

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2018 – 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. James Dukes, Jr., Ms. Angela McClary-Rush, and Ms. Barbara McKenzie

Members Present: Rev. William C. Henryhand, Sr., Mr. Joseph Lee, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

Others Present: Ms. Carrie C. Brock, Mrs. Roberta Cumbee, Mr. Michael Barrineau, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Ms. Donna Ardis, Mrs. Judy Barr, Ms. Valeria Brown, Mr. James Carraway, Dr. Myron Davis, Ms. Michaele Duke, Mr. Mark Easterling, Dr. Gerard Edwards, Ms. Nicole Dixon, Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Ms. Letha Gary, Ms. Bonita Glover, Dr. Gwendolyn Harris, Mr. Ray James, Mr. Allen Keels, Ms. Bonnie King, Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Mrs. Shaunta P. Mack, Mrs. Priscilla McClary, Dr. Brian McKnight, Mr. Muriel McKnight, Ms. Christina Miller, Mr. Javonne O. Montgomery, Ms. Jessie Scott, Mr. Ashton Williams, Attorney Vernie Williams, and Mrs. Bonnie Grimsley

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

Moment of Silence

Rev. Darby asked all persons to observe a Moment of Silence in remembrance of the students and teachers who lost their lives during the recent Florida school shooting, as well as the parents and families of the victims.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mr. James Dukes, Jr. to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Public Comment

Ms. Donna Ardis, a Williamsburg County School District Parent, addressed the Board with concerns that her daughter was being bullied verbally and physically at school. She asked for assistance from the Board and administration in investigating her concerns.

Ms. Letha Gary, a Williamsburg County School District Parent, asked that her son's recent artwork that placed the Superintendent's Art Gallery, be returned to her. She also expressed concerns about the lack of handicapped ramps at district offices, and asked that ramps be installed at those locations.

Ms. Christina Miller, a Williamsburg County School District Parent, asked the Board for an explanation as to why parents are not notified when schools are placed on lockdown status. She had a second concern regarding the dress code in the student handbook.

Mrs. Judy Barr, a member of the Cades Alumni Association, informed the Board that the organization is still interested in obtaining the old Cades-Hebron Elementary School building. She stated that the group had secured all information requested by the Board, but has not received the 501-C3 non-profit status. Ms. Barr stated that another organization agreed to allow the Cades Alumni Association coverage under their 501-C3 non-profit status.

Ms. Jessie Scott, a Williamsburg County School District substitute teacher, expressed concerns about the method in which substitute work days are determined. She also had concerns that substitutes are ineligible for unemployment compensation during the summer months.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2018, Board's Budget Workshop, January 23, 2018, Regular Board Meeting, and the February 8, 2018, Called Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Finance and Administrative Services Expenditures and Revenues Statements

Mr. Michael Barrineau, Chief Financial Officer, asked for questions pertaining to the expenditures and revenues statements. There were none.

Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Roberta Cumbee, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, answered questions relevant to the Board Agenda attachment from Curriculum and Instruction. She also addressed the following:

- Web Page Recognition and Incentives for Students – Students who score perfect on SC Ready, SC PASS, and any part of the EOC will be featured on the school district's Website, and receive an incentive.
- Enrichment Programs – Virtual School and other programs available to school districts from the State Department of Education are being implemented in WCSD.

Student Services

Dr. Brian McKnight, Director of Student Services and Transportation, asked for questions concerning Student Services. He assured Board Members that the administration is taking every precaution to ensure student safety at all time.

ACTION ITEMS

Board's Budget Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded Dr. Linwood Cooper to adopt the Procedures and Student Enrollment Projection for FY 2018-2019, as presented by the administration. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Kingstree Senior High School's Field Trip Request

The Chair asked for objections to considering Items B – H, Field Trip Requests, collectively for approval. There were no objections.

A motion was made by Ms. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve Items B – H, Field Trip Requests. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The following field trips were approved:

- **The Kingstree Senior High School's Field Trip Request**
The Kingstree Senior High School's Career and Technology Education (CATE) Students/Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) will travel to North Charleston, SC, to participate in the HOSA Leadership Conference, March 7-9, 2018.
- **Hemingway High School's Field Trip Request**
The Hemingway High School's Career and Technology Education (CATE) students will travel to Myrtle Beach, SC, to participate in the Palmetto Regional First Robotics Competition, March 1-3, 2018.
- **C. E. Murray High School's Field Trip Request**
The C. E. Murray High School's Career and Technology Education (CATE)/Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students will travel to North Charleston, SC, to participate in the 2018 SC FBLA State Leadership Conference and Competitive events, March 15-17, 2018.
- **Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School's Field Trip Request**
The Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School's Career and Technology Education (CATE) students will travel to North Charleston, SC, to participate in the 2018 SC FBLA State Leadership Conference and Competitive events, March 16-18, 2018.
- **Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center's Field Trip Request**
The Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center's CATE students will travel to Greenville, SC, to participate in the SC SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference, March 22-24, 2018.
- **Hemingway High School's Field Trip Request**
The Hemingway High School's Career and Technology Education (CATE) students will travel to North Charleston, SC, to participate in the 2018 SC FBLA State Leadership Conference, March 16-18, 2018.
- **Kingstree Senior High School's Field Trip Request**
The Kingstree Senior High School's Career and Technology Education (CATE)/Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students will travel to North Charleston, SC, to participate in the 2018 SC FBLA State Leadership Conference, March 16-18, 2018.

ACT 207 of 2016 Diploma Petition

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the ACT 207 of 2016 Diploma Petitions from C. E. Murray High School, Hemingway High School, and Kingstree Senior High School. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Rev. Darby acknowledged school district employees, and the families of school district employees, who died during the months of January and February 2018. He expressed sympathy, on behalf of the school district, to all bereaved families.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to convene in Executive Session to discuss items listed on the agenda.

- A. Discussion of Employment Matters, including: Hiring, Discipline, Transfer, Termination, Retirement, Reorganization and/or Resignation of Staff.**

B. Receipt of legal advice regarding litigation, potential litigation, employment matters, and facilities updates.

C. Safety Measures for Schools

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper 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 7:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to release the following certified personnel from her 2017-18 contract: Mrs. Latonya Parker. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Mr. James Dukes, Jr. to accept the administration's recommendation to terminate the 2017-18 contracts of the following certified personnel: Employee A and Employee B. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following certified personnel for the 2018-2019 school year: Ms. Leann Brown, Mr. Dexter Butler, and Mr. William Seals. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by: Bonnie Grimsley Date: 3/26/18

Board Secretary: Gladys Dorsey Date: 3/26/18