

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD'S BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
Monday, June 9, 2015 – 10:30 A. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street – Kingstree, SC 29556**

Members Present: Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mr. Joseph M. Lee, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

Member Absent: Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

Others Present: Mrs. Carrie C. Brock, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. John Thames, Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Attorney Vernie Williams, and Mrs. Joann Fulton.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Rev. Alfred Darby.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

All persons were asked to observe a Moment of Silence; and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

Kingstree Senior High School's Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to approve Kingstree Senior High School's CATE field trip to Chicago, IL, June 28, 2015-July 3, 2015. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

Request to Award Bid for Roofing Repairs

The administration presented information on bids solicited from roofing companies to provide roofing repairs to D. P. Cooper Charter School. The presentation was accepted by the Board as information.

Dr. Linwood Cooper asked Mr. John Thames to explain to the Board the status of the 2015-2016 budget. Mr. Thames explained that the administration was still approximately \$1.3 million dollars short of balancing the budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to convene in Executive Session to discuss the following:

- **Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Reorganization, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff**
- **Presentation of 2015-2016 Classified Staff Recommendations**
- **Legal Updates**

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 10:42 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to convene in Open Session to vote on matters per Executive Session Discussion. The motion was carried, unanimously, (-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 11:55 a.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the resignations of the following personnel at the end of the 2014-2015 school year: Mr. Buckston Davis, Ms. Charlotte Driggers, and Ms. Ginger White; to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2015-2016 school year: Mr. Morgan Fabel, Ms. Krista Mallon, Ms. Marissa Thompson, Ms. Danielle Trauth-Jurman, and Mr. Timothy Williams; and to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel as Chief Financial Officer for the 2015-2016 school year: Mr. Harry Lash. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton that pursuant to the District's support staff reduction in force policy, the Board approve the elimination of the support staff positions recommended by the administration and consequently approve the termination of the employees who are affected by these position eliminations for the 2015-16 school year. Four persons voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., and Dr. Kerry Singleton. One member opposed: Mr. Joseph M. Lee. The motion was carried, (4-1).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton that in order to balance the District's budget, that the Board place all District employees on the salary scale appropriate for their position, including those employees whose salaries have previously been frozen after a transfer. Four persons voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., and Dr. Kerry Singleton. One member opposed: Mr. Joseph M. Lee. The motion was carried, (4-1).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton that in order to balance the District's budget, that the Board approve the administration's recommendations regarding the termination of Employees A, B, and C as discussed in Executive Session in order to prevent the District from having to reduce certified instructional staff positions. Four persons voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., and Dr. Kerry Singleton. One member opposed: Mr. Joseph M. Lee. The motion was carried, (4-1).

Rev. Henryhand thanked Mrs. Carrie Brock and her staff for the hard work that was done to balance the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph M. Lee and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: June 29, 2015

Committee Chair: Alfred Darby Date: 6-29-15