

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 24, 2014 – 6:00 P. M.**  
**Board/Staff Development Meeting Room**  
**423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina**

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

**Member Absent:** Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr.

**Others Present:** Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mr. Stanley Brunson, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. Mark Easterling, Dr. Janice Gamble, Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Ms. Juantia Green, Ray James, Ms. Angela McClary-Rush, Benjamin F. McGill, Mrs. La-Dine' Williams-Gamble, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Michaele Duke, Mr. Chris McKagen, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Joseph Lee.

**Moment of Silence**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to adopt the agenda.

**Question:** Rev. Alfred Darby asked the Board to consider putting Executive Session first on the agenda.

The motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Juantia Green, with Mary's Angels Alternative to Suspension Program, spoke to Board Members on her program. She said the program would be on a voluntary basis to provide intervention, i.e. school work to students while they await discipline hearings. The organization wishes to partner with the school district in providing the services.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve minutes from the January 21, 2014, Called Board Meeting, and the January 27, 2014, Budget Committee and Regular Board Meetings. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**WCSD Announced District Holiday Card Contest Winner**

Board Members presented a \$50 check and a Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Jennifer Gardner, for Kenneth Gardner Elementary School student Jamie Evans, for the winning entry in the District Holiday Card Contest. His art instructor, Ms. Jillian Lynch, also received a Certificate of Recognition, and \$50 worth of art supplies.

**WCSD Student Official Winner of the 2014 Disney Dreamers Academy Essay Contest**

Emral Burgess, a senior at C. E. Murray High School and an official winner of the 2014 Disney Dreamers Academy Essay Contest, was congratulated by the Board, and presented a Certificate of Recognition.

## **District Students Participated in District III Future Business Leadership of America (FBLA) Competition**

Congratulations were extended to the students listed below for outstanding performance at the FBLA District III State Leadership Conference/Competition Events on Saturday, February 1, 2014. Board members presented Certificates of Recognition to all students.

**CEM:** Jameson Montgomery, Kerrie Singleton, Makeda Thomas, Latia Harvin, Miracle Kinlaw, Amoiria Rush, Ashley McLaughlin, Kayla McBride, Na-Dya Gamble, Keren McClary, Alisha Brand, JaMal Wilson, Emily Washington, Shelton Mazyck, Darius Rush, Kiandra McCrea, Morgan Greene, Daija Rodgers, Karlia Joe, Jamia Montgomery, Alexander Brand, Jeremiah Burgess, Devin Paulin, Mykhaela Fluitt, and Latron Robinson

**HHS:** Ariel Washington, Brittany James, Lakya Lawrence, Janey Sow, and Andjoura Pressley

**KSH:** Kiana Miller, Dorian Cooper, Destinee Gainey, Marlena Brown, Kaira Boyd, and Karisma Epps

## **Curriculum and Instruction**

Information on the Race-to-the-Top (RTT) Grant Award was presented to Board Members by Mrs. La-Dine' Williams-Gamble, Mr. Mark Easterling, and Ms. Angela McClary-Rush, the school district's RTT Grant Writing Team. The following are among items highlighted during the presentation:

- Make up of the consortium (Number of districts/schools)
- Fund Allocations
- Purpose of grant Professional Development (retraining) for all WCSD staff, technology, and technological devices for all district students
- District administering the grant (Clarendon Two)
- District serving as grant Fiscal Agent (Richland 2)
- Applying for jobs within the grant (through Richland 2)

Board Member questions were addressed by grant writing team members.

Dr. Linwood Cooper expressed concerns with awarding of certificates; and asked that awards ceremonies be held at individual schools with Board Members present.

The Chair congratulated the grant writing team.

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes stated a district RTT celebration would be held February 25, 2014, at 6:30pm in the Kingstree Middle School Commons Area.

## **Student Services**

Student Services information was included in Board Agenda packets. Rev. Darby asked if any district schools had generators. Mr. Parson said KMS, KGES, and HES; and said that all schools designated by Red Cross as shelters have necessary wiring to be equipped with generators.

## **Administrative Services**

Administrative Services information was included in Board Agenda packets. There were discussions on the following:

- Suspension and expulsion rates
- State excuse of weather related days
- District schools without cameras
- Procedures for students and staff unable to get to school/work due to inclement weather

## **Finance**

Mr. Brunson provided explanations and addressed concerns regarding Expenditures and Revenues Reports.

There was a question regarding technology money due to the district. Mrs. Pendergrass said the department had begun trying to recoup the funds the prior week.

## **Audit Report**

The district's auditor, Mr. Del Brown, commended the district on the second consecutive year without any findings. He highlighted various entries within the audit report.

Mr. Brown said the Johnson Control report had not been completed, but he would send the report and would come back to present it to the Board if necessary.

## **District Emergency Preparedness Recognition**

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes commended and thanked Mr. Boykin Parson for his leadership and providing her with pertinent information, during the recent ice storm. She also thanked district staff members and principals.

## **A-D. Kingstree Middle School's Field Trip Request**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to approve Items A-D, Field Trip Requests. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

The following field trips were approved:

- Kingstree Middle School to Washington, DC, May 21-24, 2014.
- Hemingway High School Cultural Expo students to New York, NY, March 20-22, 2014.
- Hemingway Career & Technology Education (CATE) students to Greenville, SC, April 2-5, 2014.
- Hemingway Career & Technology Education Health Science students to North Charleston, SC, March 12-14, 2014.

## **WCSD Food Services Department's Request for Cafeteria Modifications**

WCSD Food Services Department requested permission to perform cafeteria modifications at the three high schools, C. E. Murray High, Hemingway High, and Kingstree Senior High. Mrs. Nicole Giles stated that the commons areas would receive total makeovers; which have proven to increase high school student participation in school meals. She said the total project would cost \$552,940.32, with a discount of \$100,000.00, if approved during the meeting.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the three high schools' cafeteria modifications. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member opposed: Rev. Alfred Darby. The motion was carried (4-1). The Chair did not vote.

## **Board's Budget Committee Meeting**

A recommendation was made by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the recommendation from the Budget Committee to approve Procedures, Changes, and Student Enrollment Projections for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

Dr. Linwood Cooper proposed that the Board would meet in the near future. He said he had a list of about seventeen concerns from students and parents. Rev. Gamble asked for a copy of the list, which Dr. Cooper said he would provide.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie 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
  - 1. Facilities Request
  - 2. Superintendent's Evaluation

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:05 p. m.

### OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to 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 8:32 p. m.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p. m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: 3/24/2014

Board Secretary: [Signature] Date: 3/24/14