

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 24, 2022 – 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, Heyward Baker, Rev. Martin Cunningham, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mack J. Burgess, James Dukes, Jr., and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: Mike Floyd

Others Present: Kelly Burgess, Jennifer Holliday, Sadia McKnight, James L. Patterson, Darrell A. James, Neilson Hilton,

Zoom Video Conference Call: Debra Keels, Janice Gamble, Parent, W, Elenica Burgess, Lerlisa McCollough, Parent, Sharon-Band, A. Salters, Ava Bradley, Alethis, Debra McKnight, A. Carolina, Mary's Galaxy, Leandrea Montgomery, Lorene Bradley,

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

Ms. Cannon asked all persons to observe a Moment of Silence.

Thought of Today

Rev. Martin Cunningham shared the Thought for Today.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the by James Dukes, Jr. and seconded by Heyward Baker. The motioned was carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

There was no public comment.

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby seconded by James Dukes, Jr. to approve the board minutes. The motion was carried.

Legislative Update

Heyward Baker, Legislative Liaison, provided the following updates: (1) Expanded additional oversight of local school districts to the Governor, State Superintendent of Education and themselves with passage of Act 223; and (2) The removal of individual board members for cause to include malfeasance, misfeasance, chronic unexcused absenteeism, conflict of interest, misconduct in office, persistent neglect of duty in office, and deemed medically incompetent or medically incapacitated.

Update from the District

Mrs. Jennifer Holiday, Fine Arts Update, provided information on various grants to support the arts in schools and professional development opportunities for teachers. In addition to new partnerships to support the arts in the school district.

Dr. James Patterson, KHS Fine Arts Department, provided information about field trips focused on the arts, future band competitions and performances, new uniforms, and current membership of 110 students.

Rev. Darrell James, National Public School Broadcasting Network (Media Arts), provided information on a partnership with the school district to train students in broadcasting to start the first of the year.

Mr. Neilson Hilton and Kimberly Brown, Dual Enrollment, provided information about DUAL Enrollment, opportunities for students in partnership with Williamsburg Technical College and The Continuum in Lake City.

Board Items

Chair provided information and a packet from the Pee Dee South Carolina School Board Association (SCSBA) Regional Advocacy Meeting held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

Rev. Darby asked if all parts of CE Murray High School Building were being unutilized and will this continue into the new school year?

Mr. Burgess informed board members of the three community meetings in the Hemingway Community. Meeting are scheduled for October 25, 2022, at New Carmel, October 27, 2022, at Chavis One Stop, and November 1, 2022, at St. Mark AME. Church. All meetings will start at 6:00 PM.

Ms. Cannon, chair, shared the updates from the school district to the Department of Education.

Rev. Dicks asked why he was not informed about the community meetings, but received information from citizens in the community.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Dardy and seconded by Rev. Jerry L. Dicks to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____