

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2015 – 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, Mr. Joseph Lee, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

**Member Absent:** Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr.

**Others Present:** Mrs. Carrie C. Brock, Dr. Bernice D. Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Dr. Brian McKnight, Ms. Jennifer M. Barkers, Ms. Ethel B. Bellamy, Mr. George H. Brown, Mr. George Fredrick, Jr., Mr. Billy S. Grissett, Mr. Ray James, Mr. Ben McGill, Ms. Glander Pressley, Ms. Jacqueline Simmons, Ms. Janice Smith, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Tina Wilson, Ms. Michael Duke, Ms. Dianne Owens (Weekly Observer), and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

**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 Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Billy Grissett, former Williamsburg County School District employee, addressed the Board with concerns about the removal of Hemingway High School's JROTC instructor, assistant principal, and principal for the 2015-2016 school year. He asked the Board to reconsider its decision.

Ms. Tina Wilson, a Williamsburg County School District parent, spoke of the accomplishments of Mr. Levi Keith during his tenure at Hemingway High School, and asked the Board to consider letting him remain at the school for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. George Fredrick, Jr., a Williamsburg County School District parent, expressed concerns about having Mr. Levi Keith, Coach Barry McFadden, and Ms. Erica Barcus transferred from the Hemingway schools. He asked the Board to reconsider their decisions.

Ms. Glander Pressley, a Williamsburg County School District parent, informed the Board that her daughter (a Hemingway High School student) was in an ACT course that did not have a teacher. She stated her daughter was given a grade, but she wanted her child to get the instruction and not just receive a grade.

Mr. George Brown, Representative for the Concerned Parents and Citizens of Hemingway Community, spoke on behalf of the group. Mr. Brown asked Board Members to readdress and rescind the decision to remove principals from the Hemingway area schools.

Ms. Jennifer Ann Barcus, a concerned of Williamsburg County citizen, told Board Members of her concerns about reassigning principals of the Hemingway Schools. She also spoke of some of the roles and duties of a School Board member.

Mr. Ben McGill, a concerned citizen of Williamsburg County, expressed concerns about closing Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2015, Regular Board Meeting, May 11, 2015, and May 13, 2015, Budget Committee Meetings, and the May 18, 2015, Called Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Curriculum and Instruction**

#### **Strategic Plan Update**

Dr. Bernice Cooper provided information relevant to the district's Strategic Plan Update process.

#### **Waccamaw Center for Mental Health**

Ms. Janice Smith provided Board Members with an update on the role of Waccamaw Mental Health Program in the school district. She stated that the agency currently provides ten counselors to serve students in five WCSD schools. Ms. Smith was accompanied by her Regional Director, Ms. Ethel Bellamy.

#### **Administrative Services**

Information relevant to Administrative Services was included in the Board Agenda Packet.

#### **Student Services**

Dr. Brian McKnight stated that all district schools ended the school year smoothly.

Board Chair Rev. Darby commended all high schools on graduation ceremonies; and thanked all Board Members who participated.

#### **Finance**

The Expenditures and Revenues Statements were included in the Board Agenda Packet.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Bond Refunding Resolution**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve the annual Bond Refunding Resolution. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0.)

#### **SCAGO Educational Facilities Corporation Trust Resolution**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the SCAGO Educational Facilities Corporation Trust Resolution. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0.)

#### **Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Resolution**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Resolution. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0.)

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### **Request to Award Bid for Auditing Services**

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to award the auditing services bid to the lowest responsive bidder, Sheheen, Hancock, and Godwin, LLP. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0.)

### **C. E. Murray Middle and High Schools' Field Trip Request**

Rev. Darby asked for objections to approving Items E-G, Field Trip Requests, collectively. There were no objections.

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve the Field Trip Requests. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The following field trips were approved:

- C. E. Murray Middle and High Schools' Business Departments to Chicago, IL, June 28, 2015 – July 3, 2015
- Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School's CATE students to Chicago, IL, June 28, 2015-July 3, 2015
- Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center's students to Louisville, KY, June 16-28, 2015
- C. E. Murray High School's Athletic Department to Raleigh and Chapel Hill, NC, June 18-19, 2015

### **ACT 155 Diploma Petitions**

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the administration's recommendation to approve ACT 155 Diploma Petitions presented to the district. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

### **The Proposed 2015 Summer Work Schedule**

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the administration's recommendation to approve district's Summer Work Schedule. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton 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. Legal Advice**

1. Facilities Requests
2. Contractual Matter

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

### **OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 7:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the resignations of the following personnel at the end of the 2015-2016 school year: Mr. Joedy Cook, Mr. Kenneth Crib, Ms. Carolina Smith, Ms. Roberta Turner, and Ms. Kate Watson. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2015-2016 school year: Ms. Nisa House and Ms. Sharon Powell. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to authorize the administration to make arrangements to complete the capital projects discussed at the Board's May 26, 2015, Budget meeting, by selecting the individuals or firms that submit the lowest responsible bids to the District's request for proposal. Five 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, 5-0-1.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to make arrangements for restoration of the roof at D. P. Cooper Charter with a 10-year roof by selecting the individual or firm that submits the lowest responsible bid to the District's request for proposals. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member opposed: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member abstained: Dr. Kerry Singleton The motion was carried, 4-1-1.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: June 29, 2015

Board Secretary: [Signature] Date: 6-29-15