

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 27, 2023 – 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, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mack Burgess, Dr. Janice M. Gamble, Heyward Baker, Mike Floyd, and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: Dr. Kenneth Burgess

Others Present: Ernest Young, Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Michael White, Dr. Myron Davis, Vernie Williams, Eunice Alston, Wendy Fulton, Dr. Brian McKnight, LaTonya West, and Michael R. Barrineau

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. 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 consent agenda by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Rev. Dicks. The motioned was carried.

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the board minutes from October 23, 2023, by H. Baker seconded by Dr. Gamble. The motion was carried.

Thought of Today

M. Floyd shared the Thought for Today.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Legislative Update

H. Baker, Legislative Liaison, shared information about H.4125, H.4121 and other various bills for the House Committee to consider when addressing multiple issues in high school sports.

Finance Update

Wendy Fulton, Chief Finance Officer, provided an overview of expenditures and revenue reports. A detailed report can be found on the district website.

Human Resources Update

Latonya West, Director of Human Resources, updated the board on current vacancies in the school district and efforts to assist persons with teacher certification. She informed the board of district-wide recruitment fair tentatively planned for January 2024. Ms. West provided information about the partnership with Voorhees College at no cost to classified staff to complete their bachelor's degree.

2024-2025 SY Calendar Update

Michael White, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Leadership Support, provided information on the traditional versus modified school calendar year and what is required by state law. He shared that the school district is considering a modified school calendar year.

Security Update

Dr. Brian McKnight, Director of Student Services and Transportation, and Michael Barrineau, Executive Director of Facilities Management and Operations, provided an update on security efforts in place for students in various schools throughout the district to include keyless entry, gates, and employment of four School Resource Officers (SRO).

Board Items

M. Cannon shared a written note from a concerned parent about the wearing of hoodies to school. She shared that hoodies can be worn, but head must be uncovered inside the school building. Also, M. Cannon asked M. White to provide additional information about the school district policy about hoodies.

C. Isreal thanked Dr. Wymbbs and his staff for a job well done and for his leadership, vision, innovative programs and services available for students' success.

M. Cannon expressed her appreciation on behalf of the board to Williamsburg County Government and employees for providing security and technology assistance at monthly board meetings. A token of appreciation will be presented at a later date and time. She reiterated her appreciation to Dr. Wymbbs and his staff.

Dr. Wymbbs thanked the board for their continued support, his team for their hard work, and the teachers and staff for their daily work with our scholars.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Rev. Darby and seconded by Rev. Dicks. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____