

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD'S BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 17, 2012 – 9:00 A. M.  
Main Building Complex - Conference Room  
423 School Street – Kingstree, SC 29556**

**Members Present:** Mr. Joseph Lee and Rev. Norman Gamble

**Member Absent:** Rev. W. C. Henryhand and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

**Other Board Member Present:** Ms. Norma Bartelle

**Others Present:** Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Ms. Christine Green, Dr. Bernice Davis-Cooper, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. John Thames, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Lee, Acting Committee Chair.

All persons were asked to recite the Lord's Prayer, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**UPDATE ON DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL STATUS**

Ms. Christine Green and Mr. John Thames presented an overview of the district's finances. Mr. Thames provided a comparison of the 2011-2012 school year to previous school years. He noted that in building the budget, that the finance department considered in their calculations the downward trend of student enrollment through the years; and therefore, incorporated a loss of 150 students for the 2012-2013 school years. The student based cost is expected to be \$2,012.

Rev. Norman Gamble suggested that members of County Council and the county auditor should have been in the meeting to receive the presentation, and the affect of the declining population on the school district.

Ms. Green provided a school year, by school year, comparison of the general fund balance; beginning with year 2007-2008, and continued through 2011-2012. She explained that during 2012-2013 furlough days and teacher raises would be added back to the budget. Ms. Green further explained that the state was not permitting districts to impose furlough days for the 2012-2013 school year. The total projected budget is \$32,614,911.

There was a discussion on the percentage of tax funds being received by the county, compared to the amount being provided to the school district.

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes spoke statistics as why the student population has declined through the year, to include environment, diversity, and employment reasons. She expects to present to the Board at the next session, her research findings.

Initiatives to generate funds for the district i.e. the one penny sales tax, a scholarship gala, and grant initiatives, were discussed.

The superintendent was asked to schedule a meeting with county officials to have the finance department make the same presentation, as was presented that morning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously, (2-0). The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a. m.

Submitted by: Joana M. Fulton Date: 4/30/2012

Board Chair: [Signature] Date: 4/30/12