

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 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. Dr. Jerry L. Dicks, Mike Floyd, Mack Burgess, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Janice M. Gamble and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: N/A

Others Present: Joseph McCullough, Ernest Young, Dr. Myron Davis, Dr. Kelvin Wymbbs, Vernie Williams, Amanda Dorris, Rebecca Beaufort English, Georgia Swinton, Craig A. Nesmith, Randall Nesmith, Shaun Swinton, Cathy Williams, Yoland McCray, Latonya West, Verna L. Nesmith, Jr., Dae'Yaughn Burgess, Wendy R. Fulton, Thelvanesa A. Greene, Shawn D. Swinton, and Eunice Alston

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. Dr. 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 May 20, 2024, consent agenda by Rev. Darby and seconded by Rev. Dr. Dicks. The motion was carried.

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the April 9, 2024, and May 14, 2024, workshop session minutes and April 22, 2024, board minutes by Dr. Gamble and seconded by M. Burgess. The motion was carried.

Thought of Today

M. Burgess shared the Thought for Today.

Public Participation

M. Cannon, thanked Representative Roger Kirby for reading the proviso on behalf of Williamsburg County School District on the floor of the House of Representative. The chair read the proviso in its entirety, and it passed the House unanimously with 111 votes. M. Cannon shared that the proviso was supported by Senator

Ronnie A. Sabb and Representative Lucas Atkinson. M. Cannon, asked the secretary to draft a thank you letter on behalf of the board to the delegation.

Rebecca Beaufort English, along with Georgia Swinton, Craig A. Nesmith, and Randall Nesmith, represented the Williamsburg-Blakely Alumni Group, requested the use of Williamsburg-Blakley School for the community.

Georgia Swinton shared the alumni group requested the use of the gymnasium for recreation, office for meetings, and cafeteria for events.

Craig A. Nesmith, 1986 graduated of Williamsburg-Blakley High School, requested use of the building for after-school programs.

Randall Nesmith, candidate for Williamsburg County Council, District 3, provided the status on the building.

All board members were in full support of Williamsburg-Blakely Alumni Group usage of the former D. P. Cooper Elementary School for the community.

Black River United Way Presentation

Yolanda McCray, CEO & President, Black River United Way, provided a copy of the 2023/24 Williamsburg County Impact focused on early childhood success and disaster resiliency. She thanked the school district staff and superintendent for their support throughout the partnership.

2024-2025 Budget (Draft)

Wendy Fulton, Chief Finance Officer, provided a PowerPoint Presentation of the draft FY 25 Budget. The presentation included the following: (1) FY 25 Items included in State Budget; (2) FY 25 District Budget Priorities; (3) FY 25 Senate Finance Projection; (4) Proposed Additions to the FY 25 Budget; (5) Proposed FY 25 Budget; (6) FY 25 Proposed Revenues; (7) Enrollment Decline; (8) Fund Balance terminology; (9) Fund Balance History; (10) FY 25 Capital Needs; and (11) Capital Needs Wish List. W. Fulton presentation was concluded with questions from the board.

Human Resources Vacancy Report

Latonya West, Director of Human Resources, updated the board that there are 16 certified vacancies in early childhood (1), English (1), Math (2), Science (1), Social Studies (2), Special Education (2) Music/Band (3), School Counselor (2), and School Librarian (2).

Summer School Update

Amanda Dorris, Director of Testing & Accountability, provided the board with summer school dates, times, locations, funding sources, staff pay rate, curricula to be used, and administration schedule. Scholars across the school district received an application to apply to attend summer school.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to enter executive session to discuss an individual personnel matter by Rev. Darby and seconded by Dr. Gamble.

A motion was made by Rev. Dr. Dicks to return to open session and seconded by Dr. Burgess. M. Cannon, confirmed that no action was taken in the Executive Session.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the May 20, 2024, board meeting by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Rev. Dr. Dicks. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____