

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 22, 2014 – 6:00 P. M.**  
**Board/Staff Development Meeting Room**  
**423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina**

**Members Present:** Mr. Joseph Lee, Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr.

**Member Absent:** Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

**Others Present:** Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice D. Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mr. Stanley Brunson, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mrs. Sara Boyd, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Ms. Rhoda Coleman, Ms. Chrissonya Dorsey, Ms. Stacey Dukes, Mr. Mark Easterling, Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Ms. Jennifer Holliday, Ms. Marie Murphy, Ms. Jennifer Murray, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Ernestine Young, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

**Moment of Silence**

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 Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Public Comment** – There were none.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to approve minutes from the July 22, 2014, and September 8, 2014, Called Board Meetings, and the August 25, 2014, Regular Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Williamsburg County School District Students Earn Perfect Scores on 2014 PASS Assessments**

Congratulations were extended to the following students for earning perfect scores on 2014 PASS Assessments:

- Brooks Mixon, a fourth grader at Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts, earned a perfect score on the 2014 Math PASS Assessment.
- Tania Arianna McKnight, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader last school term at Kenneth Gardner Elementary School, earned a perfect scores on both, 2014 Reading and Math PASS Assessments. Tania is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Kingstree Middle School.

Board Members presented a Certificate of Achievement to Tania, who was accompanied by her mother, principal, and teacher.

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to amend the agenda to recognize the student later in the agenda should he arrive. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

### **Instruction**

Dr. Bernice Cooper presented information with reference to Reading Coaches that have been assigned to Kenneth Gardner Elementary, Hemingway Elementary, D. P. Cooper Elementary, Greeleyville Elementary, and Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts. Dr. Cooper also addressed the following: Summer Camp; Interventions (Early Bird and Afterschool); and Differentiated Learning techniques.

### **Student Services**

There were discussions on: Enrollment at HOPE Academy; Student Disciplinary Intervention; Cameras on School Busses; and Fines for Forfeiting Sporting Events.

### **Administrative Services**

There was a discussion on offering a Bible Class to students in the district.

### **Finance**

- Mr. Brunson presented the Expenditures and Revenues Reports.
- Mr. Gerald Murphy from Johnson Control provided handouts, presented an update on their energy service contract with the school district, and addressed Board Members' questions and concerns.

### **Board Policy Committee Meeting**

A recommendation was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper, Chair of the Policy Committee, that the Board approve the following policies for first reading, with recommended changes: **Policies AA**-School District Legal Status; **AC**-NonDiscrimination/Equal Opportunity; **ADA-R**-School District Goals and Objectives; **ADB**-Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace and Schools; **ADF**-School Wellness; **BA**-School Board Operational Goals; **BB**-School Board Legal Status; **BBA**-Board Powers and Duties; **BBAA**-Board Member Authority and Responsibilities; **BBB**-Board Membership Elections; **BBBA**-Board Members Qualifications; **BBBC**-Board Member Resignation; **BBBE**-Unexpired Term Fulfillment/Vacancies; **BC**-Board Member Conduct; **BCA**-Board member Code of Ethics; and **BCB**-Board Member Conflict of Interest. The changes were as follows:

- **BBA**-Board Powers and Duties

There was a general consensus to remove the first paragraph under the item "**Visits to Schools**" and to revise the second paragraph to read: *When Board Members visit the schools they should stop by the office and sign in, and inform the principal that they are there; with the understanding that such visits will be regarded as informal expressions of interest in school affairs, and not as "inspections" or visits for supervisory or administrative purposes, for Board Members have no power until they assemble as a Board.*

- **BC**-Board Member Conduct

Board members consented not to consider the Option, which states: *Board may include goals from board self-evaluation.*

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

### **ACT155 Diploma Petitions**

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the administration's recommendation to approve ACT 155 Diploma Petitions presented to the district. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

### **Academic & Artistic Gifted and Talented Three Year Plan**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the Academic & Artistic Gifted and Talented Three Year Plan. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

### **Delegate to South Carolina School Boards Association's Annual Business Meeting**

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper that Mrs. Barbara McKenzie serve as the delegate, and Rev. Alfred Darby serve as the alternate delegate to SCSBA's Annual Business Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby 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**
- C. Facilities Update/Requests**

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:02 p. m.

### **OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby 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, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 7:44 p. m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby that pursuant to State Board of Education Regulation 44-206, move that we instruct the Superintendent to report the resignation of a certified employee, who will be identified as Employee A for the purpose of this motion, to the South Carolina Board of Education for breach of contract, based upon his resignation without prior release consistent with Board Policy GCQC/GCQD (Resignation of Professional Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff). The motion was carried unanimously, (3-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the retirement of the following personnel for the 2014-2015 school year: Ms. Elizabeth Barrineau. The motion was carried unanimously, (3-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the resignation of the following personnel for the 2014-2015 school year: Ms. Jessica Evarts. The motion was carried unanimously, (3-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the administration's recommendation on the administrative transfer of the following personnel for the 2014-2015 school year: Dr. Brian McKnight to Coordinator of Student Services. The motion was carried unanimously, (3-0). The Chair did not vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (3-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p. m.

**Note: There is a difference in votes, because Rev. Norman Gamble and Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. left during Executive Session.**

Submitted by: Joanna M. Fulton

Date: 10/27/14

Board Secretary: [Signature]

Date: 10/27/17