

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 27, 2014 – 6:00 P. M.**  
**Board/Staff Development Meeting Room**  
**423 School Street - Kingtree, 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 Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mr. Stanley Brunson, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Ms. Luciana Bishop, Ms. Valeria Brown, Ms. Linda Davis, Ms. Gladys G. Dorsey, Mrs. Kathleen Felder, Mrs. Maggie Fulton, Dr. Janice Gamble, Mr. Sam Giles, Mr. Vernell Graham, Ms. Betty Lawson, Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Ms. Judy Morris, Mrs. La-Dine' Williams-Gamble, Attorney Vernie Williams, Mr. Torrance Wilson, Mr. Chris McKagen, Ms. Michaela Duke, 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. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**Public Comment:**

Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, a Williamsburg County citizen, asked Board Members for the reason all schools were not included in the Race-to-the-Top grant award, specifically Hemingway schools.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve minutes from the November 27, 2013, Regular Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

**National Career Development Association Recognizes Students in Regional Competition**

Students listed below were regional winners in the NCDA Poetry and Poster competitions, and were eligible to participate at the State level. Each student received a Certificate of Recognition from the Board.

**C. E. Murray High**

Joshua Moore, Khalil Anderson, TyShawn Johnson, Sajsha Conyers, and Ashley McLaughlin

**D. P. Cooper Elementary**

Khaliel Harvin, Davionte Little, and Kandice Montgomery

**National Career Development Association Recognizes Student in State Competition**

Khalil Anderson, a C. E. Murray High School student, received a Certificate of Recognition from Board Members for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the State NCDA Poster – Category 1 competition, and qualifying for the National level.

### **WCSD Students Selected to Participate in Williamsburg County 4-H and the Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber's Junior Leadership of Williamsburg (JLW) Class of 2014**

Board Members presented Certificates of Recognition to the following WCSD students for being selected to the JLW Class of 2014: Sadazia Driffin, Alexandria Ivey, Miracle Kinlaw, Warlon Mack, and Treymone Singletary from C. E. Murray High School; and Corey Green, Kiana Miller, and Shaun Swinton from Kingstree Senior High School.

### **C. E. Murray High School JROTC Students (Color Guard) Present at State Board of Education Meeting**

C. E. Murray High School's Army JROTC color guard presented the Colors at the December State Board of Education Meeting in Columbia, SC. A certificate and a photo commemorating their performance were sent from the State Board of Education, and were presented by Board Members.

### **WCSD School Named National Beta School of Distinction**

Ms. Luciana Bishop and Hemingway High School Beta students were presented a Certificate of Recognition, from Board Members, for being named a National Beta School of Distinction, by the National Beta Club.

### **Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center Earns Excellent Ratings on 2013 School Report Card**

Board members presented Mr. Torrance Wilson, Coordinator of Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center, a Certificate of Achievement for the center's earning excellent ratings for both Absolute and Growth on the State Department of Education's 2013 Annual Report Card.

### **SC Department of Education Awarded District Facilitated Grants to Two Schools**

The Board presented Certificates of Recognition to Hemingway High School and Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School for being awarded SC Department of Education grants (district facilitated) in the amount of \$300,000 each.

### **A Salute to Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees during Board Member Appreciation Month, January**

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes spoke on behalf of principals as she thanked Board Members for their commitment and dedication to improving student achievement in Williamsburg County School District.

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

Curriculum and Instruction information was included in the Board Agenda packet.

### **Student Services**

Student Services information was included in the Board Agenda packet.

### **Administrative Services**

Administrative Services information was included in the Board Agenda packet.

### **Finance**

Mr. Brunson provided explanations and addressed concerns regarding Expenditures and Revenues Reports. He also stated that a SCSBIT grant, along with some additional funds from the school district would be used to purchase ten additional cameras for buses.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A-D. C. E. Murray High School's Field Trip Request**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to approve Items A-D, Field Trip Requests, collectively. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve the following field trips:

- C. E. Murray High School's Business Department to North Charleston, SC, March 28-30, 2014.
- C. E. Murray High School's Senior Class to Orlando, FL, April 3-6, 2014.
- Hemingway High School's Senior Class to Orlando, FL, April 24-27, 2014
- Hemingway M. B. Lee Middle School's Gifted and Talented and Beta Club to Washington, DC, June 9-12, 2014.

The motion to approve all field trips was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

### **E. WCSD Proposed Calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve the 2014-2015 Calendar. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

### **F. Board's Budget Committee Meeting**

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. to adopt the Schedule of 2014-2015 Budget Formulation and Adoption with the following revisions: Incorporate the meeting scheduled for February 10, 2014, with the meeting scheduled for February 24, 2014. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. 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**

1. Facilities Request
2. Superintendent's Evaluation

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:52 p. m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 7:21 p. m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to accept the retirements of the following personnel: Ms. Jennifer Abbott, Mr. Christukumar Gadde, Ms. Emily Gorndt, and Ms. McKensie Revels. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2013-2014 school year: Ms. Danielle Bradley, Ms. Kimily Brown, Ms. Jessica Green, Ms. Latoya Nelson, and Ms. Aliyah Rana Sims. The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). 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, (4-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p. m.

Note: There is a difference in votes, because Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. left the meeting prior to Open Session.

Submitted by: Jean M. Fulton

Date: 2/24/2014

Board Secretary: [Signature]

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