

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 30, 2012 – 6:00 P. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

Members Present: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Mr. Joseph Lee, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Mr. James Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Charles Garner

Others Present: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Davis-Cooper, Ms. Christine Green, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mrs. Valeria Brown, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mr. Mark Easterling, Dr. Janice Gamble, Mr. Levi Keith, Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Ms. Angela McClary-Rush, Dr. Fred Moore, Dr. Kerry Singleton, Ms. Wanda C. Wilson, Ms. Ernestine Young, Ms. Michael Duke, Mr. Christopher McKagen (Weekly Observer) and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

Rev. Norman Gamble led the group in the Lord's Prayer. The group was then asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

Public Comment

Ms. Wanda C. Wilson, a WCSD parent, asked the Board's permission to establish a Strings Band Booster to support efforts of the district's Strings Program.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2012, Regular Board Meeting, and the April 17, 2012, Board's Budget Committee Meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

Action Items

A. Board's Budget Committee Meeting

Mr. Joseph Lee, Budget Committee Chair, made a recommendation that a Budget Workshop be conducted with the full Board, in June, to receive information from the administration on the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget.

There was a discussion on an earlier date for the workshop.

Five members voted in favor of the recommendation: Mr. James Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One Member opposed: Ms. Norma Bartelle. The recommendation was approved (5-1). The Chair did not vote.

B. Board's Policy Committee Meeting

Policy BID – Board Member Compensations and Expenses

Mr. Charles Garner, Committee Chair, made a recommendation that a letter be sent to Senator Yancey McGill, Chairman of the Legislative Delegation, requesting that the Board be compensated at its current per

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diem rate. Six members voted in favor of the recommendation: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, and Mr. Joseph Lee, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One Member opposed: Mr. James Darby. The recommendation was approved (6-1).

Policy GBEC – Drug and Alcohol Free Schools

A recommendation was made by Mr. Charles Garner to approve Policy GBEC, Option #1, for first reading. Five members voted in favor of the recommendation: Mr. James Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One Member opposed: Ms. Norma Bartelle. One member abstained: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. The recommendation was approved (5-1).

Policy GBED – Tobacco-Free Schools/Staff No Smoking/Smoking

A recommendation was made by Mr. Charles Garner to approve, for first reading, Policy GBED, Option 1; with the opening statement reading *"The district does not permit smoking in any of its school facilities."* The recommendation was approved, unanimously, (7-0).

Policy GBEB – Staff Conduct

A recommendation was made by Mr. Charles Garner to approve Policy GBEC, for first reading. The recommendation was approved, unanimously, (7-0).

Policy GCEC – Posting and Advertising of Professional Vacancies

A recommendation was made by Mr. Charles Garner to approve Policy GCEC, for first reading. Six members voted in favor of the recommendation: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Mr. Joseph Lee, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One Member opposed: Mr. James Darby. The recommendation was approved (6-1).

Policy GBK – Staff Concerns/Complaints/Grievances

A recommendation was made Mr. Charles Garner to approve, for first reading, Policy GBK, with *Option* included. The recommendation was approved, unanimously, (7-0).

C-F. Field Trip Requests

The Chair asked for objections to considering collectively, for approval, Items C through F, Field Trip Requests. There were no objections.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to approve Items C through F, Field Trip Requests. The motion was carried, unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

The following field trips were approved: **(C)** Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center's Health Science Technology Class to Orlando, FL, June 19-24, 2012; **(D)** Kingstree Senior High School's Health Science Class to Orlando, FL, June 19-24, 2012; **(E)** C. E. Murray High School's Golf Team to Ninety-Six, SC, May 6-8, 2012; and **(F)** Hemingway Career and Technology Center's Cosmetology Class to Kansas City, MO, June 23-28, 2012.

G. Strategic Plan Update

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to approve the Strategic Plan Update. The motion was carried, unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Williamsburg County School District's Students Winners in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference

Members of the Board of Trustees presented Certificates of Achievement to the following students who competed and placed in the SC FBLA State Leadership Conference, March 23-24, 2012.

