

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 25, 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, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., Mr. Joseph Lee, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

**Others Present:** Ms. Carrie C. Brock, Ms. Roberta Cumbee, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Mr. Harry Lash, Ms. Cynthia Brown, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mr. Mark Easterling, Mr. Ray James, Ms. Bonnie King, Ms. Berlinda Mack, Ms. Samantha McClary, Dr. Brian McKnight, Mr. Javonne Montgomery, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Mr. Ernest Young, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

**Moment of Silence**

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 (7-0).

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Samantha McClary, a Kingstree Senior High School Band Booster Club Member, addressed the Board, requesting financial assistance to help purchase new band uniforms for the school. She stated that the total cost for 70 uniforms would be \$29,173.

Rev. Darby informed her that a response would be sent to her within five days.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2016, Property Committee Meeting and the Regular Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Curriculum and Instruction**

Ms. Roberta Cumbee informed Board Members that the SREB curriculum provides professional development that would end on April 30, 2016. She also stated the following:

- Plans have been made to establish an SAT testing site at Kingstree Senior High School.
- The South Carolina State Department of Education will implement the following grading system for the 2016-17 school year: D=60-70, C=70-80, B=80-90, and A=90-100.

## **Student Services**

**Transportation:** Dr. McKnight informed the Board that the first activity bus has already been delivered, and the others would be in by June 2016.

Dr. McKnight stated that there is still a shortage in bus drivers, but the department is looking to train drivers during the summer.

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

- There have been no signs of gang related activities on campuses;
- Students have been instructed not to bring book bags, backpacks, etc. during the last two weeks of school.

## **Finance**

### **Expenditures and Revenues**

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

The administration and Board discussed the following:

- Review of Bus Driver Salary Increase
- Proposed teachers' step and percentage of increases
- Student BSC for 2016, \$2,350
- Cameras have been installed, but the final stages of the project must wait until after student testing has been completed at the schools.
- Update on repairs to the Kingstree Senior High School's football field.
- Proposed Retired Teachers' Pay Rate (70%) for 2016-2017

Dr. Kenneth Burgess stated that the state government has provided funding for rural school districts, of which WCSD would receive \$115,000 for current K-12 special education teachers (\$1,500 each). He stated that high school math and science teachers would also receive \$1,500 each. Dr. Burgess shared that 8 million dollars (\$8,000,000) would be provided to school districts for teacher retention next year.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Williamsburg County School District's Strategic Plan for 2016-2021**

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the Williamsburg County School District's Strategic Plan for 2016-2021. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

### **C. E. Murray High School's Field Trip Request**

The Chair asked for objections to approving Items B and C as one. There were no objections. A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve the field trip requests. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0). The following field trips:

- The C. E. Murray High School Athletic Department request to travel to Chapel Hill, NC, June 15-16, 2016.
- The C. E. Murray High School Athletic Department request to travel to Spartanburg, SC, June 22-24, 2016.

### 2016-2017 Williamsburg County School District Curriculum

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Ms. Barbara McKenzie to approve the administration's request for the locally designed elective courses listed below for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

Course Name and Number	Course Name and Number
309902CW Employ English 9th	39010006 Computer Lab
309903CW Employ English 10th	39020009 GED-Prep
309904CW Employ English 11th	21991700 Pre-Algebra 7
309905CW Employ English 12th	21991800 Pre-Algebra Grad 8
309914CH HSAP R/W/English	23990100 Life Skills
309921CW Coll. Trans. Reading	309917CW Academic Enric G7
309922CW Coll. Trans. Eng./Writing	309918CW Academic Enric G8
319901CW Math Essentials	309914CH HSAP R/W/English
319902CW Employ Math 9th	319910CH HSAP Math
309903CW Employ English 10th	32990700 Credit Recover SC
319904CW Employ Math 11th	379999CW AVID Course Essen.
319905CW Employ Math 12th	27994300 Class Works Lab
319921CW Coll. Trans. Math	30991200 Credit Recovery EL
329901CW Employ Sci. 9th	309915CW Elements of Gramma
329902CW Employ Sci. 10th	31990800 Credit Recovery MA
329903CW Employ Sci. 11th	32990700 Credit Recovery SC
329904CW Employ Sci. 12th	33990900 Credit Recovery SS
339902CW Employ SS 9th	379921CW Junior ROTC5
339904CW Employ SS 10th	459902CW Concert Band I
339905CW Employ SS 11th	459903CW Concert Band II
339906CW Employ SS 12th	459904CW Concert Band III
379920CW Serv Learning	459905CW Concert Band IV
39000000 Employ. Prep. Language Arts	

### Williamsburg County School District Requests Permission to Apply for Title I Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Ms. Barbara McKenzie to approve the administration's request for permission to apply for Title I, Title II, Title III, and Title VI Funds for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

### Williamsburg County School District Middle School Alignment

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the middle school grade configuration for Williamsburg County School District, 6th, 7th, and 8<sup>th</sup>; with the 6th graders from Greeleyville Elementary School transitioning to C. E. Murray Middle School for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

### **Williamsburg County Recreation Department's Request for Use of Facilities**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the Williamsburg County Recreation Department's request to use of the Kingtree Annex Cafeteria to prepare lunches for its Summer Food Program, June 6, 2016, through July 29, 2016. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

### **Property Committee Meeting**

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie that the Board authorizes the administration to have an appraisal conducted of former vacant schools, specifically, Cades-Hebron Elementary School, Tomlinson High School, St. Mark Elementary School, Battery Park Elementary School, and Williamsburg High School, to assist the Board in determining what property should be leased or sold. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper that the district deed transfer ownership to the McClary-Cole Post 6500 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, better known as the VFW, a small parcel of land, adjacent to the Kenneth Gardner Elementary School site, to be used for the expansion of the current VFW Building. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey 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, (7-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

### **OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie 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, (7-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 7:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to conditionally approve the termination of Employee A subject to the employee's right to request a hearing on the merits should the employee request a hearing. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to conditionally approve the termination of Employee B subject to the employee's right to request a hearing on the merits should the employee request a hearing. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to conditionally approve the termination of Employee C subject to the employee's right to request a hearing on the merits should the employee request a hearing. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2016-2017 school year: Ms. Lyaisha Barr, Ms. LyKaisha Barr, Ms. Carmen Bilton, Mr. Samuel Boddu, Ms. Jean M. Brown, Ms. Virginia Graham, Ms. Tanya Pressley, Mr. Robert J. Ragno, Ms. Diane Rankin, and Ms. Shelbie D. Spring. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: 5/23/16

Board Secretary: Gladys Dorsey Date: 5/23/16