

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 23, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Public Service Administration Building – Council Chambers – 1st Floor
201 W. Main Street – Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

Members Present: Dr. Marva B. Cannon, Dr. Jerry L. Dicks, Rev. Alfred Darby, Ms. Tawan Alston, Mr. Mack Burgess, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Mr. Gary McKenzie, Dr. Janice Gamble, and Mrs. Carletta Scott Isreal

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Angela Jacobs, Kimberly Mack, Derek Jacobs, J. Omar Montgomery, Berlinda Mack, Vernie Williams, Brian McKnight, Willie Graham, Aleane Huell Lockhart, James L. McCray, and Delphia Barr

Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Marva B. Cannon, board chair, at 6:00 pm. The secretary confirmed the Establishment of Quorum and the chair confirmed the Notification of Media.

Welcome

The board chair welcomed all present to the meeting. Dr. Cannon also introduced Dr. Angela Jacobs, Interim Superintendent for Williamsburg County School District. Dr. Cannon also stated that Dr. Wymbs will remain Superintendent until June 30, 2025.

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 by Rev. A. Darby to approve the consent agenda for the June 23, 2025, motion was seconded by Dr. Burgess. Motion carried.

Action Items

A motion was made by Dr. J. Gamble to approve the Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees Minutes from Monday, May 19, 2025, seconded by Dr. J. Dicks. Motion carried.

Thought for Today

Mrs. C. Isreal shared the Thought for Today. She also congratulates the class of 2025.

Public Participation

Mr. James L. McCray appeared before the Board on behalf of the community of D.P. Cooper Elementary School. The community have concerns regarding the renaming of the school being called District 3 Community Center. He is asking for clarification from the Board. Dr. Cannon informed Mr. McCray that the Board will respond to his concern in writing within ten days with clarification. Mrs. Aleane Huell Lockhart and Mr. Willie Graham signed up with the same concern.

Legislative Update

Mrs. C. Isreal was asked to read the Legislative Update in the absence of Mr. M. Burgess. State Superintendent of Education Ellen Weaver released the following statement after the House gave final approval to H.3196 this week. The legislation is known as the Educator Assistance Act.

"The Educator Assistance Act is a major step forward for South Carolina's teachers and ultimately, for the students they serve. Once signed by Governor McMaster, the Educator Assistance Act (H.3196) will help reengage veteran educators, simplify certification renewals, provide greater transparency around teacher contracts and assignments, and establish a statewide sick leave bank—all important steps in supporting our education workforce. We have real momentum in education right now, and we're not stopping. Together, we're working to make South Carolina the best place to teach, learn, and lead."

Student Services Handbook Update

Dr. Brian McKnight presented the 2025-2026 Student handbook update to the Board of Trustees. Dr. McKnight informed the Board that there was a community meeting on June 10, 2025 in the Rose Wilder Multipurpose Room. There were approximately 50 participants. He stated that there were three topics that was discussed. Dr. McKnight reviewed the Cell Phone Policy, Vape Devices, Junior Marshall Requirements, and District issued laptops with the Board members. After much discussion, the board asked Dr. McKnight to send them the draft copy of the handbook. C. Isreal asked Dr. McKnight that in lieu of making only copies for each school, could he find the monies to make a copy of the handbook for each household. Dr. McKnight said he would work with the Interim Superintendent and all involved to make that happen.

Facilities Update

Mr. J. Omar Montgomery presented facilities update on the following locations:

C.E. Murray – Gym floor/Bleacher, Door Access Controls, Varnishing of the gym floor

Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy – Interior Painting/Murals

Hemingway Elementary – Interior Painting/Murals, Security Cameras, Service/repairs sprinkler system

Hemingway High – Football concession bldg. repairs, Varnishing gym floor, repair the sprinkler system

Kingstree High West – LVP flooring (Luxury Vinyl Flooring)

Anderson Primary – Security cameras, and Fire Panel upgrade

District Office – Ground/landscaping, old district office repairs, and security cameras

There was much discussion on the updates of each school, of which Mr. Montgomery answered.

Executive Session

Dr. J. Gamble made a motion to go into executive session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Dr. K. Burgess seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Isreal made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:15 p.m. J. Gamble seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. J. Gamble made a motion to accept the resignation of **Employee A**. C. Isreal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dr. J. Gamble made a motion to accept the resignation of **Employee B**, pending suitable replacement. Dr. J. Dicks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Rev. Darby made a motion to adjourn the June 23, 2025 board meeting, seconded by M. Burgess. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____ Date: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Board Chair: _____ Date: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair