

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 25, 2014 – 6:00 P. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

Members Present: Mr. Joseph Lee, Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

Others Present: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice D. Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mr. Stanley Brunson, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Ms. Anita James, Mr. Ray James, Ms. Cynthia Brown, Dr. Janice Gamble, Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Mr. Alex Gordon, Mr. Brian McKnight, Mr. Torrance Wilson, Ms. Michaela Duke, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

Moment of Silence

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 Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (3-0). The Chair did not vote.

Public Comment

Ms. Anita James, a Williamsburg County citizen, said she had spoken with the family who originally donated the old school building in Earle to the district, and was informed that the property could not be sold. Ms. James, therefore, rescinded her application to the district requesting acquisition of the building.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to approve minutes from the June 23, 2014, Board Budget Committee and Regular Board Meetings. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote.

South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) Recognizes Board Member

The Board Chair presented a certificate and pin from SCSBA to Rev. Alfred Darby for reaching Level 3 of the 2013-2014 SCSBA's Boardmanship Institute. The Institute is a year-round training curriculum, focused on leadership skills for board members on state and national educational issues.

SC Department of Education Awards Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards to District Schools

Board members presented South Carolina Department of Education Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards flags and certificates to principals and leadership teams from the following schools: C. E. Murray High (Gold/Gold), Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center (Gold), Hemingway Elementary (Gold/Silver), Hemingway High (Gold/Gold), Kenneth Gardner Elementary (Gold/Silver) and Kingstree Senior High (Silver).

Agricultural Program Cluster Update

Mr. Keith Cox, Associate State Director of Instruction of the Pee Dee and Lower State Region for Clemson University's Extension Program presented information on the Agricultural Program Cluster. He identified some of the 30 plus courses available through the Cluster to high school students, such as agricultural science, wildlife, outdoor recreation, soil and water conservation, and agricultural mechanics. Mr. Cox encouraged members to visit the website for additional information on the Agriculture Program Cluster being offered in various school districts across the state.

ISI Professional Services' Proposal to Provide Mobile Dental Care Services

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes explained that ISI would provide surveys on Wednesday for students to take home to parents, for completion and return to schools. The surveys will be compiled to determine parent interest in the dental care services being proposed by ISI.

Update on School Opening

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes said this year's school opening was one of the best openings since she came onboard with the district; she said there were no disturbances reported; and she commended the administrators for their work.

Instruction

Dr. Bernice Cooper stated that Williamsburg County School District hosted a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Day on Saturday, August 23, 2014, for students in grades 9-12. She said the event was very successful, with 8 sessions, accommodating the 65 students, 22 parents, 28 instructional staff, and 5 school administrators in attendance. Dr. Cooper said the district's Robotics Team would begin competing this school year with teams from other districts.

Student Services

There were discussions on: Student Handbooks, Alternative/HOPE Academy Enrollment, School Pageants, and Emergency Management.

Administrative Services

Information relevant to Administrative Services was provided with board agenda books.

Finance

Mr. Brunson presented the Expenditures and Revenues Reports. There were questions/concerns about: the district's financial condition, Johnson Control, and out of district student attendance.

WCSD 2013-2014 Varsity Football Schedule

The schedule was attached to the agenda.

ACT155 Diploma Petitions

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the ACT 155 Diploma Petitions presented to the district. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

Board Meeting Dates for the 2014-2015 School Year

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the administration's recommendation on Board Meeting dates for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble 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, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff**
- B. Legal Update**
- C. Facilities Update/Requests**

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:00 p. m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to 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 8:37 p. m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the resignations of the following personnel for the 2014-2015 school year: Ms. Latoya Burns, Mr. Kelsey Gaskins, Ms. Reagan Miles, Ms. Melanie Miller, and Ms. Sonja Rush-Harvin. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following administrative personnel for the 2014-2015 school year: Mr. Paul Gee and Ms. Crystal Lottig. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2014-2015 school year: Ms. Chelsea Beck, Mr. Gianni Fleming, Mr. Christopher Fox, Ms. Nisa House, Ms. Amber Jones, Ms. Meghan Planken, Ms. Lauren Reed, Mr. Carl Scales, Ms. Molly Scofield, Ms. Nicole Simon, and Ms. Jacqueline Williams. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve the lowest bid on repairing the roofing concerns at Greeleyville Elementary School. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that the company chosen to make the repairs, also inspect the remaining roof at Greeleyville Elementary School and make a report to the Board. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to postpone a decision on the Chavis matter until a meeting is held with interested parties. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p. m.

Note: There is a difference in votes because Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble and Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. arrived at the meeting late.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: 9/22/14

Board Secretary: [Signature] Date: 9/22/14