

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 25, 2013 – 6:00 P. M.**  
**Board/Staff Development Meeting Room**  
**423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina**

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

**Others Present:** Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Davis-Cooper, Ms. S. Christine Green, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. Ray James, Ms. Bonnie King, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Michaela Duke, Mr. Chris McKegan, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

**Moment of Silence**

The Chair asked for a Moment of Silence in recognition of Mrs. Sonya Burgess' death.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Public Comment**

There were none.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2013, Board's Budget Committee and Regular Board Meetings, and the January 30, 2013, Board Budget Workshop.

**Question:**

Rev. Alfred Darby: "Last month Rev. W. C. Henryhand made a statement at the Board Meeting that the "chain of command" works as follows: It is the people, the board and the superintendent. The people are first, then the board of education, and then the superintendent. I would like for his statement to be placed in the minutes."

Rev. W. C. Henryhand: "Approve my minutes and I said for it to be included in the minutes, because I think everyone should have an understanding of the level, the order – where the citizens that, who voted to put these school board trustees into office, they are our bosses; we should listen to our district, and then comes the superintendent under the board members, the trustees. And I'm saying that because there was a statement made at the last meeting that she has executive privileges over the board. And I just don't understand that; I can't remember that. So I just want to put it in the minutes that the protocol are the voting citizens, the trustees, then the superintendent."

Rev. Gamble: "Point of Order Madam Chair. Minutes should reflect exactly what was said during the meeting. Having said that, Mr. Henryhand, I do agree that if you asked them to put it in the minutes, it should be in the minutes. If there are no objections I would like to ask our clerical person to inform us of what was said relative to the minutes."

Mrs. Fulton: "What I would rather do is just let you listen to the tape. I don't recall one way or the other if it was actually asked to be placed in the minutes; but I can let you listen to the tape."

Rev. Gamble: "Again, I don't object to that, but minutes should reflect what was actually said, and not what we meant to say. If you don't object Rev. Darby, I would like to, maybe not right now, but listen to what the minutes state, if it's there, no problem; but you cannot come back now and put it in there, if it was not requested."

Rev. Darby: "Right, I understand what you're saying."

Rev. Henryhand: "But Rev. Gamble what do I believe...nobody change the recording. I know what I said. I know what I said. I don't know what was played on that recording."

Rev. Gamble: "Well, is it your understanding that we have recordings that are being changed?"

Rev. Henryhand: "Man, let's not stir anything more up."

Mrs. McKenzie: "Well, we'll just follow-up with any corrections that we need to have made."

Attorney Williams: "I think that would be fine. Sounds like the proper thing to do is to have Mrs. Fulton review the tape and see if that's what Mr. Henryhand said; and then add it, if it is, and move on from there."

The motion to approve the minutes, with necessary changes, was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

Mrs. McKenzie: "Action Items"

Rev. Henryhand: "Madam Chair, just before we go into that, there is a motion I would like to make pertaining to our next meeting coming up next month. And there's an item I want to get put on the agenda, because there was something mentioned yesterday about voting to rename the gymnasium behind the late Sonya Burgess, and I would like to get that motion, and I want those that came to support that to understand that I can't get it on the agenda tonight, but next month we gonna have it on the agenda, and I want ya'll to be here to see who vote for it, and see who vote against it. So Madam Chair, I would like to make that motion please. Or make that request, not a motion."

Rev. Gamble: "Point of Order – I don't think we need a motion for that."

Rev. Henryhand: "That's why I said request. That's what I said. Boy we got a big bucket in here tonight."

Mrs. McKenzie asked Dr. Jefferson-Barnes to make a note of the request.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Board's Budget Workshop**

Mrs. Barbara McKenzie made a recommendation, which was seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble, to approve recommendations from the Budget Workshop of January 30, 2013. Recommendations are listed below.

1. A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby that the salary increase for RBHS be provided at the point during which the system is available to provide it. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote.
2. Board Members made the following change to the Schedule of 2013-2014 Budget Formulation and Adoption: Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 5:30 p. m. meeting for the Budget Committee and the public to discuss the second draft of the budget for FY 2013-2014, was changed to 9:00 a. m., with the Regular Board Meeting being held immediately following the Budget Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve the Schedule of 2013-2014 Budget Formulation and Adoption, with necessary changes. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote.

The recommendation for approval was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**B. Hemingway Career and Technology Education's Field Trip Request**

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve Hemingway Career and Technology Education's Field Trip to Greenville, SC, to participate in state skilled competitions, April 10-13, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. WCSD JROTC Color Guard Perform at SC Alliance of Black School Educator's (SCABSE) Conference**

Kingstree Senior High School's JROTC Color Guard performed during the Saturday morning General Session of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual SC Alliance of Black School Educators' Winter Conference, January 18-20, 2013, in Myrtle Beach, SC. Master Sergeant Theodis Faison and Color Guard members were presented Certificates of Acknowledgement by Board Members.

**B. Telemedicine in Williamsburg County School District**

Mrs. Jennifer Lamb, Nurses Supervisor for the school district, explained the Telemedicine Program to Board Members. She also provided information regarding expanding the program to Hemingway and Greeleyville area schools.

**C. SC Department of Education – Transportation Department's Presentation**

Mr. Franklin James from the South Carolina Department of Education – Transportation Department presented Dr. Jefferson-Barnes, keys to two new Special Needs buses, for Williamsburg County School District.

**D. Update from Student Services**

Mr. Eddie Woods, Director of Student Services, provided a recap of matters pertaining to student services. He addressed concerns related to meetings with school counselors, reduction of violence at basketball games, classroom safety, and training bus drivers to handle student problems on buses.

**E. Update from Administrative Services**

Mr. Glen Kennedy, Executive Director of Administration, provided an overview of services rendered through the Office of Administration, to include Adult Education, Student Services, Nursing, Rehabilitative Services, PowerSchool, Willoglen, Youth Academy Charter School, and alternative school settings. Mr. Kennedy answered questions regarding, league passes, athletic scholarships, the nursing program, and the effectiveness of the Star Academy program.

**F. Instruction**

All principals responded to questions from Board Members relevant to school presentations. Some concerns included the frequency of classroom visitations and observations, evaluation of school plans, early college, dual enrollment, mock trial, the number of consultants, common core, and PTA meeting attendance.

**G. Finance**

Expenditures and Revenues statements were presented by Ms. Christine Green. There were concerns from Board Members regarding billing and the affect of Federal budget cuts.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. James Darby 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. Personnel Matters**
- C. Property Matters**

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:40 p. m.

**OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that the Board convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 8:10 p. m.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to grant the employee's request for a grievance hearing before the Board. Two members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle and Rev. Alfred Darby. One member opposed: Mr. Joseph Lee. Three members abstained: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. The motion was carried, (2-1).

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p. m.

**There is a difference in votes because Rev. Henryhand left the meeting prior to Action Items.**

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: March 25, 2013

Board Secretary: Alfred Darby Date: March 25, 2013

**Board Reminders:**

**A. School Board Conferences for 2012-2013**

- 1. Regular Board Meeting – March 25, 2013, Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
- 2. 2DAC – Day at the Capitol – March 20, 2013 – Columbia, SC
- 3. 2013 NSBA Annual Conference – April 13-15, 2013 – San Diego, CA