

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD'S PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 16, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street – Kingstree, SC 29556**

Members Present: Dr. Kerry Singleton, Dr. Linwood Cooper, and Rev. Alfred Darby, (Ex-Officio Member)

Members Absent: Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr.

Others Present: Ms. Carrie Brock, Ms. Judy Barr, Mr. John Epps, Mrs. Maggie Fulton, Ms. Sue Hammond, Ms. Carletha Nesmith, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Dr. Kerry Singleton.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (3-0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Cades-Hebron High School Alumni Association (Request for Property)

Ms. Judy Barr, Chairperson for the Cades High School Alumni Association, stated that the group was still interested in acquiring the Cades property, and understood that the Board and administration was waiting for information from the district's attorney before making a decision.

Ms. Carrie Brock noted that during the last Property Committee meeting, Ms. Barr was asked to provide the administration with a copy of their 501(c) (3) non-profit status, proof of tax-exempt, and the history of the Cades High School Alumni Association.

Ms. Brock said that according to a 2013 appraisal of the Cades building, the property has extensive structural damage to include, a sink hole, vandalism (heating and air, copper stolen, classrooms broken into) no electricity, DHEC's prohibiting the use of the water, because it's not safe. She stated that the building is not safe for the public to enter.

Ms. Barr asked if the Cades group could sign a waiver to enter the building. Ms. Brock responded that she would not recommend that to the Board.

Ms. Barr informed the Committee that the group would not have the 501(c) (3) form by the September 26, 2016, meeting, but could have other requested documents.

Ms. Brock restated the items needed to move forward with the Cades High School Alumni Association's request: 1) Proof of non-profit status 501(c)(3); 2) Proof of history of organization i.e. number of years; and 3) Any other information to support plans for use of the building.

Rev. Darby urged the group to submit the documents as soon as possible so that the Board could move forward on the request.

**B. Williamsburg County Government (Request for Property)
Former School District Warehouse Building**

Ms. Carletha Nesmith, Grants Administrator for Williamsburg County Government, stated that County Government was trying to acquire the former district warehouse building to be used as an historical site. She stated that the building had historical ties to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to Kingstree in 1966, when he addressed citizens of the county on the grounds in front of the building.

Ms. Nesmith stated that the County plans to restore the building, investing \$800,000 through grant opportunities (National Parks and Recreation \$500,000 and State Parks and Recreation \$200,000) and the County will invest \$100,000. The building would be used to house historical information and artifacts linked to civil rights and voters rights of citizens in the area, and would be called the "Civil Rights Center and Museum." Ms. Nesmith asked the district to consider the County's request for the building so that she could complete the grant application process before October 14, 2016.

Rev. Darby informed Ms. Nesmith that a decision would be made at the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday, September 26, 2016.

ACTION ITEM

1. The Kennedy Park Property (Adjacent to Kingstree Middle Magnet School)

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby that the Board request that the Board's legal counsel take all steps necessary for the district's purchase of certain real property adjacent to Kingstree Middle School for the Board's formal approval at its September meeting, including preparing a written contract for the purchase. The motion was carried unanimously, (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: 9-26-2016

Committee Chair: Dr. Key D. Jenkins Date: 9-26-2016