

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 27, 2011 – 6:00 P. M.**  
**Board/Staff Development Meeting Room**  
**423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina**

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

**Others Present:** Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Ms. Christine Green, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mrs. Sarah Boyd, Attorney Kenneth Davis, Attorney Reagan Flemming, Elder Lee R. McClary, Ms. Silvertreen Mitchum, Ms. Wilhelmina Moore, Ms. Johnnie Thompson, Mr. LaKarr Cooper, Ms. Michaele Dukes, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Kent Evans.

Ms. Norma Bartelle led the group in prayer. The group was then asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to adopt the agenda.

An amended motion was made Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to adopt the agenda with a change to the Battery Park Alumni Presentation from an Information Item to Action Item D. The amended motion to adopt the agenda was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Silvertreen Mitchum, a concerned citizen from the St. Mark Elementary School Community, spoke on behalf of keeping the school open in the community. She stated that the school had received numerous awards, and that she realized that the economy is bad, but asked someone to help her better understand the St. Mark School closing.

Ms. Wilhelmina Moore, a former employee at St. Mark Elementary School, asked the Board and Superintendent to keep St. Mark opened, because the school had done exceptionally well through the years.

Elder Leroy McCray, a representative of the St. Mark Elementary School Community addressed the Board in support of the Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts. He stated that they are excited about the Magnet School. He also stated that the main concern is for the students, and where there is unity, there is strength.

The Chair informed persons who addressed the Board that they would receive a response within ten days, from the administration.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Mr. Charles Garner to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2011, Regular Board Meeting and the May 5, 2011, Called Board Meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Action Items**

A. A motion was made by Mr. Charles Garner, Chairman of the Board Budget Committee, and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle, to approve the 2011-2012 Budget. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

B. A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to approve the Williamsburg County Emergency Management Division/E-911 request to use district schools' gyms during a disaster. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

C. A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie to approve the administration's recommendation that playground equipment from Cades-Hebron Elementary School follow the students to their new site. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

D. Ms. Johnnie Thompson, a Battery Park School Alumni, asked the Board for a response to the group's request that the school district lease the following Battery Park Elementary property to the Alumni: buildings 1 and 2 of the main building, and the building facing the road, and the land. She stated that the Alumni wishes to use the site to educate the community, provide health services, and use the site for family recreation. The group requested a lease for 10 to 20 years, at a cost of \$1.00 per year. Mrs. Thompson said that as funds permit, the group would make donations to the school district.

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve the Battery Park School Alumni's request to enter into a lease with the school district for the use of Battery Park Elementary property.

Attorney Kenneth Davis informed the Board that the request may be subject to the approval of county government. He said that the state requires that if the school district is not using a building, then that building is to be returned to county government.

An amended motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee that the Battery Park School Alumni's request is granted, upon approval of County Government. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Mr. Charles Garner, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Mr. Joseph Lee. One member abstained: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. The motion was carried, (4-0). The Chair did not vote.

### **Information Items**

#### **A. Facilities Update**

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes requested that the Facilities Update be tabled until the facilities study has been completed.

### **Board Member Input**

- Mrs. McKenzie stated that she had seen children on the Kingstree Elementary School grounds riding bikes on Friday, and asked Dr. Jefferson-Barnes to look into the situation.
- Rev. Henryhand commented that he was informed that computers were loaded into a trailer to be moved from SME. He then asked Dr. Jefferson-Barnes for a list of computers that were transitioned from SME.
- Vice-Chair Bartelle commended the administration on the packets that were sent to students this summer.
- Mr. Garner commended Ms. Christine Green and the finance department for the work done on the budget.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Garner and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee 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. Business Issue – Audit Compensation**

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:31 p. m.

### Open Session

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble 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 7:33 p. m.

### Election of Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Garner and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the proposed school district office organizational chart and administrative staff for the 2011-2012 school year. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Rev. Norman Gamble, Mr. Charles Garner, Rev. W. C. Henryhand, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member opposed the motion: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie. One member abstained: Ms. Norma Bartelle. The motion was carried (4-1). The Chair did not vote.

### Audit Compensation

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Garner and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the \$2,500.00 audit compensation request. No member voted in favor of the motion. All members opposed the motion. The motion failed with a vote of (0-6). The Chair did not vote.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p. m.

There is a difference in votes, because Rev. Norman Gamble came in during the Executive Session.

Submitted by Joanna M. Julton Date 8/22/11  
Board Secretary Charles T. Ham Date 8/22/11

### **Board Reminders:**

#### **A. School Board Conferences for 2011**

1. Called Board Meeting (Seating of new Board Member) – July 11, 2011 – 9:00 a. m.  
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
2. Regular Board Meeting – August 22, 2011 – Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
3. NSBA Southern Region Conference – July 13-15, 2011
4. School Law Conference – August 13-14, 2011