COMPETITION	PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL
Career Exploration	4 th	Daija Rodgers	CEM
Career Exploration	3 rd	Morgan Green	CEM
Introduction to Business Communication	2 nd	Latia Harvin	CEM
Accounting 1	3 rd	Devona Holmes	HHS
Entrepreneurship (Team)	3 rd	Jasmine Beaufort Siera Davis Paris Mebane	CEM
Impromptu Speaking	2 nd	Khadijah Dennis	KSH
Public Speaking II	1 st	Cambridge Gamble	CEM

B. Hemingway Career and Technology Center's Cosmetology Student Wins 1st Place State Title for the Second Consecutive Year

The Board of Trustees presented a Certificate of Achievement to Joshua Washington, 1st Place Winner, in the state cosmetology division of the SC Skills USA held in Greenville, SC.

C. C. E. Murray High School's Students Place in the SC Skills USA Competition

The Board of Trustees presented Certificates of Achievement to the following students who competed and placed, during the state SC Skills USA held in Greenville, SC:

COMPETITION	PLACE	NAME
Air Conditioning Refrigeration	4 th	Chris Capers
Air Conditioning Refrigeration	5 th	Ryan Graham

D. Kingstree Middle School's Junior Scholar Honored

A certificate of Achievement was presented to Alacia, by Board Members, for being honored by Pee Dee Education Center and Francis Marion University as a South Carolina Junior Scholar, during a Ceremony on Monday, April 23, 2012, at Francis Marion.

E. Williamsburg County School District Receives "All Clear" Status from Waccamaw Workforce Investment (WIA)

Mrs. Ava Bradley and staff were recognized by Board Members for achieving "All Clear" Status when the WIA Area Monitoring Staff conducted their annual monitoring and review of the WCSD's WIA Program, for Fiscal Year 2011. The program was found in compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions to carry out the financial and programmatic activities contained in the contract.

F. Williamsburg County School District Title I Office Receives Commendations

Mrs. Berlinda Mack and her staff were recognized by the Board for receiving commendations from the SC Department of Education Office of Federal and State Accountability, for finding no issues of non-compliance, during their onsite review of the WCSD Title I Program conducted on February 9, 2012.

G. "Choice Bus" Coming to Williamsburg County School District

State Farm Insurance has partnered with Mattie C. Stewart Foundation and Waccamaw Regional Education Center to bring "The Choice Bus" to Williamsburg County School District students on Thursday, May 10, 2012.

H. Finance

Ms. Christine Green presented the Revenues and Expenditures Statements to Board Members. There was a discussion of Fee in Lieu of Taxes negotiated with a business that was *going out of business*.

I. Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Bernice Cooper informed Board Members that SC Department of Education, along with 44 other states and the District of Columbia, adopted a new academic standard, the Common Core Standards. The transitional year for assessment change is 2011-2012; with continued transition in 2012-2013; the bridge year is 2013-2014; and full implementation of the assessment will be in 2014-2015.

Ms. Ernestine Young stated that summer school would be offered for grades K-2nd, five hours per day for four weeks. The teacher/student ratio will be 1 to 10, with 1 assistant teacher. Students will be selected based of MAPP scores and grades. The program is funded through Title VI, and meals will be provided by Williamsburg County Recreation Department.

Mr. Mark Easterling and Ms. Angela McClary-Rush updated Board Members on PASS and HSAP testing. They indicated that mock testing was conducted in areas of math, reading, and social studies.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that the Board 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 Update**
- C. Contractual Matter**
- D. Superintendent's Evaluation**

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:25 p. m.

Open Session

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Mr. James Darby that the Board convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 8:26 p. m.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to approve the superintendent's recommendation for the rehiring of administrative personnel, with the specific positions to be assigned at a later date, prior to May 28, 2012. Four (4) members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, and Rev. W. C. Henryhand. Two members opposed: Mr. James Darby and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member abstained; Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. The motion was carried (5-1).

A recommendation was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Charles Garner to accept the resignation of Ms. Natalie Robinson. The motion was carried, unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes distributed tickets for the Scholarship Gala to Board Members and asked them for a minimum donation of two tickets.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

Note: There is a difference in votes because Rev. Henryhand entered after Approval of Minutes.

Submitted by Joany M. Fulton Date May 21, 2012
Board Secretary Jeff Lee Date May 21, 2012

Board Reminders:

A. School Board Meetings and Conferences for 2012

WCSD Board Meeting Schedule

1. Board Budget Workshop – May 8, 2012
2. Board Budget Workshop – May 28, 2012
3. Regular Board Meeting

NSBA & SCSBA Meeting Schedule

1. New board Orientation – June 9, 2012
2. NSBA Southern Region Conference – July 23-26, 2012 – Mississippi
3. School Law Conference – August 25-26, 2012 – Charleston/Marriott