

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Called Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingtree, South Carolina**

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr.

Others Present: Ms. Carrie Brock, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Mr. Mark Easterling, Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Ms. Bonnie King, Mrs. Priscilla McClary, Mr. Javonne Montgomery, Ms. Quinn Ranahan, Ms. Ardrina Wise, Ms. Teresa Womble, and Mrs. Bonnie Grimsley

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

Moment of Silence

Rev. Darby expressed sympathy on behalf of the Board and Administration to Ms. Roberta Cumbee in the death of her mother, and to Ms. Bonnie King in the death of her uncle.

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 Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

South Carolina School Board Member Ethical Principles

Board Members, by general consensus, agreed to affirm the South Carolina School Board Association's *South Carolina School Board Members' Ethical Principles*. Attorney Vernie Williams, the school district's attorney, conducted the affirmation of the pledge, and each Board Member signed the document.

Kingtree Middle Magnet School of the Arts' Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the Kingtree Middle Magnet School of the Arts social studies department's field trip request to travel to New Orleans, LA, to participate in the Academic Travel Services Learning program on May 24-28, 2017. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

Kingtree Middle Magnet School of the Arts' Field Trip Request

The Chair asked for objections to approving Action Items C and D together. There were no objections.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the following field trips:

- The Kingtree Middle Magnet School of the Arts music department's field trip request to travel to Atlanta, GA, to attend the Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase on January 28, 2017.

- The Hemingway High School science department's field trip request to travel to Columbia, SC, to attend the 2017 Junior Science and Humanities Symposium on January 19-20, 2017.

The motion to approve both field trips was carried unanimously, (5-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff
- B. Legal Update

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:17 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, (4-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 6:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to accept (1) the administration's recommendation to hire the following retired administrative personnel for the 2016-2017 school year: Ms. Juanita Wilson; (2) the administration's recommendation to employ the following teacher to work under a Letter of Agreement in the position indicated, for the 2016-2017 school year: Ms. Terria O. King; and (3) the administration's recommendation to employ the following teachers for Contracted Teacher Services, through a teacher recruitment Agency. The teachers will remain employees of the company and will be paid by the company. The District will pay the company recruitment fees as part of the memorandum of agreement, for the 2016-2017 school year: Mr. Ronald Freeman, Mrs. Terita Gusby-McCauley, and Ms. Anne Ridgill. Three members voted in favor of the motion: Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member abstained: Dr. Kerry Singleton. The motion was carried, (3-0-1).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Note: There is a difference in vote, because Mr. Joseph Lee left prior to Open Session.

Submitted by: Bonnie Brimsley Date: 2/27/17

Board Secretary: Gladys Brimsley Date: 2/27/17