

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, July 12, 2012 – 9:00 A. M.  
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room  
423 School Street – Kingstree, SC**

**Members Present:** Mr. Joseph Lee, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Mr. James Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Charles Garner

**Members Absent:** Rev. W. C. Henryhand and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

**Others Present:** Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Cooper, Ms. Christine Green, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mr. Mike Gallagher (Southwest Financial Advisors), Ms. Bonnie King, Mr. John Thames, Attorney Vernie Williams, Mrs. Michaela Dukes and Mrs. Joann Fulton.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Lee, Acting-Chair.

Rev. Norman Gamble led the group in prayer. All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. James Darby to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

Ms. Christine Green informed Board Members there had been no change to the budget. She indicated that Governor Haley's veto would impact (1) the District's Arts Program, and (2) that the amount allocated for teachers would be reduced by \$59,000.

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes noted that the district had applied for arts grants, which should be awarded in November, if successful.

Mr. Mike Gallagher, from Southwest Securities, Inc., updated Board Members on the Resolution for the General Obligation Bond, which he stated was the same as in prior years. The document needed Board approval. He said the Bond was not to exceed \$3,350,000.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Charles Garner to approve the bond resolution, not to exceed \$3,350,000. Three members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Charles Garner. One member opposed: Mr. James Darby. The motion was carried, (3-1) The Acting-Chair did not vote.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to convene in Executive Session to discuss the following:

- A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff**
- B. Superintendent's Evaluation**

The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:41 a. m.

**Open Session**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that the Board convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 9:50 a. m.

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the resignation of Mr. Winston Williams. The motion was carried, unanimously (4-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the administration's recommendation to employ Ms. Tia Drakeford for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

**Superintendent's Evaluation**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that as a result of the positive evaluation as discussed by the Board in Executive Session, that the district superintendent be given a 2% increase in salary, and a 2-year extension of her contract.

A motion was made by Mr. James Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to divide the motion. Three members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. James Darby, Mr. Charles Garner, and Mr. Joseph Lee. Two members opposed the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle and Rev. Norman Gamble. The motion to divide the motion was carried, (3-2).

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that as a result of the positive evaluation as discussed by the Board in Executive Session, that the district superintendent be given a 2% increase in salary. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that as a result of the positive evaluation as discussed by the Board in Executive Session, that the district superintendent be given a 2-year extension of her contract.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Charles Garner and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble that the superintendent be given a 3-year extension of her contract. Three members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Charles Garner. One member opposed: Mr. James Darby. The motion was carried, (3-1). The Acting-Chair did not vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Acting-Chair did not vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a. m.

Submitted by: Joana M. Fulton Date: 8/27/2012  
Board Secretary: [Signature] Date: 8/27/2012