

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

Members Present: Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., Mr. Joseph Lee, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

Others Present: Ms. Carrie C. Brock, Ms. Roberta Cumbee, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Ms. Cynthia Brown, Dr. Doretha Cooper, Ms. Nicole Dixon, Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Mrs. La-Dine' W. Gamble, Mr. Ray James, Ms. Bonnie King, Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Mrs. Priscilla McClary, Mr. Benjamin F. McGill, Dr. Brian McKnight, Mr. Javonne Montgomery, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Mr. Torrance Wilson, Ms. Ernestine Young, and Mrs. Bonnie Grimsley.

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.

Rev. Darby expressed sympathy to Dr. Linwood Cooper in the death of his sister, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Williamsburg County School District Family,.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Swearing-In of Newly Elected Board Members

Attorney Vernie Williams, the school district's attorney, swore-in newly elected Board Members, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, and Mr. Joseph Lee.

Election of Board Officers

Attorney Williams opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. that the Board, by acclamation, keep Board Officers the same, Rev. Alfred Darby, Chair, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Vice-Chair, and Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Secretary. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Public Comment

There were none.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2016, Regular Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

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INFORMATION ITEMS

South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) Recognizes Board Members

SCSBA's Boardmanship Institute which was established in 1982, offers a year-round training curriculum focused on leadership skills for Board Members on state and national educational issues. Each year, SCSBA recognizes Board members who reach one of the six levels of training.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Gladys Dorsey for reaching Level 3, and Rev. Alfred Darby for reaching Level 4. Dr. Linwood Cooper, Board Vice-Chair, presented a certificate and gold pin to Mrs. Dorsey, and a certificate and gold pin with a blue stone, to Rev. Darby, from the SCSBA.

WCSD Schools Receive Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Awards

Ms. Carrie Brock, Superintendent, appreciation to principals and the food services director for securing the State Department of Education's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program continuation grant funds in the schools and charter school listed below.

1. Greeleyville Elementary School (\$8,008.02)
2. Kenneth Gardner Elementary School (\$11,692.08)
3. W. M. Anderson Primary School (\$14,763.88)
4. D. P. Cooper Charter School (\$14,533.41)

Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Principal of Greeleyville Elementary School, stated that the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, provides students with fresh fruits and vegetables they may not otherwise eat. She stated that the program also provides a refreshing snack before and after lunch.

Ms. Cynthia Brown, Principal of W. M. Anderson Primary School, shared that she has worked with the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the past 10 years. She stated that the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program is a great opportunity for students to receive a variety of foods that will keep them healthier.

Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Roberta Cumbee, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, announced that the district has applied to the College Board to become an SAT testing site, and that the district is waiting for a reply from the College Board.

Ms. Cumbee also stated that in an effort to improve test scores, a new curriculum is being implemented, principals are in the classrooms observing teachers, and support is being offered from the district.

Student Services

Dr. Brian McKnight, Director of Student Services and Transportation, stated that Student Services information was included in the Board's agenda book. He responded to Board Members' questions as follows:

- Discipline has improved in all of the district's schools. The Alternative School is helping to modify student behavior.
- Additional cameras have been installed on Kingstree Senior High School's campuses.
- There is still a shortage of bus drivers, however, the transportation department is working to fill the vacancies.
- Only one student has been expelled. Parents are referring students to the Department of Juvenile Justice for intervention program services.

- Law enforcement officers do not travel with students (sports teams) when they travel to other schools. One Board Member suggested that law enforcement officers travel with students for their protection.
- Regarding searching students for drugs and illegal weapons, Dr. McKnight stated that the school district must operate within the confines of the law regarding searching students.

Finance

Ms. Nicole Dixon, Accountant/Office Manager, asked for questions regarding the Expenditures and Revenues Statements. There were no questions from the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

ACT 207 of 2016 Diploma Petition

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the administration's recommendation to approve Act 207 of 2016 student diploma petitions received from C. E. Murray High School, Hemingway High School, and Kingtree Senior High School. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

Hemingway Elementary School's Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the Hemingway Elementary School's Junior Beta Club students' request to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC, to attend the National Junior Beta Club Convention, January 12-13, 2017. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

Kingtree Middle Magnet School's Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to accept the administration's recommendation to approve Kingtree Middle Magnet School's Social Studies/WCSD Middle School Mock Trial students' request to travel to Lexington, SC, to participate in the SC Bar 2016 State Middle School Mock Trial Competition, December 2-3, 2016. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

Rev. Darby and Board Members congratulated and shook the hands of Kingtree Middle School Mock Trial students, their parents, teachers, and the school principal who were present at the meeting.

2016-2017 WCSD Curriculum

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the Williamsburg County School District's locally designed elective courses listed below for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

Course Name and Number	Course Name and Number
309902CW Employ English 9th	39010006 Computer Lab
309903CW Employ English 10th	39020009 GED-Prep
309904CW Employ English 11th	21991700 Pre-Algebra 7
309905CW Employ English 12th	21991800 Pre-Algebra Grad 8
309914CH HSAP R/W/English	23990100 Life Skills
309921CW Coll. Trans. Reading	309917CW Academic Enric G7

319901CW Math Essentials	319910CH HSAP Math
319902CW Employ Math 9th	31990800 Credit Recovery Math SC
309903CW Employ English 10th	379999CW AVID Course Essen.
319904CW Employ Math 11th	27994300 Class Works Lab
319905CW Employ Math 12th	30991200 Credit Recovery EL
319921CW Coll. Trans. Math	32990700 Credit Recovery SC
329901CW Employ Sci. 9th	33990900 Credit Recovery SS
329902CW Employ Sci. 10th	379921CW Junior ROTC5
329903CW Employ Sci. 11th	459902CW Concert Band I
329904CW Employ Sci. 12th	459903CW Concert Band II
339902CW Employ SS 9th	459904CW Concert Band III
339904CW Employ SS 10th	459905CW Concert Band IV
339905CW Employ SS 11th	
339906CW Employ SS 12th	
379920CW Serv Learning	
39000000 Employ. Prep. Language Arts	

Dr. Linwood Cooper thanked Board Members, educators, and the citizens of Williamsburg County for their support during the death of his sister.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to convene in Executive Session to discuss items listed on the agenda.

A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Reorganization, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff

B. Receipt of Legal Advice

1. Facilities Requests

The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following teacher to work under a Letter of Agreement in the position indicated, for the 2016-2017 school year: Mr. Colin Roberts. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following teacher for Contracted Teacher Services, through a teacher recruitment Agency. The teacher will remain an employee of the company and will be paid by the

company. The District will pay the company recruitment fees as part of the memorandum of agreement, for the 2016-2017 school year: Ms. Valerie Mingo. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

There is a difference in votes because Dr. Kerry Singleton arrived late to the meeting.

Submitted by: Bonnie Grimsley Date: 1-23-17

Board Secretary: Gladys Dorsey Date: 1/23/17