

**Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees  
Called Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 2, 2015 – 1:00 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, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

**Members Absent:** Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr. and Mrs. Barbara McKenzie

**Others Present:** Mrs. Carrie C. Brock, Mr. John Thames, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Attorney Vernie Williams, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

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

**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 Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously (4-0).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to convene in Executive Session to discuss items listed on the agenda.

- A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Reorganization, Retirement and Resignation of Staff**
- B. Presentation of 2015-2016 Certified Staff Recommendations**
- C. Legal Updates**

The motion was carried unanimously, (4-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 1:05 p. m.

**OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton 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 2:20 p. m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to accept the retirement of the following personnel at the end of the 2014-2015 school year: Mr. Jeffrey Coleman. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to accept the resignation of the personnel listed at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the administration's recommendation to re-employ persons listed for the 2015-2016 school year to the designated positions and locations. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, and Dr. Kerry Singleton. One member opposed: Mr. Joseph Lee. The motion was carried, (4-1).

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the administration's recommendation of the non-renewal of the employment contracts of employees A, B, and C, who are induction contract teachers listed for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper that in light of the budget issues the district is currently facing, that the district reduces the salary of working-retiree staff members from 80% to 70%, effective the 2015-2016 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0).

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the administration's recommendations regarding the reorganization/restructuring of schools, which will result in the reassignment of the staff members currently assigned to the Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts and the STAR Academy. This reorganization will not impact schools outside of the Kingtree attendance area. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mr. Joseph Lee and Dr. Kerry Singleton. One member opposed: Mrs. Gladys Dorsey. The motion was carried, (4-1).

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the administration's recommendations for the employment of certified staff for the 2015-2016 school year, including the reorganization of administrative positions. D. P. Cooper Charter School is not included in these recommendations. Four members voted in favor of the motion: Rev. Alfred Darby, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, and Dr. Kerry Singleton. One member opposed: Mr. Joseph Lee. The motion was carried, (4-1).

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p. m.

Submitted by: Joann M. Fulton Date: 4-27-2015

Board Secretary: [Signature] Date: 04-27-2015