

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 23, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

Members Present: Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Mr. Joseph Lee, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

Member Absent: Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr.

Others Present: Ms. Carrie C. Brock, Mr. Harry Lash, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mr. Mark Easterling, Mr. Ray James, Ms. Bonnie King, Ms. Berlinda Mack, Dr. Brian McKnight, Mr. Javonne Montgomery, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Ms. Cassandra Pressley, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Ms. Erin Fisher (LowCountry Food Bank), Rev. Leroy Williams, Attorney Vernie Williams, Members of Williamsburg County Ministerial Alliance, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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 Dr. Linwood Cooper to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Public Comment:

- Ms. Erin Fisher from the LowCountry Food Bank of Charleston, SC made comments to the Board regarding the partnership between that organization and the school district. She presented Superintendent Carrie Brock with a check in the amount of \$5,000 to provide assistance with summer meals for students attending summer school at Hemingway Elementary School.
- Mr. Ray James, a teacher at Kingstree Senior High School, asked the Board to reconsider their decision to transfer a coach from Kingstree Senior High School to another school within the district.
- Bishop Linwood Cooper stated that members of the Williamsburg County Ministerial Alliance are available to assist district schools with discipline. Rev. Franklin Fulmore, President of the Alliance, introduced other members who were present, and pledged their continued support to the school district. The group is composed of ministers from all areas of Williamsburg County.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2016, Board's Property Committee and the Regular Board Meetings. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Brock informed Board Members that the district's Strategic Plan was in place, and that additional information was included in their Board Books. She said the instructional staff was in place to address any concerns from Board Members.

Student Services

With reference to discipline, Dr. McKnight stated the following:

- Students have been instructed not to bring book bags, backpacks, etc. during the last week of school.
- There was a discussion on incidents at Kingstree Senior High and Hemingway High Schools. Dr. McKnight stated that students that were suspended were allowed to come to back school to take exams, and then leave campus immediately afterwards.
- Dr. McKnight stated that a bus driver training was being conducted in the district, with 5 to 6 participants, May 23-26, 2016.

Finance

Expenditures and Revenues

Mr. Harry Lash, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Expenditures and Revenues Statements.

The administration and Board discussed the following:

- Bus Driver Salary Scales
- Proposed teachers' step increase and the state mandated percentage increase (2%)
- Proposed Retired Teachers' Pay Rate (70%) for 2016-2017

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. SCAGO Educational Facilities Corporation Trust Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve a resolution authorizing not exceeding \$3,500,000 general obligation bonds through the Fall 2016 SCAGO GO Program. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

B. Board Budget Workshop

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Ms. Gladys Dorsey to approve the second reading of the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

C. The Proposed 2016 Summer Work Schedule

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to approve the following summer work schedule: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and closed on Friday; beginning on Monday, June 6, 2016, and ending at the close of the workday on Thursday, July 28, 2016. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to convene in Executive Session to discuss items listed on the agenda.

A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Reorganization, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff

B. Receipt of Legal Advice

1. Facilities Requests

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton 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 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to release the following administrative personnel from her 2016-2017 contract: Ms. LaShanda Keels. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following administrative personnel for the 2016-2017 school year: Mr. Christopher L. Carden. Five members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Mr. Joseph Lee, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member opposed: Dr. Kerry Singleton. The motion was carried, (5-1).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2016-2017 school year: Ms. Francis M. Atkinson, Mr. Elmer Bench, Mrs. Teresa Brown, Mr. Earl D. Brown, III, Ms. Linda Burke, Ms. Kathryn Cooke, Ms. Caitlin Crosby, Ms. Alisha Corcell, Ms. Heather Corcell, Mrs. Sylvia Davis, Ms. Claysie Dawkins, Ms. Sarah Fielder, Ms. Christina Fiorillo, Ms. Kaylyn Freeman, Mr. William Heath, Ms. Cathy Lumsden, Ms. Cara Pirtle, Ms. Akisha Ruschell, Ms. Laura Sanders, Ms. Julie Smalls, Dr. Felicia Tention, Ms. Adriana Wingard, and Ms. Lydia Woodbury. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: 6-27-2016

Board Secretary: Gladys B Dorsey Date: 6/29/16