

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 27, 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, Mr. Harry Lash, Ms. Cynthia Brown, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mr. James Carraway, Mr. Marion Curtis, Mr. Mark Easterling, Ms. Wendy Fulton, Ms. Jeanette Gamble, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Ms. Angela McClary-Rush, Dr. Brian McKnight, Mr. Javonne Montgomery, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. Larry Odom, Dr. Deonia Simmons, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Attorney Vernie Williams, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Rev. Alfred Darby.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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 Dr. Kerry Singleton to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

Public Comment

Ms. Jeanette Gamble, a Williamsburg County School District School Bus Driver, stated that drivers had not received a pay increase in five or six years. She stated that drivers were leaving the school district, because surrounding districts pay more. Ms. Gamble asked Board Members to approve a salary increase for bus drivers.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2016, Board's Budget Workshop, May 17, 2016, Called Board Meeting, May 23, 2016, Regular Board Meeting, and the June 20, 2016, Board's Budget Committee Meeting/Public Hearing. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Curriculum and Instruction

WCSD's Summer Institute for Educators

In June of this year, the WCSD Administrative Team hosted the first annual Superintendent's Conference. The Conference was designed to build leadership capacity within the school district and to serve as a vehicle to advance the district's vision and mission. All principals, assistant principals, curriculum specialists, media specialists, and all district-level instructional team members participated in the four-day conference. During the conference participants attended workshops such as, *Roles and Responsibilities of the Principal*, *Using Student Data to Create School Improvement Plans*, and *Increasing Rigor in the Classroom*. In addition to the workshops, each school leadership team was provided support in writing their School Renewal Plans and their Reading Plans. Moreover, leadership teams had a chance to network and collaborate with their colleagues on best practices. Based upon informal surveys, the Superintendent's

Conference was a success. The leadership teams within the district are better prepared to lead their faculty and staff in preparing our students for college, careers, and citizenship.

South Carolina Association of School Administrators' (SCASA) 2015 Innovative Ideas Institute
Administrators from Williamsburg County School District met with administrators from across the state of South Carolina to participate in SCASA's 2016 Innovative Ideas Institute on June 19-22, 2015, in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Student Services

Student Services had no report. However, Dr. Brian McKnight address the following items, per Board Members' requests:

- Approximately 25 students who will be enrolled at the Alternative School at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year.
- Bus Drivers' Training, Salary, and Retention

Finance

Expenditures and Revenues

Mr. Harry Lash, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Expenditures and Revenues Statements.

The administration and Board discussed the following:

- Flex Funds
- Kingstree Senior High School's Football Stadium Projected Completion date (Mid-July)
- State Salary Increase for Bus Drivers
- Teacher Shortage (Dr. Kenneth Burgess addressed.)
- Millage Increase (.15%)

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Budget Committee Meeting/Public Hearing

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to approve the 2016-2017 Budget as presented by the administration. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

B. The 2016-2017 Textbook Adoptions

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the adoption of the following textbooks/materials for the 2016-2017 school year:

Science	(Grades K-5)
Biology 1, 2	(Grades 10-12)
Computer Applications	(Grades 7-9)
Integrated Business Applications 1, 2	(Grades 9-12)

The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

C. Hemingway High School's Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to approve the Hemingway High School Athletic Department's requested to travel to Spartanburg, SC on July 21-23, 2016, to participate in the 2016 SC Team Football Camp – Session #2. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. 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 6:32 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee 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 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to release the following administrative personnel from her 2016-2017 contract: Ms. LaTasha Scott. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to transfer the following administrative personnel for the 2016-2017 school year: Mr. Marion Curtis and Ms. Jacqueline E. Williams. Six members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Mr. Joseph Lee, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member Abstained: Dr. Kerry Singleton. The motion was carried, (6-0-1)

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following administrative personnel for the 2016-2017 school year: Mr. James Carraway, Mr. Neilson Hilton, Mr. Larry Odom, and Dr. Deonia A. Simmons. 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 personnel for the 2016-2017 school year: Ms. Kathryn Cooke, Ms. Sally Harris, Ms. Jennifer Hunter, Mr. John Jordan, Mr. David McClellan, Ms. Jenna M. Melton, Ms. Sinthia Murphy, Ms. Kaitlyn Naill, Ms. Sara Puckett, Ms. Janelle Robinson-Dozier, and Mr. Devin Smith. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0).

Rev. Darby introduced and provided background information on the following 2016-2017 administrators: Dr. Deonia Simmons, Principal of Kingstree Senior High School; Mr. James Carraway, Principal of Kingstree Middle Magnet School; Mr. Marion Woodrow Curtis, Principal of Hemingway Elementary School; and Mr. Larry Odom, Assistant Principal of Kingstree Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenna M. Fulton Date: August 22, 2016

Board Secretary: Gladys Dorsey Date: August 22, 2016