

**WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 21, 2011 – 5:00 P. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street – Kingstree, SC 29556**

Members Present: Mr. Charles Garner, Mr. Joseph Lee, and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

Others Present: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Mr. Matt McColl, and Mrs. Joann Fulton.

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Mr. Charles Garner.

Mr. Garner provided the invocation. All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Mr. Charles Garner to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, (2-0).

Review of Board Policy BID

Mr. Garner said the purpose of the meeting was to review Board Policy BID, Board Member Compensation and Expense, and provide a recommendation to the Board at the Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Garner read an email sent from Mr. Scott Price, General Counsel for the South Carolina School Boards Association, with reference to Act 212 of 1999 enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, and the Board's authority to establish its own compensation. He then called attention to the Board Minutes relevant to Policy BID, and asked for discussion from the Committee and the superintendent.

Dr. Jefferson-Barnes said that under Act 212 of 1999, it is evident that the Board could establish as much as \$100 for members and \$150 for the Chair, per month as compensation.

Mr. Garner said the Board did not go through proper procedures with the legislature to change Policy BID; therefore the policy was not developed legally.

Mr. Garner presented three options: (1) To go back to the way it was before, and be in compliance with Act 212; (2) To look at the way it is being done now, continue with it, and ask the attorney to study the situation; or (3) To write something new for 2011-2012.

Mr. Lee said he spoke with Attorney Vernie Williams and the attorney indicated that it could not be resolved in one meeting; but it would require two or three meetings.

Mrs. McKenzie informed members that Senator Yancey McGill said the Policy could not be changed without going through the legislative process.

Committee Members agreed that Policy BID is a good policy, but is not legal.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Mr. Charles Garner to continue to follow Policy BID, Board Member Compensation and Expense, and refer the policy to the Attorney for a ruling at the next Regular Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (2-0). The Chair did not vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Mr. Charles Garner that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously, (2-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p. m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton

Date: January 23, 2012

Committee Chair: Charles K. Garner

Date: 1/23/12