

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 24, 2013 – 6:00 P. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingtree, South Carolina

Members Present: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., Rev. Alfred Darby, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Joseph Lee

Others Present: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Cooper, Mr. Stanley Brunson, Ms. Christine Green, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mrs. Sarah Boyd, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Dr. Janice Gamble, Mrs. Priscilla McClary, Mr. Emerson McCray, Ms. Jeretta Rodgers, Attorney Vernie Williams, Mr. Eddie Woods, Ms. Michaela Duke, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Board Chair.

Moment of Silence

The Chair asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of the student from C. E. Murray who died in a car accident. All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to adopt the agenda.

Question

Rev. Darby requested information regarding the 9th Grade Academy, and Common Core Standards.

Rev. Darby requested that a board meeting be scheduled in July to discuss Common Core Standards and the Charter School.

The motion to adopt the agenda was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

Public Comment: There were none.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2013, Board Budget Committee and Regular Board Meetings, and the June 3, 2013, Called Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Budget Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the Board Budget Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed 2013-14 Budget for third and final reading. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

B. Refunding Resolution

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Refunding Resolution. The Resolution was approved unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

C. Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Resolution

The Chair called for a vote to approve the Tax Anticipation Note Resolution. Five members voted in favor of the Resolution: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. One member opposed: Mr. Joseph Lee. The Resolution was approved, (5-1). The Chair did not vote.

D. Flexibility Funding

The Chair called for a vote to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the Funding Flexibility Report in accordance with Provisos 1.40, 1.47 and 1A.22. The Funding Flexibility Report was approved unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

E. Placement of Agenda Items

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to place Information Items at the beginning of Board Meeting Agendas, before Action Items. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union Recognized District Student

Paige McKnight, a student at Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts and winner of Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union of Myrtle Beach's "Savings Sleuth Money Mystery Youth Promotion 2013", was congratulated and presented a certificate from Carolina Trust, along with a Certificate of Recognition from Board Members.

B. WCSD Students Winners in State Track Meet

Congratulations were extended, and Certificates of Recognition were presented to the following C. E. Murray High School students who were winners in the South Carolina State Track Meet, held in May 2013: Jamel Huges, Donte Singletary, and Steven Edwards.

C. District School Received Arts Grant

Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts was commended for receiving an "Arts in the Basic Curriculum" (ABC) grant in the amount of \$3,750, from South Carolina Arts Commission.

D. Williamsburg County School District's Crisis Management Guide – 2012-2015

A copy of the school district's Crisis Management Guide was provided to each Board Member.

E. Instruction

Dr. Bernice Cooper presented a synopsis of the Summer Institute for Educators that was facilitated by the district's Instruction Department, during the week of June 10, 2013. She addressed Board Members' questions and concerns. Dr. Cooper stated that she would provide statistical information on employee attendance (by school) at the conference, as requested by a Board Member.

F. Student Services

Mr. Woods noted that draft copies of Student Handbooks were included in agenda packets. He provided information on: the expulsion of African-American male students; the district's bullying policies and procedures; and cyberbullying. There were discussions on the following: in-school suspension; student uniforms; offering additional sports; grants for metal detectors; campus security; and reduction in transportation fines.

G. Administrative Services

Mr. Kennedy provided updates on the following topics: cyberbullying; transportation for, and supervision of, district athletes and afterschool program participants; and offering additional sports.

H. Finance

Ms. Green presented the Expenditures and Revenues Statements to Board Members.

Rev. Darby stated: "Let the records show, I think we're a little top heavy at the district."

Ms. Green provided and explained information requested by a Board Member, relevant to each school's combined employee absences for 2012-2013. She then thanked the Board for allowing her to serve as the district's Chief Financial Officer for the past years. Board Members expressed their gratitude to her.

I. Board Policy Revision Process

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes informed Board members that the board policy revision process would begin July 1, 2013, with the SC School Boards Association.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to convene in Executive Session to discuss items listed on the agenda.

- A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff**
- B. Legal Matters**

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:35 p. m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 8:12 p. m.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to release the following personnel from their 2013-2014 contracts: Mr. Abraham Fleming, Mr. Allen Keels, and Mr. Richard Watts. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to transfer the following personnel to Special Education Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs. Melanie Dukes. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2013-2014 school year: Mr. Michael A. Casey, Ms. Shanekqua Gamble, Ms. Cheryl O. Lane, Ms. Chelsea Marone, Ms. Jamie Nunnery, Mr. SamFullard J. Singleton, Ms. Ashley Sumpter, Ms. Erin Ward, and Mrs. Linda Weaver. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to follow semi-monthly payroll and pay period option 1: Process the first semi monthly (24 checks) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, on 8/31/2013. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member opposed: Rev. Alfred Darby. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-1). The Chair did not vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p. m.

Note: There is a difference in votes, because Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. left prior to Open Session.

Submitted by: Joana M. Fulton Date: 8/26/13

Board Secretary: Alfred Darby Date: 8-26-13