

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2022 – 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, Rev. Martin Cunningham, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mack J. Burgess, James Dukes, Jr., and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: Mike Floyd

Others Present: Michael White, Kelvin Wymbs, Janice M. Gamble, Louise Murray, Kenneth Burgess, Sr., Delores William, Mrs. McNelloge, Catherine Singletary, Kentresea S. Burgess, Kyler V. Burgess, Tracy M., Kimberly Carroway, Clifford Gamble, Elneicia Burgess, Anita James McNellage and Mackenize Burgess

Zoom Video Conference Call: Debra Keels, Parent, Rebecca Brooks, Vernishia Hunter, Amanda Davis, Nikkie A. White, Leandrea Montgomery, Kimily Brown,

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Marva B. Cannon at 6:02 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

Ms. Cannon asked all persons to observe a Moment of Silence.

Thought of Today

James Dukes, Jr. shared the Thought for Today.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by James Dukes, Jr. and seconded by Rev. Jerry L. Dicks. The motioned was carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in of New Board Members

The chair read the board policy regarding newly elected and incumbent board members' terms.

Judge Williams sworn in newly elected and returning board members to include Heyward Baker, District 6; Mack Burgess, District 2; Marva Cannon, District 5; Dr. Janice Gamble, District 4; and Dr. Kenneth Burgess, At-Large. The chair presented Dr. Gamble and Dr. Burgess with a copy of section B of Board Governance in preparation for January 2023 board meeting. Their terms will start on January 1, 2023.

Public Participation

Anita James McNellage, addressed the board on two matters that have been resolved regarding her certified letter she sent to two board members about a teaching position with Williamsburg County School District (WCSD).

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Rev. Darby seconded by Mr. Dukes, Jr. to approve the October 24, 2022, board minutes with one correction to change the word from “reminded” to informed” under Board Items about the Hemingway Community Meetings. The motion was carried.

Legislative Update

Heyward Baker, Legislative Liaison, referenced the first meeting of the newly elected Berkeley County School Board since election, the board voted to fire the superintendent and hired his replacement. Mr. Baker shared this example as an opportunity on how board members should not address a personnel matter. Therefore, he read Section 30-4-15. Findings and purpose and Section 30-4-70. Meetings which may be closed; procedure, circumvention of chapter; disruption of meeting; executive sessions of General Assembly.

Update from the District

Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Superintendent, remembered two teachers of WCSD who were laid to rest, Ms. Green and Ms. Blackwell. He highlighted the outstanding work of both teachers in their commitment to teaching and educating children in the Greelyville Community.

Dr. Wymbs introduced Mr. Michael J. White, new Chief Academic Officer, WCSD to the board. Mr. White shared a PowerPoint presentation about his background, leadership vision, leadership philosophy and core values, pillars of support, goals, and entry plans.

Board Items

The chair presented Rev. Cunningham and Mr. Dukes with a replica of the plaque each will receive at a later date, for serve to WCSD from 2018-2022.

Rev. Darby asked if it was possible to honor Mr. Columbus Giles, first African-American, Superintendent of Williamsburg County? Board chair shared it was noted, and took it under advisement.

Rev. Dicks announced the Rural Health Summit scheduled for November 29, 2022, at Williamsburg County Recreational Complex from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Rev. Cunningham and Mr. Dukes thanked the legislative delegation and citizens for appointing and electing them to serve on the board.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Rev. Darby and seconded by Mr. Dukes to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____