

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2013 – 6:00 P. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

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

Member Absent: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

Others Present: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Cooper, Mr. Stanley Brunson, Ms. Christine Green, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Ms. Erica Barcus, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mr. Sam Giles, Mr. Ray James, Ms. Bonnie King, Mr. Terrance Scott, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Michaele Duke, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., Board Vice-Chair.

Moment of Silence

All persons were asked to observe a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

Public Comment:

Mr. Terrance Scott, a Williamsburg County School District parent, addressed the Board with concerns about the Common Core Standards. He asked that schools provide proper resources, so that parents will be able to help students at home with testing.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2013, and Regular Board Meetings, and the September 3, 2013, and September 11, 2013, Called Board Meetings. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. District School Receives CUCWD & Duke Energy Foundation Grant

Board Members presented a Trophy provided by Duke Energy, and a Certificate of Recognition, from the Board, to the principal of Greeleyville Elementary School, for receiving a CUCWD & Duke Energy Foundation Grant.

B. District School Receives National Education Foundation Grant

Board Members presented a Certificate of Recognition to the principal of Hemingway Middle School for the school's receiving a National Education Foundation Grant.

C. Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Mark Easterling provided information and led a discussion on the following: the Gear Up program, National Technology Institute, Content Courses and the shift from traditional to the Common Core.

D. Student Services

Mr. Kennedy presented the report from the Office of Student Services. He stated that discipline programs in surrounding districts are similar to that of Williamsburg County Schools.

E. Administrative Services

Mr. Kennedy stated that Willoglen is growing with the current number of students being approximately 50. There was a discussion on adult education, home school, etc.

Dr. Fred Moore provide an overview of the school district's Adult Education program, to include high school diplomas, GED testing and testing sites, LACES, staffing, security, summer school, and Duke scholarships.

F. Finance

Mr. Brunson shared the Expenditure and Revenue reports with Board Members and addressed their concerns and questions.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. St. Mark Community Men's Club Request

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to grant the St. Mark Community Men's Club use of St. Mark Elementary School's front ground area, to be used to develop a walking trail for the community. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

B. Hemingway Elementary School's Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve all field trips. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote. The following field trips were approved:

- Hemingway Elementary School's Beta Club/Student Council students field trip to Washington, DC, May 15-18, 2014.
- **Hemingway Career and Technology Center**
Hemingway Career and Technology Center's Health Science students field trip to Newberry, SC, October 16-17, 2013.
- **Hemingway Career and Technology Center**
Hemingway Career and Technology Center's CATE students field trip to North Myrtle Beach, SC, October 31-November 3, 2013.

E. Delegate Selection for South Carolina School Boards Association's Annual Business Meeting

The Chairperson, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie will be the delegate to the SCSBA's Annual Business Meeting; and Rev. Alfred Darby will serve as the alternate delegate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby 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 Update

The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:09 p. m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. James Darby 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, (4-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 7:24 p. m.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2013-2014 school year: Ms. Beverly James, Ms. Leslie Nesmith and Ms. Erica Poston. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Vice-Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p. m.

Note: There is a difference in votes, because Rev. Norman Gamble arrived late and left prior to Open Session.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: 10-28-13

Board Secretary: Alfred Darby Date: 10-28-13