel pin. His name will appear in the Annual Convention program and he will be asked to stand during the banquet. The Board Chair presented the letter and lapel pin to Rev. Henryhand.

F. South Carolina Department of Education – Transportation Department's Presentation

Mr. Franklin James from the South Carolina Department of Education – Transportation Department was not present to make the presentation to the school district. Dr. Jefferson-Barnes indicated that Mr. James was expected to deliver keys to two new buses for use in the special needs department. She said perhaps the presentation would be made during the February meeting.

G. Update from Student Services

Mr. Eddie Woods, Director of Student Services, provided information on the number of student hearings, dispositions, and referrals made during the month of January 2013. There was also a discussion on disaster preparedness in schools. Dr. Jefferson-Barnes indicated that Mr. Boykin Parson is the disaster preparedness contact person for the school district; and that Mr. Woods has been working through him to provide additional training to school staff.

H. Summary of Grants Received to Date

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes discussed the list of grants received by the school district to date. There was a request for School Improvement Grant information for Kingstree Senior High, which the superintendent indicated she would provide.

I. Instruction

Dr. Bernice Cooper shared information with the Board relative to the Reading Recovery programs at Greeleyville Elementary School, Hemingway Elementary School, and Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts. She said the school district was part of a multi-million dollar grant, through Clemson, to improve students' reading in the elementary level; and that schools were selected, based on the needs of 1st and 2nd grade students in schools. Dr. Cooper then introduced Ms. Pamilla James, Literacy Coordinator and

Reading Recovery Teacher for Florence School District One, who provided detailed information regarding the implementation of the program. Ms. James gave Board Members copies of the packet from which she conducted her presentation. She then addressed questions and concerns from the Board.

J. Finance

Ms. Christine Green presented the Revenues and Expenditures statements for the month of December 2012, which were \$1,993,204.57 and \$2,341,278.75, respectively. She said the two should level off in February.

Ms. Green informed Board Members a letter a notice was sent to all employees regarding the American Tax Relief, which increased payroll taxes.

Board 5-Minute Recess

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby that the Board recess for 5 minutes. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote. The Board recessed at 7:58 p. m.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:05 p. m.

Mr. Del Brown, from McGregor and Company, said everything came out as he expected with the school district's audit report for school year 2011-2012. Mr. Brown called attention to various items within the audit report, such as the fund balance, summary of bonds, balance sheets, financial statements, and the audit summary. He commended the finance department for no deficiencies in the audit. Dr. Jefferson-Barnes also acknowledged Ms. Green and Mr. Thames for their work in the Finance Department.

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. Personnel Matter

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:26 p. m.

Open Session

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee that the Board convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 8:45 p. m.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the resignations of Ms. Sherri B. Johnson and Ms. Nicole L. Scott. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the retirements of Mr. Jayroe Russell, Mr. Charles Power, and Mrs. Jenny Richardson. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2012-2013 school year: Mr. Derrike S. Black, Ms. Shannon S. Brown, Ms. Christina E. Davis, and Ms. Ashley E. Fleming. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p. m.

Note: There is a difference in votes, because Mrs. Barbara McKenzie came to the meeting late, and Rev. Norman Gamble left prior to Open Session.

Submitted by Joann M. Gulton Date 2/25/2013

Board Secretary Alfred Darby Date 2-25-2013

Board Reminders:

A. School Board Meetings and Conferences for 2012

1. Regular Board Meeting – January 28, 2013, Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
2. Legislative Advocacy Conference – November 30, – December 2, 2012 - Hilton Head
3. 2013 Annual Convention – February 21-24, 2013 – Myrtle Beach
4. 2013 NSBA Annual Convention – April 13-15, 2013 – San Diego, CA