

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 26, 2012 – 6:00 P. M.**  
**Board/Staff Development Meeting Room**  
**423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina**

**Members Present:** Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Mr. Joseph Lee, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Mr. James Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Charles Garner

**Others Present:** Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Davis-Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Ms. Christine Green, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Ms. Erica Barcus, Mrs. Valeria Brown, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Mr. Sam Giles, Mr. Ray James, Mr. Levi Keith, Dr. Fred Moore, Dr. Kerry Singleton, Dr. Teresa Wright, Ms. Michaelae Duke, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

Rev. W. C. Henryhand led the group in the Lord's Prayer. The group was then asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Garner and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Public Comment**

There were none.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Mr. James Darby to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2012, Regular Board Meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Action Items**

**A-B. Field Trip Requests**

The Chair asked for objections to considering for approval, Items A and B, Field Trip Requests, collectively. There were no objections.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to approve Items A and B. The motion was carried, unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

The following field trips were approved: **(A)** Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center's Cosmetology Class to Columbia, SC, April 22-23, 2012; and **(B)** Kingstree Senior High School's Cosmetology class to Columbia, SC, April 22-23, 2012.

**C. Request for the use of Kingstree Senior High School Greenhouse**

A local Pastor requested the use of the greenhouse located on the Kingstree Senior High School campus, to present the school district with an alternative solution or recommendation to student suspension. The Board unanimously agreed to take the request under consideration, pending the receipt of additional information.

**D. Williamsburg County Recreation Department's Request for Use of District School**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Charles Garner to approve the Williamsburg County Recreation Department's request for use of the Kingstree Senior High School Cafeteria to prepare lunches for its Summer Food Program. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**E. Request for Approval of WCSD's Flexibility Report**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the district's request to flex various funds as authorized by the State Department of Education.

A substitute motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to postpone action on the request until after Executive Session, when additional information could be provided. Five (5) members voted in favor of the motion to postpone: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member opposed: Mr. James Darby. The motion was carried (5-1). The Chair did not vote.

**F. Request for Bid Approval**

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the district's request to award the bid for the Kindergarten Toilet Additions at the Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts. The motion was carried, unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Williamsburg County School District's Health Occupation Students to Compete Nationally**

The Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) students listed below received Certificates of Achievement, from members of the Board of Trustees, for placing in the HOSA events of March 9-10, 2012. HOSA instructors Ms. Crystal Kingcade (KSHS) and Ms. Leslie Ethridge (HCTC) also received certificates.

COMPETITION	PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL
Clinical Specialty	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kameron Cunningham	KSH
Nursing Assistant	1 <sup>st</sup>	Shia'Asyah Jones	KSH
Health Career Display	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shanice McCray	HCTC
Health Career Display	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Laqueena Williams	HCTC
Outstanding HOSA Member		Takaya Williams	HCTC
Outstanding HOSA Member		Surya Boyd	KSH

**B. Kingstree Senior High School Student Earns PICA Award**

Charlotte Mayers, a senior and Graphic Communications student at Kingstree Senior High School, received the Award of Excellence in Digital Printing: Toner classification, during the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual PICA (Printing Industries of the Carolinas) Awards Ceremony. A framed copy of the winning entry and a Certificate of Achievement were presented to her by Board Members.

**C. Kingstree Senior High School Army JROTC Unit Receives Commendation**

MSG Theodis Faison and the Jaguar Battalion Army JROTC were recognized by the Board of Trustees for scoring 98.3 out of a possible 100 points, during their formal inspection on March 15, 2012. The Board presented Certificates of Recognition to MSG Faison and The Cadet Briefing Staff members: C/LTC Latoya

McCullough, C/MAJ LeJasmine Singletary, C/CPT Rebecca Lee, C/CPT Breana Alston, and C/CPT Olivia Porchea.

**D. Hemingway M. B. Lee All-Star Academic Challenge Team earns Division II Finalist Runners-up Title**

The Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School's Academic Challenge Team competed in the Division II Finalist Match, where they earned the title of Division II Finalist Runners-up. The Board of Trustees presented Certificates of Achievement to the following team and staff members: Team members: Brayon Alston, Chamond Brewington, Nautica Cooper (Captain), Lauren Davis, Qualia Flegler, Tristan Kinard, Chalinda Lasane, Chamar Lasane, Nycholas Millington, Aaron Phillip, Nicholas Phillip, Andrea Pressley, Trelashia Sessions, Iris Singletary, Desmon Weaver, and Erica Williams. Staff Members: Mrs. Cynthia Brewington, Coach, Mrs. Zebra Pinckney, Judge, and Mrs. Elizabeth McCall, Moderator.

**E. Kenneth Gardner Elementary School Teacher Selected to Attend Science P.L.U.S. Institute**

A Certificate of Recognition was presented, by Board Members, to Ms. Letha Pressley, a science teacher at Kenneth Gardner Elementary School, for being selected to participate in the 2012 Science P.L.U.S. Institute at Roper Mountain Science Center, June 18-22, 2012.

**F. Salters and Lane Community Action Organization's Request for Building**

The School District's Attorney indicated that legal information would be presented during Executive Session, regarding the Salters and Lane Community Action Organization's request to use the Old Williamsburg Blakeley High School, located in the Earles Community.

