

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 24, 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, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mrs. Jennifer Holliday, Mr. Ray James, Mrs. Hattie Pendergrass, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Ernestine Young, Ms. Michaela Duke, Mr. Chris McKegan, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

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

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote.

Public Comment

There were none.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. Charles Garner to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2012, Board's Policy Committee and Regular Board Meetings. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote.

Action Items

A. Board's Budget Committee Meeting

The Board's Budget Committee meeting was canceled, due to the lack of a quorum.

B. Board's Policy Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Garner, and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to approve Policy GBED for third, and final reading; Policies GBEBDA and IFBGA-R for second reading; and Policy ADB for first reading. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Committee-Chair did not vote.

C. C. E. Murray High School's Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to approve C. E. Murray High School's French Class Field Trip to Clemson, SC, October 26-27, 2012. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

D. Gifted and Talented Five year Plan

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. James Darby to approve the Gifted and Talented Five Year Plan. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

E. Delegate Selection for South Carolina School Boards Association's Annual Business Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and Mr. Charles Garner would serve as Delegate and Alternate Delegate, respectively, to the SCSBA's Annual Business Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

F. Appointment of Facilities Committee

The Chair appointed the following members to the Board's Facilities Committee: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Chair, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, and Mr. Joseph Lee.

Information Items

A. BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation Grant Award Luncheon

Board Members were reminded of the grant award luncheon on October 5, 2012 - 11:45 at Santee Electric Cooperative.

B. ESEA Waiver/Instructional Update Sessions

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes informed Board Members that four community meetings were held with parents, ministers, former educators, business and industry, and other community members, to share with them, how the system is moving. She also stated that SAT scores showed a 37 point gain in student performance, and the ACT performance level showed improvement as well.

C. Finance

Ms. Green provided information to Board Members relevant to the district's Expenditures and Revenues statements. She pointed out the current expenditures for August, \$2,497,872.62, and revenues \$1,399,814.98; and then noted that without a fund balance, the district would not have been able to meet its August obligations.

Board Members expressed concerns from employees regarding twice a month pay. Members also asked for clarification on a survey that was sent to employees asking if they would prefer a pay raise, or to be paid twice per month.

At the request of Ms. Green, a Board Finance Workshop was scheduled for October 15, 2012, at 9:00 a. m.

D. Charter School

Mr. Darby said he wants students from D. P. Cooper Elementary School to have the freedom of choice when it comes to attending schools in Kingstree or C. E. Murray. He said he wanted a vote to authorize a charter school at the beginning of the next school year, for D. P. Cooper.

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes explained that school choice is available for all students; and that parents only need to make the request.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble 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 6:41 p. m.

Open Session

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble that the Board convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 7:11 p. m.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the resignation of Ms. Tamela Jaeger. The motion was carried, unanimously (6-0). 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: Ms. Philisa Boykin. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. James Darby that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p. m.

Note: There is a difference in votes because Rev. Norman Gamble and Mr. Joseph Lee arrived at the meeting late.

Submitted by Joanna M. Fulton

Date October 22, 2012

Board Secretary [Signature]

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Board Reminders:

A. School Board Meetings and Conferences for 2012

1. Regular Board Meeting – October 22, 2012, Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
2. Legislative Preview/Webcast – October 4, 2012 – WCSD
3. Boot Camp for Up and Coming Board Chairs – October 11, 2012, SCSBA Training Center
4. Risky Business Seminar – October 24-26 – Myrtle Beach Marriott @ Grande Dune
5. Legislative Advocacy Conference – November 30, – December 2, 2012 - Hilton Head
6. 2013 Annual Convention – February 21-24, 2013 – Myrtle Beach (Hotel block opens 11/16/12)