

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 28, 2025 – 6:00 PM**  
**Public Service Administration Building – Council Chambers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**201 W. Main Street – Kingstree, South Carolina 29556**

**Members Present:** Dr. Jerry L. Dicks, Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Janice Gamble, Ms. Tawan Alston, Mr. Mack Burgess, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Mr. Gary McKenzie and Mrs. Carletta Scott Isreal

**Members Absent:** Marva B. Cannon

**Others Present:** Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Stephanie Brown, Tyleia Thompson, Victoria McFadden, Sarah Thompson, Berlinda N. Mack, Tawanna Bright, Latetia Staggers, Alisha Woodberry, Alana McFadden, Alisha Brand, Jennifer Lamb, Dee Newell, Merlethia Greene, Lauren Darby, Priscilla Darby, LaRhonda Avant, Debbie Donnelly, Sherri McLaughlin, Betty Green, Adriana Green, Vernie Williams, Kayla McLaughlin, Kennedy Henryhand, Valerie McElveen, Tracey Wagner, Susie McCray, Kayla C. Fulton, Patty King, Tyler Ricks, TreQuan McFadden, Shyaira Jones, Myron Davis, Cierra Fleming, India, J. Green, Malcolm Salters, Jervon Salters, Marketta Trotter, Keyanna Hampton, Randall Nesmith, Roxie Cousar, Latonya West, and Neilson Hilton

**Meeting Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice - Chair, Dr. Jerry L. Dicks, at 6:00 pm. The secretary confirmed the Establishment of Quorum and the vice-chair confirmed the Notification of Media.

**Welcome**

The vice-chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

**Moment of Silence**

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 by Dr. J. Gamble to approve the consent agenda for the April 28, 2025 meeting, seconded by Rev. A Darby. Motion was carried.

**Action Items**

A motion was made by M. Burgess to approve the Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees Minutes from Monday, March 24, 2025, seconded by A. Darby. The motion was carried.

**Thought for Today**

Mr. G. McKenzie shared the Thought for Today.

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Legislative Update**

Per M. Burgess, there was no legislative update at this time.

### **Healthy Learners Presentation**

Ms. Delia Newell, Pee Dee Program Manager, and Ms. Merlethia Greene, Student Services Coordinator, presented a slide presentation to the Board of Trustees as they informed the board what programs they have provided the scholars of Williamsburg County for the last four years.

### **Recognition of Early College/Dual Enrollment Scholars**

Mr. Neilson Hilton, Director of Special Programs and School Counseling Services presented the following students a certificate for obtaining more the 60 credit hours toward their college degree. They are: Lauren Darby, Cierra Fleming, Kayla Fulton, Adriana Green, Kennedy Henryhand, Kayla McLaughlin and Kandice Montgomery. He also presented a certificate to Malcolm Salters, who received his Associates Degree and has received a full scholarship from South Carolina State University. Mr. Salter will be entering SCSU as a sophomore.

### **Recognition of Newly Certified Teachers**

Mrs. Angela McClary Rush Fred, Secondary Literacy Coordinator, Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Early Childhood Coordinator and Dr. Myron Davis presented to the Board teachers who passed the Praxis in Early Childhood and Elementary. They are: Tawanna Bright (ECE) and Tyler Ricks, (All 4 parts) of Greeleyville STEAM Academy. Sarah Thompson (ECE), Chassidy Carolina (ECE), Alisha Brand (ECE), Victoria McFadden (ECE), Tykeia Thompson (ECE), and Stephanie Brown (ECE), of W. M. Anderson Primary School. Desmond Collington (ECE), Randy Gamble (ECE), Jasmine Graham (ECE), Novette Steward (ECE), Sasha Verner Elementary (all 4 parts), from Hemingway Elementary School. LaRhona Avant (ECE), Loshanda Mitchell, Elementary, Allegría Reed (ECE), and Alana McFadden, of Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy. Roxie Cousar (ECE) and India Fleming (ECE) of C. E. Murray Middle School.

### **2025-2026 SY Calendar Approval**

Dr. Latetia Staggers presented the results from the 2025-2026 SY Calendar. After discussion, Dr. Staggers stated that the results for the 2025-2026 SY was calendar A. Dr. J. Gamble made a motion to approve Calendar A. Rev. A. Darby seconded the motion. There was a question by C. Isreal, she asked if the parents had the opportunity to vote on the calendar and by what means? Dr. Staggers stated that the parents were sent an email and they also had the opportunity to go through the parent portal on the website. There were 1.2% parents who responded to the calendar survey. Motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

Rev. A. Darby made a motion to go into executive session at 6:37 p.m. Dr. K. Burgess seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rev. A. Darby made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:59 p.m. M. Burgess seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Dicks, vice-chair, stated that there was no action taken in executive session.

### **Adjournment**

C. Isreal made a motion to adjourn the April 28, 2025 board meeting, seconded by Dr. J. Gamble. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Board Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair