

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CALLED BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING  
Monday, May 18, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.  
Kingstree Senior High School Gymnasium  
615 Martin Luther King Avenue – Kingstree, SC 29556**

**Members Present:** Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

**Members Present:** Mr. Joseph Lee and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

**Others Present:** Mrs. Carrie C. Brock, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mrs. Delaney Frierson, Ms. Erica Barcus, Mrs. Sarah Boyd, Ms. Cynthia Brown, Ms. Valeria Brown, Ms. Roberta Cumbee, Mrs. Hester Gadsden, Dr. Janice Gamble, Mrs. La-Dine' Williams Gamble, Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Mr. Alex Gordon, Mr. Levi Keith, Mrs. Fredrena Graham, 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 THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously (5-0).

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**WCSD Students Participate in Junior Youth Leadership of Williamsburg**

Congratulations were extended, and Certificates of Recognition presented to following WCSD Students who participated in the 2014-2015 Junior Youth Leadership of Williamsburg program, sponsored by the Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber and the Clemson Extension Service 4-H Program. Khalil Anderson, Kenyatta Bright, Demetria Murray, Shyaiza Tisdale, Amber Watson, Emani Pressley, Dianna Wilson and Jeremy Hannah.

**WCSD Winners at 2015 SC SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference**

Congratulations were extended, and Certificates of Recognition presented, to students from Hemingway Career and Technology Center who participated in the 2015 South Carolina SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. The following students placed in the competition, and will prepare to compete at the National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in June 2015: Latanya Barr, Aneisha Patel, Adasha Pope, and Andrea Pressley. Andrea Pressley will serve as the 2015-2016 State Chaplin.

**WCSD Students, Winners in State Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Competitions**

Congratulations were extended, and Certificates of Recognition presented, to School District winners of the South Carolina Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Competitive Events held on March 20-21, 2015. Students ranking 1st to 3rd places will have an opportunity to compete at the FBLA National Leadership Competitions in Chicago, Illinois, June 29–July 2, 2015. **C. E. Murray Middle School – Onyx**

Bynum, Jasmine McClary, Raesha Thompson, Kerry Singleton, and Malcolm Gamble. **C. E. Murray High School** – Tyreik Davis, Miracle Kinlaw, Ashley McLaughlin, Treymone Singletary, Brianna Barrow, Daija Rodgers, Morgan Greene, Darius Rush, and Na-Dya Gamble. Kerry Singleton will serve as FBLA Middle Level Representative for the State of South Carolina for the 2015-2016 school year. C. E. Murray High School received a plaque for the Largest Local Chapter Membership in the 1A Division. **Hemingway High School** – Andrea Pressley. **Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School** – Johnovan Barkers, Carlos Cooper, Sasha Gibson, Eriel Greene, Andreyous Lewis, Dominic McCrea, DaKayla Priest, and Courtney Smith. Tamera Barkers participated in various Middle Level FBLA workshops. **Kingstree Senior High School** – Kianna Miller. KSH received a plaque for having the highest membership in FBLA among 2A high schools in the state of SC.

#### **WCSD Middle School Students Compete in Championship Match**

Pee Dee Education Center hosted the annual Academic Challenge Competition at Francis Marion University on Saturday, March 14, 2015. A total of twenty-five middle schools from across the Pee Dee area competed. Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School qualified and competed in the championship match against Johnsonville Middle School, with a final score of HMBLM 30 and Johnsonville, 31. Congratulations to HMBLMS for an outstanding performance. Team members are: Johnovan Barkers, Raquelle Coleman, Joseph Cooper, Mackenzie Gregory, Eriel Greene, Matthew Martin, Dante Palmer, Andrew Pressley, Alexander Weaver, Sherwood Weaver, and Zaria Thompkins. Board members presented a Certificate of Achievement to each member.

#### **Kingstree Middle School Show Choir wins ShowTime Competition**

Kingstree Middle School Show Choir competed against show choirs from South Carolina and North Carolina, during the ShowTime competition at Carowinds, on March 28, 2015. The ShowTime competition included show choirs comprised of elementary, middle and high school students. Congratulations to the Kingstree Middle School Show Choir for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the competition. The KMS Show Choir is asked to perform at the Employee Appreciation Program on June 2, 2015. Choir members are: Tarik Boyd, Shamira Broughton, Ebone, Brown, Kimbreana Burgess, Marcus Burgess, Elise Campbell, Breshia Davis, Courtney Franklin, Jessica Fulmore, Canasia Fulton, Shalacious Gamble, Ormondo Graham, Keshanna Houston, Tammara Lasane, Tyliah McCrea, KaNiesha McCullough, Deauria McElveen, Ashanti McFadden, Breyonnica McFadden, Heaven Nelson, Vaughn Nesmith, Alanna Pressley, James Pressley, Devonte Singletary, Ladashia Swinton, Joe Wilson, and Leticia Wilson. Board members presented a Certificate of Recognition to each choir member.

#### **Pee Dee Education Center and Francis Marion University Recognizes Junior Scholars**

The Pee Dee Education Center and Francis Marion University hosted the Regional Junior Scholars Ceremony on Monday, April 27, 2015, in the Chapman Auditorium at Francis Marion. Congratulations were extended to the following WCSD students who were recognized during the ceremony: Cassandra Jenkins (CEM), Taylor Reed (CEM), and Khumya Nelson (KMS). Board Members presented a Certificate of Achievement to each student.

#### **Duke University Announces 2015 Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) Students**

Board Members presented Certificates of Recognition to the following students who will participate in the 2015 Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) this summer: Haviland Allan (HMBLMS), Kimberlyn

McKnight (KGES), and Sarah McClary, Brooks Mixon, Jordan Woods, Labria Alston, and Jesse Gray (WCMSA). Participation in the program will provide students with the following:

- Access to online curriculum lessons in writing, math, science, and architecture
- Access to the Duke TIP Book Club, offering six books per year
- A Certificate of Achievement
- Bi-annual issues of the *Navigator* newsletter for students and the *Digest of Gifted Research for parents*
- *Academic 411*, offering articles written by students on camp experiences and competitions
- Opportunities for academic year and summer programming through Duke TIP

#### **WCSD Student Awarded SC Association of Title I Administrators Top Scholarship**

Congratulations to Essence White, a senior at Kingstree High School who was selected as the first place (\$2,000) winner of the South Carolina Association of Title I Administrators Scholarship, by a panel of Region Six Title I Directors. Essence and other SCATA Scholarship recipients were recognized on March 16, 2015, during the annual SCATA Scholarship Luncheon at the Brookland Baptist Conference Center in Columbia, SC. Board Members presented her with a Certificate of Recognition.

#### **South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Announces Graduation**

Congratulations to Shawn Anthony McClary, Jr. (Kingstree Senior High School) who will graduate from the South Carolina Governor's School of the Arts and Humanities on Friday, May 22, 2015, at 10:00 a. m. at the Peace Center in Greenville, SC. Board Members presented him with a Certificate of Achievement, which was accepted by his mother.

