

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
Monday, March 17, 2014 – 9:00 A. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street – Kingstree, SC**

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, Ms. Vanessa Hannah, Mr. Boykin Parson, Dr. Kerry Singleton, Ms. Joycelyn White, Mr. Eddie Woods, Jr., Ms. Judy Barr, Attorney William Halligan, Attorney Vernie Williams, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

After a Moment of Silence, all persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (4--0). The Chair did not vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Activity Buses for High Schools

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes reminded Board Members that they'd asked the administration to look at purchasing activity buses for high schools, and that Mr. Brunson would present the report.

Mr. Brunson provided handouts to Board Members. He said the administration looked at some used buses, 2010 and 2011; and the asking prices ranged from \$28,000 to \$30,000. There was a discussion on the purpose of the buses; funds set aside for purchasing buses; used buses vs. new buses, existing facilities' needs, and condition of track fields.

Board Members asked for a list (prior to Monday night's meeting) of additional district needs that could be met through capitol funds; and that "Activity Buses for High Schools" be placed on board agenda for Monday, March 24, 2014.

Discussion of School District Property Issues

Mr. Brunson provided the following facilities information:

- The Cades-Hebron building is nearing total deterioration...the roof is about gone, there is mold, sink holes, windows out, electrical system is gone, and not good for public use. Repairs would cost about \$1,000,000.

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There was a question regarding insurance coverage of copper stolen from different parts of the Battery Park building. Dr. Jefferson-Barnes said she thought the claim was denied, but would check to make sure.

- Basic repairs at St. Mark building would cost approximately \$135,000; however any changes to meet building codes would be much more expensive.

Board members asked the following:

- For the county to do a walk-thru of the building with Board members.
- Provide a cost analysis on maintaining each of the four buildings by next meeting.

Board Concerns

- Dr. Linwood Cooper stated that he thinks it would be more beneficial to have student awards presented, by Board Members, at schools every 9 weeks (school assemblies with board members present). He said he felt this would serve as motivation for other students.

There was a discussion on methods of handling the presentations, to include: rotating Board Meetings to schools and streamlining Board level recognitions.

- Rev. Gamble asked if recognition of Superintendent's Academic Awards programs held in May could be all together, rather than at individual schools.

It was noted that the Board was only having discussions, and not making a recommendation on student recognition during Board Meetings.

Inclement Weather Makeup Days

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes explained that the district had to makeup three days, and recommended that March 24, 2014, and April 18, 2014, be used for student/teacher makeup days. She said March 24th would be an early out for students and staff development for teachers, the second half of the day.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that March 24, 2014 and April 18, 2014, be used for student/teacher makeup days. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- A. Financial Matters**
- B. Personnel Matters**
- C. Legal Updates**

The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 10:05 a. m.

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OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 10:37 a. m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a. m.

There is a difference in vote because Rev. Norman Gamble arrived late to the meeting; and left early.

Submitted by: Joanna M. Fulton Date: 3/24/14

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