

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Public Service Administrative Building – Council Chambers 1st Floor
201 W. Main Street – Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

Members Present: Marva B. Cannon, Rev. Jerry L. Dicks, Heyward Baker, Rev. Martin Cunningham, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mack Burgess, James Dukes, Jr., and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: Mike Floyd

Others Present: Dr. Brian McKnight, Ernest Young, Joseph T. McCullough, Catrena Hughes, and Ray G. Wilson, Sr.

Zoom Video Conference Call: Alisha, Debra Keels, Lerlisa's iPhone, Wendell, AYBradley, Essie Holmes, Roberts's iPhone, S Fulton, StaggersWilsonR,

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

Welcome

The chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

Moment of Silence

Ms. Cannon asked all persons to observe a Moment of Silence.

Thought of Today

James Dukes, Jr., shared the Thought for Today.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to amend the agenda to include an executive session to discussed matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, and provision of services in the area of the Williamsburg County School District by Rev. Jerry L. Dicks and seconded by Mack Burgess. The motion was carried. The item was added under board items.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the amendment by James Dukes, Jr. and seconded by Rev. Jerry L. Dicks. The motioned was carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

There was no public comment.

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby seconded by James Dukes, Jr. to approve the board minutes. The motion was carried.

The chair announced the hiring of Ms. Delphia Barr as the administrative assist to the superintendent.

Legislative Update

Heyward Baker, Legislative Liaison, updated the board on the following: (1) Child DNA Kit Fingerprint and DNA Identification kits to share with law enforcement, effective on May 16, 2022; and (2) Coordinating Council for Workforce Development representing various members and expand membership to include superintendent.

Update from the District

Dr. Brian McKnight, Director of, updated the school board on Weapons & Threat Detection Featuring: Evolv Express ® by Stanley Security. Board members reviewed a four-minute and twenty-five second video which demonstrated the system. The school district posted six weapon detectors with two placed at each high school. The system will allow for 3600 persons to be scanned in one hour. Kingstree High School East and West Campuses (2), Hemingway High School (2), Kingstree Middle Magnet School (1), and CE Murray Elementary/Middle. The systems will be strategically placed by the gym and main entry into the school. The metal detectors already at the school will continue to be in place. School buses have six cameras and video on the buses to help reduce the number of incidents of vandalism and behaviors.

Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, Superintendent, commended Dr. McKnight for a safe homecoming weekend at Kingstree High School. Dr. Wymbs provided the board with a copy of the eLearning Days Procedures for inclement weather season. In addition to his 90-day plan, and how he will address student test performance.

Board Items

Executive Session

A motion was made to enter executive session by James Dukes and seconded by Rev. Jerry L. Dicks. The motion was carried.

A motion was made to return to open session by Rev. Dicks and seconded by Rev. Darby. The motion was carried.

Public Comment

Ray G. Wilson, Sr., Parent, asked the board if Hemingway High School was closing on next year? He also asked about eLearning and student not being able to complete assignments by deadline due to internet connections. In addition to tree stumps at the school causing a hazard, and the distance from Hemingway School to another school in the district.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by James Dukes to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____