

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 25, 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. Jerry L. Dicks, Heyward Baker, Mike Floyd, Mack Burgess, Rev. Alfred Darby, and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: Dr. Janice M. Gamble

Others Present: Ernest Young, Joesph McCullough, Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Dr. Myron Davis, Vernie Williams, Thomas Loner, Angela Fred, Alexis Brunson, Jervon Salters, Malcolm Salters, Dr. Tara Richardson, Cynthia Nesmith, LaShanda V. Nesmith, LaQuandra K. Nesmith, Isaiah Charley, Wendy R. Fulton, Marc Woods, Michael Barrineau, Santanya McClary, Rachel Cooper, Eunice Alston, Neilson Hilton, Omar Montgemery, and Donna Palmer

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 March 25, 2024, consent agenda by Rev. Dicks and seconded by H. Baker. The motioned was carried.

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the board minutes from all last meetings by Rev. Dicks seconded by H. Baker. The motion was carried.

Thought of Today

Dr. Burgess shared the Thought for Today.

Public Participation

Jervon Salters, parent from Kingstree High School (KSH), asked if students will have access to Advanced Placement (AP) classes?

Legislative Update

H. Baker, Legislative Liaison, provided a copy of the Legislative Update to include continued hearing of the budget by the Senate Finance K12 Subcommittee, H. 5245, H. 4702, and H. 4703.

Financial Update

Wendy Fulton, Chief Financial Officer, provided board members with a copy of the 2023-2024 Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of February 2024.

Auditor's Update

Marc Woods, Auditor, Sheheen, Hancock, & Godwin, provided an overview of the June 30, 2023, Audit Report. He summarized the outline of the Audit Report of the school district and information included in each section of the report.

Facility Updates

Michael Barrineau, Executive Director of Operations & Facility Services, and Mr. Omar Montgomery, Assistant Director of Operations & Facility Services updated the board on awards and projects. The school district was awarded two projects to complete the summer of 2024. The projects were painting of Kingstree Middle Magnet School, and replacement of bleachers and flooring at Hemingway High School. A third project, to start later, was the replacement of bleachers and flooring at C.E. Murray Middle & Elementary School.

O. Montgomery provided the board with a copy of 423 School Street (old district office) of housing for teachers, and updates to baseball field and constructing of a new softball field at KSH.

A motion was made for the board to petition the state department to give us funding for the fields and for housing for incoming teachers was made by Rev. Darby and seconded by Dr. Burgess. The motion was carried.

Dual Enrollment

Neilson Hilton, Director of Special Programs and School Counseling Services, updated the board about Early College and Dual Enrollment of scholars across the district. His presentation was concluded by a personal story from Isaiah Charlie, Hemingway High School scholar, on the benefits of Dual Enrollment Classes.

English Curriculum/AP Course

Angela Fred, Secondary Literacy Coordinator, provided an overview about the following: Profile of the South Carolina Graduate, new standards, and Advanced Placement (AP) Classes. Mrs. Fred shared her work with recruitment, teacher retention and Praxis Examination preparation.

Flex Academy

Dr. Tara Richardson, Director of Flex Academy, provided a copy and updated the board about the Flex Academy, Evening Star, and Summer Bridge Program 2024 for raising 9th graders.

Student Spotlight

Dr. Myron Davis, Executive Director of Public Relations, recognized Mr. Isaiah Charlie, and Elise Phillips for their academic performance.

Dr. Wymbs thanked staff for their dedication and commitment to the school district. He solicited the assistance of the community, students, and parents during the i-Ready Assessment.

Board Items

The chair thanked school district staff, county government staff, scholars, and Dr. Wymbs for assistance with board meetings and scholars.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the March 25, 2024, meeting by Rev. Darby and seconded by Rev. Dicks. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____