

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 24, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Public Service Administrative Building – Council Chambers 1st Floor
201 W. Main Street – Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

Members Present: Marva B. Cannon, Rev. Jerry L. Dicks, Dr. Janice M. Gamble, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mike Floyd, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, and Carletta Scott Isreal

Member Absent: Heyward Baker

Others Present: Ernest Young, Michael White, Amanda Dorris, Dr. Kelvin Wymbys, Dr. Myron Davis, H. Montgomery, Spencer Gravenor, Mike Davis, and Vennie Williams

Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Marva B. Cannon at 6:00 pm. The secretary confirmed the Establishment of Quorum, and the chair confirmed the Notification of Media.

Welcome

The chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

Moment of Silence

Rev. Dicks asked all persons to observe a Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Rev. Dicks and seconded by Dr. Gamble. The motioned was carried.

Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the March 27, 2023, and April 5, 2023, board minutes by Rev. Darby seconded by Dr. Gamble. The motion was carried.

Thought of Today

M. Burgess shared the Thought for Today.

Public Participation

Tomekia Davis, Parent, expressed her concerns about the number of fights at Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts and the absence of School Resource Officers (SRO) to ensure the safety of students.

Legislative Update

In Mr. Baker's absence, Ms. Cannon provided a brief overview of the South Carolina School Board Association (SCSBA) Day at the Capital held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Detailed Data Presentation

Michael White, Chief Academic Officer, and Amanda Dorris, Director of Testing and Accountability, provided an overview of students’ performance on MAP Data from Fall 2022 to Spring 2023.

Board Items

Kenneth Burgess will provide “Thought for Today” at the next board meeting.

A motion was made to draft a letter to Superintendent Ellen Weaver in response to her letter dated March 27, 2023, and attach assessment data by Rev. Darby and seconded by Rev. Dicks. The motion was carried.

The board expressed concerns about SRO officers, students’ absences from school in the Hemingway Community, teacher recruitment, and teacher bonuses.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Rev. Dicks and seconded by Rev. Darby. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary: _____
Carletta Scott Isreal, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Marva B. Cannon, Board Chair

Date: _____