

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 – 6:00 P. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

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

Others Present: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Davis-Cooper, Ms. S. Christine Green, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Ms. Erica Barcus, Mr. Willie Frazier, Dr. Janice Gamble, Ms. Bonnie King, Attorney Irma R. Brooks, Mr. Ray James, Mrs. Chanetta R. Wilson-McCutchen, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Michaela Duke, Mr. Chris McKegan, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

Moment of Silence

The Chair asked for a Moment of Silence. All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to adopt the agenda.

Question

Rev. Darby asked that student awards be placed first on the agenda. The Chair said it could be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.

Rev. Darby asked about the feasibility of having televised Board Meetings.

Rev. Darby asked about the district's discipline plan. Dr. Jefferson-Barnes stated that the plan would be included on the agenda for the June meeting.

The motion to adopt the agenda was carried (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

Public Comment:

Attorney Irma Brooks addressed Board Members as the attorney representing Rakeem Reid and his mother, Roketha Reid in the lawsuit, pending, against the Williamsburg County School District and others regarding unauthorized and inappropriate grade changes.

Mrs. Chanetta R. Wilson-McCutchen, a Williamsburg County School District parent, addressed the Board with concerns that a school bus driver dropped her six year old son off at the wrong house. She asked the district to develop guidelines for bus drivers, to ensure this would not happen to her child or any other child, again.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2013, Board Budget and Regular Board Meetings, and the April 30, 2013, Called Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Board's Budget Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to accept the recommendation of the Board's Budget Committee to approve proposed budget cuts for the 2013-14 school year. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. One member opposed: Mr. Joseph Lee. One member abstained: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. The motion was carried, (4-1-1).

B. The Proposed 2013 Summer Work Schedule

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve the Summer Work Schedule: 8:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday – Thursday, and closed on Friday, beginning Monday, June 10, 2013, and ending August 1, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

C. Williamsburg County School District Requests Permission to Apply for Title I Funds

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve the administration's request for permission to apply for Title I, Title II, Title III and Title VI Funds for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

D. 2013-2014 Textbook Adoption Recommendations

The Chair called for a vote on the administration's recommendation to approve the 2013-2014 Textbook Adoption Recommendations. The recommendation was approved unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

E-G. Hemingway Career and Technology Center's Field Trip Request

The Chair asked for objections to taking Items E-G, Field Trip Requests, collectively. There were none.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to approve Items E-G, Field Trip Requests. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The following field trips were approved:

E. Hemingway Career and Technology Center to Kansas City, MO, June 21-29, 2013.

F. C. E. Murray Junior & High School Business Department to Anaheim, CA, June 26, 2013- July 1, 2013.

G. Hemingway High School Business Department to Anaheim, CA, June 26, 2013-July 1, 2013.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WCSD Student Recognized by SC Economic Concepts

The Board presented a Certificate of Recognition to Latricia Durant (DPC) for her poster being selected to appear on the 2013-2014 Economic Concepts Calendar.

B. WCSD Student Receives Award from the SC State Department of Education

Board Members presented a Certificate of Recognition to Abigail Monlang (HES) for receiving Honorable Mention in the 2012-2013 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Drawing Contest.

C. Duke University TIP Program Congratulates WCSD Students

The Board presented a Certificate of Recognition to Taylor McCullough (HES), Leron Pressley and Zaria Thompkins (HMBLS) for being eligible to enroll and participate in the 4th – 6th grade talent search program through Duke University.

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D. WCSD Students to Attend and/or Compete in National Conferences

The following students received Certificates of Recognition from the Board for qualifying to attend and/or participate in SkillsUSA and FBLA activities: **C. E. Murray Junior High & High School:** Jarae Singletary, Amoria Rush, NyDya Gamble, Tevin Dickey, Emily Washington, Kayla McBride, De'Isis Davis, Brianna Barrow, Dajia Rodgers, Morgan Green, Makeda Thomas, Jameson Montgomery, Kerrie Singleton, JaMal Wilson, and Cambridge Gamble. **Hemingway Career and Technology Center:** Armein Harrell, Nadirah Dunmore, Demetris Hampton, Dameon Johnson, James McCray, Kelli Venters, and Kelsey Washington. **Hemingway High School:** LyKya Lawrence.

