

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 25, 2013 – 6:00 P. M.**  
**Board/Staff Development Meeting Room**  
**423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina**

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

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

**Others Present:** Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mr. Stanley Brunson, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Ms. Erica Barcus, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mrs. Roberta Cumbee, Mr. Mark Easterling, Mrs. Delaney Frierson, Mrs. Maggie Fulton, Dr. Janice Gamble, Mrs. Linda Huell, Mr. Ray James, Mr. Levi Keith, Ms. Bonnie King, Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Ms. Angela McClary-Rush, Ms. Jacqueline Simmons, Dr. Kerry Singleton, Mrs. La-Dine' Williams-Gamble, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Ms. Michaela Duke, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

**Moment of Silence**

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

**Election of Board Officers**

Attorney Vernie Williams, who was asked to conduct the Election of Board Officers, opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair.

Rev. Alfred Darby nominated Mr. Joseph Lee. A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to close the nominations on Mr. Joseph Lee. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). Mr. Joseph Lee was declared Board Chair by acclamation.

Attorney Williams opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Mrs. Barbara McKenzie nominated Rev. Alfred Darby. A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to close the nominations on Rev. Alfred Darby. Five members voted in favor of closing the nomination: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member abstained: Ms. Norma Bartelle. The motion was carried (5-0). Rev. Alfred Darby was declared Board Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Attorney Williams opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary.

Rev. Alfred Darby nominated Dr. Linwood Cooper. A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to close the nominations on Dr. Linwood Cooper. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). Dr. Linwood Cooper was declared Secretary by acclamation.

**Swearing-In of Newly Elected Board Officers**

Attorney Williams swore in newly elected Board Officers, Mr. Joseph Lee, Rev. Alfred Darby, and Dr. Linwood Cooper.



### **Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to adopt the agenda. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member opposed: Rev. Alfred Darby. The motion was carried (4-1). The Chair did not vote.

### **Public Comment:**

Mrs. Maggie Fulton, a Williamsburg County School District school bus driver, addressed the Board with concerns about the recent 2.5% pay increase for drivers. She stated that drivers were not satisfied with the increase, and asked for consideration from Board Members.

Mrs. Linda Huell, a member of the Advisory Board for the proposed D. P. Cooper Charter School, informed Board Members that D. P. Cooper Elementary School had received an initial startup grant of \$300,000 for the Charter School project. Mrs. Huell congratulated persons involved in helping to secure the grant.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve minutes from the October 28, 2013, Regular Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **WCSD Students Receive Kingtree Lion's Club Awards**

Dairon Fulton and Jacquan Bradley, students from Kingtree Middle School, received Certificates of Recognition from Board members for winning 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places, respectively, for artwork submitted to the Kingtree Lion's Club.

### **WCSD Students Participate in Mock Trial Competitions**

On Nov. 9, 2013, all Williamsburg County School District middle schools participated in the Coastal Regional Middle School Mock Trial Competition held at the Conway Courthouse. Board members presented a trophy to each middle school; and Certificates of Recognition to students.

**C. E. Murray Middle School:** Pria Anderson, David Covert, Daishanea Gamble, Malcolm Gamble, Tejaun Grant, John Joe, Charles Kinlaw, Taylor Reed, D'Andre Robinson, Amaira Rush, Ma'Kayla Starling, Joshua Traylor, Emily Washington, Kinandah Williams, and Reeco Wilson. Teacher Coach: Mr. John Carey. Attorney Coaches: Attorney Ronnie Sabb and Attorney Adrian Dukes.

**Hemingway M. B Lee Middle School:** Johnovan Barkers, Jakyii Carpenter, Billy Garvin, Sasha Gibson, Eriel Green, Mackenzie Gregory, Joseph James, Isaiah Mitchell, Kaya Perry, Dmitri Platt, Niara Pressley, Nayasha Pressley, Keiasha Stokes, and Alexander Weaver. Coaches: Mary Owens and Carleen Freeman. Attorney Coach: Attorney Doward Harvin

**Kingtree Middle School:** Jalen Carraway, Courtney Franklin, Jaclyn Fulmore, Alicia Fulton, Lindsay Gardner, Trevon Gibson, Kornan Graham, Darius McClary, Samantha McCrea, Chamari McFadden, Gil'Briana Owens, Hope Scott, Javon Swindler, Ladashia Swinton, Imani Williams, and Imante Williams. Teacher Coach: Ms. Ardrina Wise, and Teacher Coach Assistant: Ms. Sarah McFadden. Attorney Coaches: Attorney Mark Wise and Attorney Charlotte Wise.



### **WCSD Students Participate in Annual Conference**

Board Members presented Certificates of Recognition to the following students from D. P. Cooper Elementary School for their performances during the opening ceremony of the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina Annual Conference held in Myrtle Beach on November 4, 2013: Tyler Ricks, Zariyah Fulton, Andrew Burroughs, Rakayla Graham, McKenzie Traylor, and Keenan Brown.

### **WCSD Students Represent Santee Electric Cooperative on Washington, DC Tour**

Leah Dollard, a senior at Hemingway High School, and Kerrie Singleton, a senior at C. E. Murray High School, received Certificates of Recognition from the Board for representing Santee Electric Cooperative on the annual Washington Youth Tour, with more than 1500 students from across America.

### **WCSD School Recognized by SC Education Oversight Committee for Excellent Absolute Rating on 2013 School Report Card**

Board Members presented Certificates of Achievement to Hemingway High School and C. E. Murray High School for being recognized, by the SC Education Oversight Committee, for being one of 40 schools earning an Absolute rating of Excellent or Good this year with a poverty index of 90 percent or greater.

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

School and District Report Cards – Mrs. Delaney Frierson, Coordinator of Testing, provided information on the 2013 Report Card ratings, which she stated showed significant gains. She also responded to questions and concerns from Board members.

Mrs. Roberta Cumbee, Coordinator of the HOPE Academy and Alternative School, presented information on those programs, and responded to Board Members' questions and concerns.

### **Student Services**

Information relevant to Student Services was included in the Board Agenda packet.

### **Administrative Services**

Administrative Services provided a handout of activities performed during the month, by that department. There were discussions on the following:

- Smoke free campuses, as it relates to Adult Education
- The 190-day calendar
- Overall emergency preparedness plan, as it relates to cameras at the district

### **Finance**

Mr. Stanley Brunson presented the Expenditure and Revenue Statements to Board Members.

Mr. Del Brown, the district's auditor, told members he did not anticipate any findings for which the district would be cited in the Audit Report.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Kingstree Senior High School's Field Trip Request**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to approve Kingstree Senior High School Freshman Academy's field trip request to Washington, DC, May 1-4, 2014. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The 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 items listed on the agenda.

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

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:10 p. m.

**OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to 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 8:10 p. m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the retirement of the following person: Ms. Guynita Davis. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**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 8:12 p. m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton

Date: January 27, 2014

Board Secretary: [Signature]

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