

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 27, 2012 – 6:00 P. M.**  
**Board/Staff Development Meeting Room**  
**423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina**

**Members Present:** Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Mr. Joseph Lee, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Mr. James Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Charles Garner

**Others Present:** Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Davis-Cooper, Ms. Christine Green, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Ms. Cynthia Brown, Mr. Titus Duren, Mrs. Delaney Frierson, Dr. Janice Gamble, Mr. Ray James, Mr. Levi Keith, Mrs. Samantha Lewis, Mr. Jerry Murphy (Johnson Controls), Mrs. Hattie Pendergrass, Ms. Roketha Reid, Dr. Kerry Singleton, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Ms. Ernestine Young, Ms. Michael Duke, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

Mr. Charles Garner read the Meditative Thought. All persons were asked to recite in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. James Darby to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Roketha Reid, a school district parent, expressed concerns about her request for an investigation regarding possible grade changes at C. E. Murray High School. She also had specific questions and comments with reference to her son's grades, and his class rank at that school.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2012, Board's Budget Committee, Board's Policy Committee, and Regular Board Meetings, and the July 12, 2012 and August 1, 2012, Called Board Meetings. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Action Items**

**A. Board's Policy Committee Meeting**

The Committee Chair, Mr. Charles Garner, said committee members requested that Policy GBED, Tobacco Policy, be modified to include the following statement: "Organizations and Groups renting district's school facilities will follow the same guidelines as those established for the district."

Mr. Garner said Policies IFD – School Volunteers, GBEBDA – Criminal Record Checks, and IFBGA-R - Technology followed state and federal guidelines; and that Policy JICFAA – Bullying needed careful consideration, with recommendation from the Policy Committee to table the policy to allow input from school staff.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble, and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to divide the motion on Board Policies. The motion to divide was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Committee Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble, and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve Policy GBED, with modification, for second reading; and Policies IFD, GBEBDA, and IFBGA-R for first reading. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Committee-Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble, and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to table Policy JICAA regarding Bullying. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Committee-Chair did not vote.

**B. Carpet Replacement – W. M. Anderson Primary School**

A motion was made by Mr. James Darby and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to approve the administration's recommendation to award the bid for Modular Carpet Tile at W. M. Anderson Primary School to Sherwin Williams. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**C. Race to the Top – Consortium Partnership**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to accept the administration's recommendation to allow the school district to apply for funds through the Race to the Top initiative. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Information Items**

**A. South Carolina School Boards Association Recognizes Board Members**

Since board members and leadership team training is a priority for the South Carolina School Boards Association, the Association honored individuals who, during the 2011-2012 school year, reached one of the six levels in the Boardmanship Institute. Mr. Charles Garner reached Level 3, and Mr. James Darby reached Level 1. Mr. Darby received a certificate and Mr. Garner received a certificate and a gold pin from the South Carolina School Boards Association, which were presented by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie.

**B. WCSD Magnet School of the Arts' PTO Project**

WCSD Magnet School of the Arts' PTO president, Mrs. Marcella Scott Davis, informed Board Members that the PTO had received bids to replace the fence around the Magnet School. She asked for the Board's approval to solicit funds from Williamsburg County Council to assist with the project.

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes explained that the PTO organization is separate from the school/school district, because the organization has its own officers, and separate bank account.

**C. SC Department of Education Approves District's Strategic Plans/Updates**

Williamsburg County School District updated its Strategic Plan during the spring of 2012, at which time all areas were revisited and revised as needed. The plan was submitted to the State Department of Education; and was approved, with all Mandated Components/Requirements met. Mrs. Colleen Kelty, who coordinated the Strategic Plan Update Process, was acknowledged and commended.

**D. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. The WCSD's Special Education Department was cited for the development of a Special Education Curriculum to be used as a State Guide. Commendations were extended to Mrs. Tara Cantey and the department.



2. Palmetto Gold/Silver Flags and Certificates were presented to Five (5) District Schools for 2011-2012 Academic Performance. These following schools were congratulated, and recognized by Board Members: CEM – Gold and Silver; DPC – Gold and Silver, HHS – Gold; HCTC – Gold, and HES, Silver.

3. Mr. Titus Duren, Data Consultant, for the school district, explained to Board Members, the difference between Federal EDEA Waiver reporting system, as compared to the State Report Card reporting system. He also provided projections for the November release of State Report Cards. Mr. Duren provided strategies for meeting growth rates.

**E. Finance**

1. Mr. Jerry Murphy, the district's Representative from Johnson Control, provided an update on the amount of savings realized since the energy program began. He indicated a 3-year cash savings of \$130,000, via utility savings, materials, and technology.

2. Ms. Green provided information to Board Members relevant to the district's Expenditures and Revenues statements.

**F. SCSBA Boardsmanship Institute**

The 2012 Bi Calendar of Events was attached to the agenda.

**G. WCSD 2012-2013 Varsity and Junior Varsity Football Schedule**

The 2012-2013 Football Schedule was attached to the agenda.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee 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. Legal Update**

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:36 p. m.

**Open Session**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee 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 Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the resignations of Ms. Phyllis Cunningham, Ms. Christen T. Legette, Mr. Jonathan L. Montrose, and Ms. Amanda Smith. The motion was carried, unanimously (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2012-2013 school year: Mrs. Cristy K. Altman, Ms. Shantel A. Brown, Miss LaToya N. Burns, Ms. Linda B. Collins, Mrs. Tabitha W. Courtney, Mrs.

Amanda L. Dorris, Miss Kale C. Johnson, Ms. Jimmisha A. Mickens, Ms. Laquanda Patterson, Mr. Mario Perez, Ms. Mary E. Scholling, Miss Lauren A. Schollaert, and Ms. Monica Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble that a formal complaint be sent on behalf of the Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees to the State Board of Education requesting that appropriate action be taken against a professional employee of the Williamsburg County School district who, pursuant to S. C. Code Annotated Section 59-250530, breached his employment contract with the District by leaving his employment with the District prior to the start of the 2012-13 school year without being released by the Board. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member opposed: Mr. James Darby. The motion was carried, (4-1). The Chair did not vote.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p. m.

**Note: There is a difference in votes because Rev. W. C. Henryhand left prior to Open Session.**

Submitted by Joanna M. Fulton Date 9-24-2012

Board Secretary [Signature] Date 9/24/12

**Board Reminders:**

**A. School Board Meetings and Conferences for 2012**

**WCSD Board Meeting Schedule**

- 1. Regular Board Meeting – September 24, 2012

**NSBA & SCSBA Meeting Schedule**

- 1. Risky Business Seminar – Myrtle Beach – 11/24-26, 2012
- 2. Legislative Advocacy/Business Meeting – Hilton Head – 11/30 – 12/2/2012