

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 24, 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, Dr. Jerry L. Dicks, Mike Floyd, Mack Burgess, Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Dr. Janice M. Gamble and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: N/A

Others Present: Joseph McCullough, Ernest Young, Dr. Myron Davis, Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Vernie Williams, Amanda Dorris, Stacey Mooneyham, Shayla Wilson, Marie Murphy, Thelvanesa Greene, Delores Wilson, Wendy Fulton, Cherlisa Nesmith, Danyra Williams, Daviana Williams, Dorothy Flagler, Robinette Whitaker, Patricia Sabb, Jack Wilson, Jackie Hailes, Michael Kelly, Hope Kelly, Randall Nesmith, Neilson Hilton, and Cheryl Lane

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

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 to amend the agenda to reflect the final reading of the WCSD FY 2024-2025 Budget by Dr. Dicks and seconded by Dr. Burgess. A motion was made to approve the June 24, 2024, consent agenda by Rev. Darby and seconded by Dr. Dicks. The motion was carried.

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the May 20, 2024, board minutes by M. Burgess and seconded by Dr. Burgess. The motion was carried.

Thought of Today

Dr. Gamble shared the Thought for Today.

Public Participation

M. Cannon referenced board policy on the procedures to place items on meeting agenda.

Delores A. Morris Wilson, 128 Minnie Lane, Kingstree, SC, had a question about the annual tax increases on citizens each year and why.

Randall Nesmith, 124 Trio Andrews, SC, Williamsburg-Blakely Alumni Group, asked about the status on the use of DP Cooper Elementary School after the request from the alumni group.

Legislative Updates

M. Cannon, Board Chair, provided the legislative updates on the following: (1) Conference Committee will address the differences between the House of Representative and the Senate version of the budget; and (2) the adoption of Proviso 1.109 requested for the State Department of Education provide Williamsburg County Legislative Delegation with a written report by January 1st on the status of declaration for the state of emergency on Williamsburg County School District.

SPEC Update

T. Greene, Executive Director of Special Services, provided a PowerPoint Presentation on updates from the Special Services Department. Her report included services provided by the department, highlights of program, students with disabilities, highlights from Special Education Profile and Determinations, transition coach, attendance data, Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Social Emotional Learning goals for 2024-25 school year, and participation in the upcoming review process for 2024-25 school year.

WCSD FY 2024-2025 Final Budget

W. Fulton, Chief Finance Officer, provided a PowerPoint Presentation to include Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 District Budget Priorities, proposed additions to the FY 2025 budget, and proposed FY 2025 Budget, proposed revenues. A motion was made to accept the FY 2024-2025 final budget by Rev. Darby and seconded by M. Burgess. The motion was carried.

Student Spotlight

Cherlisa Nesmith, Hemingway High School, and MaKayla Dukes, Kingstree High School, were highlighted for their academic and athletic achievements. Each student was presented with a certificate from the superintendent.

Board Presentation

Danyre' Williams, Hemingway High School, and Michael Kelly, Kingstree High School, were each presented with a \$400.00 scholarship from members of Williamsburg County School District Board of Trustees.

Dual Enrollment Update

N. Hilton, Director of Special Programs and School Counseling Services, shared information on WCSD Class of 2024 Dual Enrollment Academic distribution by grades, 39 seniors enrolled, 495 transferable credit hours earned, 39 seniors were college ready with a grade of C or better, seven seniors earned General College Studies Certificates, and 13 students will enter college as a second semester freshmen. Mr. Hilton shared the cost saving measures for families of students who took advantage of this opportunity.

Board Items

Board members highlighted the successes of our scholars to include on time graduation, high school graduation ceremonies, monetary incentives to teachers for improving students' academic achievements, request DP Cooper Elementary School to be placed on next meeting's agenda, shared the state department

was responsible for increase in citizen taxes, and need of a new high school in Williamsburg County School District.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the June 24, 2024, board meeting by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Dr.. Dicks. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____