

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALLED BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 21, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street – Kingstree, SC 29556**

Members Present: Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Mr. Joseph M. Lee, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

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

Others Present: Ms. Carrie C. Brock, Mrs. Mona Singletary, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Dianne Owens, and Mrs. Joann Fulton.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

All persons were asked to observe a Moment of Silence and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE 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).

Standardized Testing for Grades 1 and 2

Ms. Carrie Brock stated that benchmark testing will be administered to students in grades 1 and 2 to determine how well they will perform on grade 3 standardized testing. She said students will be tested in ELA and math during the spring of 2016. Ms. Brock shared that standards and benchmarks are measurable descriptors of student knowledge and expected student learning outcomes on grade level.

Recommendation for Seat on the State Board of Education

Ms. Brock stated the State Superintendent, Molly Spearman informed her that in January 2016, Williamsburg County will have a vacancy on the State Board of Education. She asked the Board to make a recommendation or recommendations through the Williamsburg County Legislative Delegation.

Williamsburg County School District's Organizational Chart

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the Williamsburg County School District's 2015-2016 Organizational Chart. Four persons voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, and Dr. Kerry Singleton. Two members opposed: Mr. Joseph M. Lee and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie.

WCSD 2015 Student/Teacher Calendar

Ms. Brock explained that the calendar needed to be revised to reflect the make-up of the seven days schools were closed due to flooding of Williamsburg County. She recommended that the Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees forgive three days, and that October 26, 2015, November 23-24, 2015, and January 4, 2016 be used as make-up days. She added that students did not need to be out of school, instructionally, for the entire week of Thanksgiving, after having been out for seven days due to the devastation of the flood.

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to use the three make-up days that are already built into the calendar; let the Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees to forgive three days; and request that the State Department of Education forgive one day. Three members voted in favor of the motion: Rev. Alfred Darby, Ms. Gladys Dorsey, and Dr. Kerry Singleton. Three members opposed the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mr. Joseph Lee and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. The motion failed, (3-3).

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees forgive three days, and that October 26, 2015, November 23-24, 2015, and January 4, 2016 be used as make-up days. Five members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Mr. Joseph M. Lee, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member abstained: Dr. Kerry Singleton. The motion was carried (5-0-1).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to convene in Executive Session to discuss the following:

- A. Discussion of Employment Matters, Including: Election, Transfer, Termination, Retirement, Reorganization and/or Resignation of Staff, and Employee Hearings.**
- B. Receipt of legal advice regarding litigation, employment matters, and facilities updates.**

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 10:37 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph M. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to convene in Open Session to vote on matters per Executive Session Discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 12:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie that in the employee appeals heard in Executive Session, that the Board found that the employees have not established that their termination was arbitrary or based upon improper motives, and that accordingly their terminations be upheld. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Jean M. Fulton Date: 10-26-15

Board Secretary: Dr. Linwood Cooper Date: 10-26-15