**G. Williamsburg High School Students' Request to Erect a Marker and a Small Parcel of Land**

The School District's Attorney indicated that legal information would be presented on this request, during Executive Session.

**H. Finance**

Ms. Christine Green presented the Revenues and Expenditures Statements to Board Members. She also informed Board members that Finance Department Workshops were held with district employees, in the three attendance areas: Greeleyville, Hemingway, and Kingtree. Ms. Green stated that the turnout was good, and that employees' questions and concerns were addressed, during the workshops.

**I. Curriculum and Instruction**

**W. M. Anderson Primary School**

Dr. Teresa Wright presented the Vision and Mission of W. M. Anderson Primary, as well as a list of strategies in place to accomplish the school's goals. She introduced a partnership that the school shares with Kenneth Gardner Elementary School, in which teachers visit respective schools to present information on transition from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Dr. Wright also listed *Points of Pride*, to include, the math fest, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program, and the Backpack program, with the Pee Dee Baptist Women.

**Hemingway High School**

Mr. Levi Keith highlighted Hemingway High's Vision and Mission for the board's information. He emphasized the school's goals i.e. relationship building, increasing student HSAP and meeting AYP; and listed the strategies developed to achieve these goals. Some of the school's *Points of Pride* are: receiving the Palmetto Gold Award for the second consecutive year, maintaining an Average rating, increasing graduation rate, and the football team's winning the Lower State Championship, with players signed with colleges, for the fall.

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### **Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School**

The principal of Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School, Ms. Erica Barcus, presented the school's goals; to increase student achievement, and to strengthen school and community relationship. These are some of the *Points of Pride* at HMBLMS: the Academic Challenge Team's winning the District II 1<sup>st</sup> Runners-up title, the BETA Club, and the Step Team.

### **Kingstree Senior High School**

Dr. Fred Moore informed the Board of the school's Vision, Mission, and Beliefs; which are re-emphasized each morning with students. The goals of the school are focused on the Report Card and the strategies in place, at the school, to graduate students on time. Dr. Moore stated that the school has moved from At-Risk/At-Risk to Below Average/Below Average.

### **D. P. Cooper Elementary School**

Principal Kerry Singleton said the school is continuing to work on the Vision, Mission, and goals. He listed goals of: continuing to meet AYP, increase overall morale, and increase technology. Dr. Singleton spoke of the school's strong parental support groups i.e. the PTA; SIC, Alumni, and Band Booster; and student organizations i.e. spelling bees, praise dancers, and pep rally's. Some of the school's *Points of Pride*: band students will perform at Six Flags over GA; met AYP and received the Palmetto Gold Award for the last 3 years, and recipient of the Healthy School Award.

### **Kingstree Middle School**

Mrs. Valeria Brown noted the school's Vision, Mission, and motto, which is "Excellence without Excuse." The school's goals are to increase student achievement, increase staff morale, and initiate intervention programs for reading and math. *Points of Pride* for the school include; the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program, BETA Club, Academic Challenge, and the Show Choir. Mrs. Brown also spoke of school programs i.e. Transition Vision, Character Education, Gear up, Junior Scholar, and the Book and Key Club.

### **Greeleyville Elementary**

Principal Sam Giles told Board Members that the Vision and Mission of the school are in line with those of the district. Some of the goals identified by Mr. Giles were: to increase student achievement to meet AYP, to retain 95% of highly qualified teachers, and to increase teachers' level of comfort as it relates to a safe learning environment. He also named several strategies to achieve the goals listed; some of which are mentoring programs for teachers, school newsletters, and service learning. Some of the school's *Points of Pride* include: Volunteer Program, food pantry, Buddy Book Pack Program, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program. Mr. Giles also spoke of co-curricular activities i.e. the drill team, choir, Mr. & Miss Pageant, Math and Science Club, and the Principal's Pals.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand that the Board 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**
- C. Contractual Matter**
- D. Superintendent's Evaluation**

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:35 p. m.

**Open Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Mr. Charles Garner that the Board convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 8:49 p. m.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the administration's recommendation on the Personnel Matters. Five (5) members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member opposed: Mr. James Darby. The motion was carried (5-1). The Chair did not vote.

A recommendation was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to uphold the administration's recommendation of the non-renewal of a continuing contract employee subject to the employee's right to request a hearing before the Board. The motion was carried, unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Mr. James Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to request the Childs and Halligan Law Firm to conduct the superintendent's evaluation. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. James Darby, Rev. Norman Gamble, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, and Mr. Joseph Lee. Two members opposed: Ms. Norma Bartelle and Mr. Charles Garner. The motion was carried (4-2). The Chair did not vote.

Ms. Green presented additional information on Action Item E (Request for Approval of WCSD's Flexibility Report). A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the WCSD's Flexibility Report. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p. m.

Submitted by *Josanna M. Fulton* Date *4-30-2012*

Board Secretary *[Signature]* Date *4-30-12*

**Board Reminders:**

**A. School Board Conferences for 2012**

1. SCSBA Annual Meeting – February 23-26, 2012 – Myrtle Beach
2. A Day at the Capitol – March 14, 2012 – Columbia/Capital City Club
3. NSBA Annual Meeting – April 21-23, 2012 – Boston, MA
4. New board Orientation – June 9, 2012
5. NSBA Southern Region Conference – July 23-26, 2012 - Mississippi