

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 22, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street – Kingstree, SC 29556**

Members Present: Rev. Alfred Darby, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr., Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey Mr. Joseph M. Lee, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

Member Absent: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

Others Present: Ms. Carrie C. Brock, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Mr. Harry Lash, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Ms. Bonnie King, Dr. Fred Moore, Attorney Vernie Williams, 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 in observance of the death of the husband of Board Member Mrs. Barbara McKenzie on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Williamsburg Adult Education – Underage Waiver Request for Young Adult Program

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the Underage Waiver Request for Young Adult Program application. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Rev. Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. Two members opposed: Mr. Joseph M. Lee and Dr. Kerry Singleton. The motion was carried, (4-2).

South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) Recognizes Board Members

Established in 1982, SCSBA's Boardmanship Institute offers a year-round training curriculum focused on leadership skills for board members on state and national educational issues. Each year, SCSBA recognizes those individuals who reach one of the six levels of training. Board Members extended congratulations to Dr. Linwood Cooper for reaching Level 3; and Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and Dr. Kerry Singleton for reaching Level 2. The Board Chair presented SCSBA certificates and pins to the three Board Members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby 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**

B. Receipt of legal advice regarding litigation, employment matters, and facilities updates, including the Youth Academy Charter School.

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:13 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to convene in Open Session to vote on matters per Executive Session Discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 6:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the resignations of the following personnel for the 2015-2016 school year, pending the finding of a suitable replacement: Ms. Ashley Holmes, Ms. Crystal M. Lottig, Ms. Angela McClellan, Ms. Tracy Murray, Ms. Sharon Powell, Ms. Adrian Pressley, Ms. Linda Pressley-Manning, Mr. Andrea Sabb, and Ms. Ashley Sumpter. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the administration's recommendation to transfer the following personnel for the 2015-2016 school year: Mrs. Berlinda Mack to Principal of Greeleyville Elementary School. The motion was carried, unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following administrative personnel for the 2015-2016 school year: Mr. Allen Keels, Jr. as principal of C. E. Murray High School. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Rev. Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. One member abstained: Dr. Kerry Singleton. The motion was carried, (4-0-1).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2015-2016 school year: Mr. Michael Graham, Ms. Shavonne Hemingway, Ms. Tanya D. Pressley, and Ms. Nancy J. White. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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

Submitted by: Joanna M. Fulton Date: 8/24/15

Board Secretary: A. J. Lee Date: 08/24/15