E. WCSD Student Winner in Silver Crescent Foundation's Design Challenge

The Board presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jamayel Hугee (CEM) for being named Waccamaw Region's 1st place winner in the Discover Manufacturing Design Challenge.

F. Former Kingstree Senior High School Coach honored by SC Coaches Association

Board Members presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Marcus Burgess in honor of his late wife, Mrs. Sonya T. Burgess, who was named the 2012-13 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year, by the SC Coaches Association Board of Directors.

G. SC Department of Education Approves District's 2013-2016 Technology Plan

SC Department of Education's Office of eLearning approved the school district's technology plan for participating in the universal service program. Congratulations were extended to the Technology Department.

H. WCSD Receives Plaque of Commendation from the SC Budget and Control Board

Special thanks and congratulations were extended to the Office of Facilities Management for being recognized by the SC Budget and Control Board, for helping reduce energy costs in the school district.

I. SC Department of Education Commends District's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (21CCLC)

Congratulations were extended to the Office of Parenting and Grant Writing, and participating schools for meeting federal and state compliance requirements with the South Carolina Department of Education.

Rev. Darby thanked Ms. Delores Singleton for the \$1,000 scholarship to C. E. Murray High School. The scholarship was awarded to Rakeem Reid, who was present at the meeting. Rev. Darby and Dr. Jefferson-Barnes congratulated and commended him.

J. Update from Student Services

Mr. Eddie Woods provided information to Board Members regarding Discipline Hearings held during the month. There were also discussions on screening students for weapons and contraband items, student discipline handbooks, bullying policy, and costs associated with metal detectors.

K. Update from Administrative Services

Mr. Kennedy stated that most of the month was spent on auxiliary services. He addressed Board Members' concerns regarding Willoglen, the Youth Academy, and RBHS.

L. Finance

Ms. Christine Green presented the Expenditures and Revenues Statements for the month of April 2013. She provided a copy of Millage activities through the past 14 years. There were discussions on the district's debt services and student desks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper 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. Personnel Matters**
- C. Legal Matters**

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:20 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, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 8:00 p. m.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the resignation of Ms. Gina Faas. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to not renew the contracts of the following personnel at the end of the 2012-2013 school year: Mr. Jamez Dudley, Ms. Marcia Ford, and Ms. Veronica Moye'. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the administration's recommendation to employ Miss Kristen Alexander, Mr. Anthony Cameron, Ms. Wendy Dicks, Mr. Kelly Eby, Mr. Dane Huling, Miss Shelby Martin, Miss Devin Nunez, Miss Maria Scala, Miss Jaishri Shankar, and Miss Katie Wagner for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

Mrs. McKenzie informed Board Members that Rev. Darby volunteered to attend the Charter School Hearing in Columbia.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p. m.

Note: There is a difference in votes, because Ms. Norma Bartelle arrived prior to Information Items; and Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. left prior to Open Session.

Submitted by: Joann M. Sutton Date: 6/24/13

Board Secretary: Alfred Darby Date: 6-24-13

Board Reminders:

A. School Board Meetings

1. Regular Board Meeting – Monday, June 24, 2013, Board/Staff Development Room, 6:00 pm

Graduations:

Adult Education – May 22, 2013 – 6:00 p. m.

C. E. Murray High – May 23, 2013 – 8:00 p. m.

Hemingway High – May 24, 2013 – 6:00 p. m.

Kingstree Senior High – May 25, 2013 – 8:30 a. m.

NSBA & SCSBA Meeting Schedule

1. SCSBA New Board Orientation *Make Up*, Saturday, June 8, 2013

2. NSBA Southern Region Conference – July 7-10, 2013 – Destin, FL

3. School Law Conference – Aug. 24-25, 2013 – Charleston Marriott – *Hotel room block opens 6-3-13*