#### **WCSD Recognizes Graduating Seniors with 3.62 Average at the End of First Semester**

Congratulations to the graduating seniors listed below for earning an average of 3.62 or higher by the end of the seven semesters: **C. E. Murray High School** – Destiny Samone Bruinton, Marvin Stanley China, Sa'Dazia Cedre'Yana Latri Driffin, Jasbreanna Sierra Graham, Alexandria Kayvonne-Rae Ivey, Miracle Melissa Kinlaw, Warlon Glenntwan Mack, Ashley Brianne McLaughlin, Latron Devan Robinson, Treymone Adonnis Singletary, and Aaliyah LaShawn Williams. **Hemingway High School** – Latanya Shamone Barr, Aisha Mia'Ta Cooper, Tavon Cooper-Thomas, Jasmine Ann Cyrus, Lucille Diane Fredrick, Jewel Cyrus-Green, Clarence Lamar Jones, Diamond Dierra Maleyk McFadden, Jerrick Norman McGill, Chelsea Shinae Nesmith, Twonisha Johnnie Oliver, Akeisha Narendrakumar Patel, Aneisha Narendrakumar Patel, De'Montre' La'Juan Platt, D'Netric Desmond Pressley, Nyjia Keara Scott, Dunae Saeehim Shaw, Deja Ronika Anuastazia Timmons, and Kiana Etheline Miller. **Kingstree Senior High School** – Ni'yeria Iman-Elizabeth Barr, Jasmine Hope Blackmon, Kaira Alexis Boyd, Diamond Tierra Brown, Bralyn Marquise Caraway, Jonathan Andrew Chestnut, Brionna Donta Cunningham, Deadrake Jabbar Epps, Corey Emmanuel Stormy Green, Sherlise Aneitria Green, Dazia Imani Hammond, Ronald Jacob Jenkins, Rashona Demisha McAlister, Essence Alcess McClary, Jeffrey Deangelo McClary, Samuel Franklin McCrea, Markel Dayvon McFadden, Braxton Ahmad McIntosh, Kiana Etheline Miller, Ronnez Dayvon Robinson, Re'quan D'monte Latrell Salters, Za'Rayah Laqwesa Shaw, Shawn Daquan Swinton, Quentell ErieOnia Wagener, Essence Symone White, Julian Demarcus Wilson, Jynishia Angelica Beja Wilson, Randall Jacobia Wilson, and Aariana Jameia Woods. Board Members presented a Certificate of Achievement to each student.

**WCSD Food Service Department Receives AASA's Superintendent Leadership Grant**

The American Association of School Administrators' (AASA) Superintendent Leadership to Expand the National School Breakfast Program initiative has awarded a grant to the WCSD Food Service Department to establish the "Grab and Go" breakfast program at its high schools. The alternative school breakfast program is designed to make nutritional breakfast food items easily accessible to students. The Superintendent and Food Service Director will attend a meeting with AASA this month in Alexandria, VA, to receive technical assistance for successful implementation of an alternative school breakfast program. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Nicole Giles, Food Service Director and Mrs. La-Dine' Williams Gamble, Grants Writer.

**District Administrator Speaks Out for Arts Education in South Carolina Schools**

The new Speaker of the House, Representative Jay Lucas, has formed a new House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force. The Task Force met on March 23, 2015, in Dillon, SC to hold a public meeting for the Pee Dee area. Public testimonies and written statements were solicited from various constituents.

South Carolina Arts Alliance, in its desire to hear from supporters of art education, sought out Mrs. Jennifer Holliday, Director of Fine Arts for Williamsburg County School District, and asked that she attend the meeting, and be prepared to speak on the arts (for approximately 5 minutes). Mrs. Holliday provided oral and written comments on behalf of Arts Education in South Carolina schools, citing the importance of the arts in providing students the opportunity to explore, create, learn and grow in and through the arts. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Holliday for being recognized for her presentation to the Task Force Committee members.

**WCSD Board Chair Awards Scholarships to Graduates**

The Board Chair Scholarship was established and is funded totally (from his personal funds) by Rev. Alfred Darby, the current Board Chair for Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees. The Board Chair Scholarship was established to recognize at least one outstanding graduate from each of the three attendance area high schools. Congratulations were extended to the following graduating seniors who are recipients of the Board Chair Scholarship Award in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 each: Alexander Bradley and Martin Bufkin, C. E. Murray High; Diamond McFadden, Hemingway High School; and Jonathan Andrew Chestnut and Shawn D. Swinton, Kingstree Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton

Date: May 26, 2015

Board Secretary: [Signature]

Date: 05/26/2015