

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 29, 2015 – 6:00 P. M.**  
**Board/Staff Development Meeting Room**  
**423 School Street – Kingstree, South Carolina**

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

**Member Absent:** Mrs. Gladys Dorsey

**Others Present:** Ms. Carrie C. Brock, Dr. Bernice D. Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mr. Harry Lash, Mr. John Thames, Ms. Bonnie King, Dr. Brian McKnight, Ms. Jacqueline Simmons, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Attorney Vernie Williams, VFW Members Matthew Blake, Hardy Brown, Robert McClary and Frankie Pompey, Ms. Michaela Duke, Diane Owens and Ms. Vermelle V. McCrea.

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

**Moment of Silence**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Dentist Harvin, Representative from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, made a presentation to the Board. He said the VFW would like to obtain a piece of land to put a new building on to support all the veterans in the County. The land is adjacent to Kenneth Gardner Elementary School.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2015, Called Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Curriculum and Instruction**

- **WCSD's Summer Institute for Educators**

Dr. Bernice Cooper provided information and highlights of the 2015 WCSD's Summer Institute for Educators.

- **South Carolina Association of School Administrators' (SCASA) 2015 Innovative Ideas Institute**

Principals participated in SCASA's June 21-24, 2015 Innovative Ideas Institute.

**Student Services**

Dr. Brian McKnight distributed draft copies of the K-5 and 6-12 2015-2016 Student Handbooks.

### **Administrative Services**

Mr. Glen Kennedy discussed painting requests for W. M. Anderson Primary, M. B. Lee Middle, and C. E. Murray, and answered questions regarding Kingstree Senior High School's football field renovation. He explained that KSH's home games will be played at C.E. Murray for the 2015-2016 football season, due to the renovation.

### **Finance**

The Expenditures and Revenues Statements were included in the Board Agenda Packet.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **The 2015-2016 Proposed Budget**

Mr. Thames reported that the budget was balanced without a tax increase and without the use of the fund balance.

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the proposed 2015-2016 budget. Five members voted in favor of the motion to approve the budget: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., Mr. Joseph Lee, and Dr. Kerry Singleton. One member opposed: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. The motion was carried (5-1).

#### **Request to Award Bid for D. P. Cooper Roofing Project**

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to award the base bid and alternate 1 to Team Craft Construction. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member opposed: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member abstained: Dr. Kerry Singleton. The motion was carried (4-1-1).

#### **ACT155 Diploma Petitions**

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the student petitions. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to convene in Executive Session to discuss items listed on the agenda.

#### **A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Retirement, Reorganization and/or Resignation of staff**

#### **B. Legal Updates**

1. Facilities Update
2. Contractual Matters

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:34 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to accept the resignations of the following personnel, pending finding a suitable replacement at the end of the 2014-2015 school year: Ms. Leslie Ethridge, Mrs. Vera Johnson, Mrs. Tracy Murray, Mrs. Sharon Powell, and Ms. Adrian Pressley. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to accept the administration's recommendation to terminate the 2015-2016 teacher contract for the following person who has not met the SDE certification requirements for 2015-2016: Ms. Tia Drakeford. Five members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Mr. Joseph Lee, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member abstained: Dr. Kerry Singleton. The motion was carried, (5-0-1).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2015-2016 school year: Ms. Courtney Benjamin, Ms. Deidra Ferron, Mr. David Fleck, Mr. Abraham Fleming, Mr. Gregory Lawson, Ms. Melissa Nichols, Ms. Maria Scala, and Mrs. Wanda Woodberry-Murphy. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Rev. Darby, Board Chair, appointed the following Board Committees:

**Property Committee** Dr. Kerry Singleton, Chair  
Dr. Linwood Cooper  
Rev. W. C. Henryhand Sr.

**Policy Committee** Dr. Linwood Cooper, Chair  
Dr. Kerry Singleton  
Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Vernelle V. McWea

Date: 08/24/2015

Board Secretary: [Signature]

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