

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 26, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

Members Present: Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Mr. Joseph Lee, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

Member Absent: Rev. William C. Henryhand, Sr.

Others Present: Ms. Carrie C. Brock, Ms. Robert Cumbee, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Mr. James Carraway, Ms. Nicole Dixon, Mr. Mark Easterling, Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Mrs. Priscilla McClary, Ms. Jacqueline McElveen, Ms. Vermelle McCrea, Dr. Brian McKnight, Mr. J. Omar Montgomery, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. Charles Saverance, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Mr. Torrance Wilson, Ms. Ernestine Young, and Mrs. Bonnie Grimsley

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Rev. Alfred Darby.

Moment of Silence

Rev. Darby expressed sympathy on behalf of the school district to Ms. Cynthia Brown in the loss of her mother. All persons were asked to observe a Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

Public Comment

Mr. Charles Saverance, a technology sales representative who leases and rents Xerox copiers, expressed concerns that he had not received a response to his request for an explanation regarding the recent awarding of the district's copier bid.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2017, and May 5, 2017, Called Board Meeting, and the May 22, 2017, Regular Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

C. E. Murray High School's Roof Evaluation

Mr. James Crooks, Territory Manager for the Garland Company, Inc. (Roof Assets Management Program), presented an evaluation, and roof repairs/replacement options for the C. E. Murray High School roof. He stated that if the replacement process began in July, most of the noisy work would be completed during the summer when students are not in school. Mr. Crooks stated the duration of the project would be 6 months. He stated that three reputable companies submitted bids on the new roof project, and provided the cost to complete the project. Mr. Crooks addressed all Board Members' questions and concerns.

Curriculum and Instruction

South Carolina Association of School Administrators' (SCASA) 2017 Innovative Ideas Institute

Ms. Roberta Cumbee, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, stated that Williamsburg County School District Administrators participated in SCASA's 2017 Innovative Ideas Institute on June 18-21, 2017, in Myrtle Beach, SC. She said the Institute was very beneficial to administrators, and that information obtained would be used in school and district in-services.

Ms. Cumbee also responded to Board Member questions and concerns regarding the following:

- Summer School - Ms. Cumbee said summer school for district students ends on June 29, 2017. There are 400 students enrolled in summer school.
- SAT and ACT Testing Site – The SAT and ACT testing site is located at Kingstree Senior High School, and has already been used.
- Districtwide Calendar – There was a discussion relevant to the possibility of creating a Districtwide Calendar of major events, inclusive of all schools and the district office.
- Virtual School Effectiveness – Data is currently being gathered to evaluate the program.
- Centralized Student Registration – Ms. Carrie Brock, Superintendent, stated that the Board asked for centralized registration, and it has been in place for two years.

Boeing SC Aerospace Engineering Grant

Mr. Torrance Wilson, Director of Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center, shared information on the different phases involved in implementing the Boeing SC Aerospace Engineering Grant project. He stated that the following schools are included in the grant: Kingstree Middle Magnet, Kingstree Senior High, C. E. Murray Middle, Hemingway High, and Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School. Mr. Wilson explained that Boeing did not include C. E. Murray High School, because of the school's close proximity to C. E. Murray Middle School.

Student Services

Dr. Brian McKnight, Director of Student Services and Transportation, stated the following:

- A bullying prevention workshop for new staff members will be held on August 10, 2017.
- All principals and teachers will receive training in Crisis Prevention.
- Each high school and middle school will receive a hand-held metal detector.
- Three potential bus drivers are currently being trained.
- Bus Drivers' in-service is scheduled for July 25, 2017.
- All crossing guards will receive stop signs and vests.
- The beginning enrollment at the Alternative School is 30; however, approximately 15 of those students will return to the regular school setting after hearings have been conducted.

Finance

Expenditures and Revenues Statements

Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Assistant Finance Director, presented the Expenditures and Revenues Statements which were attached to the agenda. Mrs. Fulton then answered questions pertaining to the school district's 2017-2018 balanced budget.

ACTION ITEMS

South Carolina Dental Screening Associates, LLP's Memorandum of Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with South Carolina Dental Screening Associates and Classy Smiles for the 2017-2018 school year, to establish and operate a school-based dental prevention program to students in district schools. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

C. E. Murray High School's Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve C. E. Murray High School's field trip to Anaheim, CA on June 28-July 3, 2017, to participate in the 2017 Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

The 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve the 2017-2018 balanced Budget. Five members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Mr. Joseph Lee, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member abstained: Dr. Kerry Singleton. The motion was carried, 5-0-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to convene in Executive Session to discuss items listed on the agenda.

A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Reorganization, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff

B. Receipt of Legal Advice

1. Facilities Requests

2. Contractual Matter

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 7:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept administration's recommendation to employ the following administrative personnel for the 2017-2018 school year: Ms. Melissa A. Barr. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the administration's recommendation to transfer the following administrative personnel for the 2017-2018 school year: Mrs. Nicole Goodwin. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2017-2018 school year: Ms. Christy Antoinette, Ms. Jerlie Marie Baguio, Ms. Carlene Chambers, Mr. Guy Cimicata, Ms. Tarika Dhawan, Ms. Judy Jackson, Mr. Ernest McKenzie, Mr. LeAndrea Montgomery, Ms. Rema Nair, Ms. Merry Salve, Dr. Tracey Singleton, Ms. Claire Tejero, Dr. Donovan Thomas, Ms. Natalina Valley, and Ms. Alicia Walters. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Note: There is a difference in votes because Dr. Kerry Singleton left the meeting prior to Open Session.

Submitted by: Bonnie Grimsley Date: 8/28/17

Board Secretary: Gladys B Dorsey Date: 8/28/17