

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 22, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Public Service Administrative Building – Council Chambers 1st Floor
201 W. Main Street – Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

Members Present: Marva B. Cannon, Dr. Jerry L. Dicks, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mack Burgess, Dr. Janice Gamble, Mike Floyd, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Gary McKenzie, and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: N/A

Others Present: Cathy Williams, Vernie Williams, Thelma McKenize, Erica McKenize, Michael Barrineau, J. Omar Montgomery, Pam Tisdale, Darren Tisdale, Dr. Myron Davis, Carolina McKenize, LaTonya West, Joseph McCullough, Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, and Ernest Young

Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Marva B. Cannon at 6:00 pm. The secretary confirmed the Establishment of Quorum and the chair confirmed the Notification of Media.

Welcome

The chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

Moment of Silence

Dr. Dicks asked all people to observe a Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to amend the agenda for the swearing in of the newly elected board member from V. Williams to Dr. Wymbs by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Dr. Dicks. The motion was carried. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the amendment by Dr. Gamble seconded by Dr. Burgess. The motion was carried. A motion was made to add DP Cooper and usage of property by Rev. Darby and seconded by Dr. Dicks. The motion was carried.

Action Items

A motion was made to approve last meeting minutes by Rev. Darby and seconded by M. Burgess. The motion was carried.

Thought of Today

Dr. Dicks shared the Thought for Today.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Swearing in of Elected Board Member

Gary McKenzie was sworn in by Dr. Wymbms to represent District 6 on Williamsburg County School District Board of Trustees.

Facilities Update

M. Barrineau, Executive Director of Operations and Facilities Management, and O. Montgomery, Assistant Director of Operations and Facilities Management, updated the board on completed projects, projects in progress and future projects at the various schools in the district.

Human Resources Update

L. West, Human Resources Director, updated the board on the status of vacant positions, filled positions, and referred to her written report in the board's packet.

Enrollment Numbers

S. Swinton was not in attendance due to a family emergency.

Transportation/Electric Buses/GPS System

Dr. McKnight, Director of Transportation and Student Services, shared that the school district will receive four electric buses in late 2025 to be placed at Hemingway High School and Kingstree High School. He shared that the SC State Department of Education will be responsible for maintaining electric buses. Dr. McKnight concluded his report with the number of vacancies in the Transportation Department, and the use of substitute drivers to assist with staffing.

Opening Dates

Dr. Wymbms, Superintendent, shared that testing data will not be released until approved by the SC State Department of Education. He concluded his report by expressing his gratitude and appreciation to the community, parents, and scholars for the past successful school year.

DP Cooper Elementary School

M. Cannon, shared that a letter was written to the superintendent expressing the board's full support of DP Cooper Elementary School to be used by the community.

Board Items

The following items were highlighted by the board: (1) periodically meeting of all county elected officials for growth of the county; (2) request funds from the state to support poor rural schools; (3) board chair and vice chair were invited by Superintendent Weaver and Dr. Johnson to meet and tour the new SC State Department of Education Office on Friday, July 26, 2024; (4) SCSBA sent a welcome sign for board members to take a picture at the board meeting; (5) board chair referred board members to cellphone policy in their board packet; and (6) board chair asked for principals and district staff to start attending board meetings in August 2024.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Gamble and seconded by Rev. Darby. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____