

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 23, 2015 – 6:00 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, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, and Dr. Kerry Singleton

Member Absent: Rev. W. C. Henryhand, Sr.

Others Present: Mrs. Carrie C. Brock, Dr. Bernice D. Cooper, Mr. Glen Kennedy, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. John Thames, Mrs. Sara Boyd, Ms. Roberta Cumbee, Mr. Mark Easterling, Mrs. Delaney Frierson, Mrs. Wendy Fulton, Mrs. Hester Gadsden, Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Ms. Angela McClary-Rush, Dr. Brian McKnight, Dr. Shannon Robinson, Mrs. Senitta Swinton, Mr. Ray James, Mr. Ben McGill, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Dr. Teresa Wright, Ms. Michael Duke, 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 Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously (6-0).

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2015, February 16, 2015, and February 17, 2015, Budget Committee Meetings, February 23, 2015, Regular Board Meeting, March 2, 2015 and March 17, 2015 Budget Workshops, and the March 9, 2015 Called Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Curriculum and Instruction

Profile of the South Carolina Graduate – Dr. Bernice Cooper presented information on the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. She said various state groups met to discuss issues involved in connecting schools, colleges, and the workplace, as it relates to graduates. Key issues were identified and addressed.

Mrs. Carrie Brock said part of the plan for the South Carolina Education Transformation in our schools includes, how well we will be prepared to help our students stay competitive in today's global economy.

Development of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate

Principals made presentations as follows:

- Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Principal of Kenneth Gardner Elementary School stated that the school had already begun the transformation to include life and career characteristics based on the *Leader In*

Me Initiative. Students are already practicing the following habits: 1) Put first things first, 2) Work first, then play, and 3) Work hard, play hard.

- Mrs. Sarah Boyd, Principal of Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts, stated that the school's teachers participate in Career Readiness, and students are taught that "they will succeed".
- Dr. Teresa Wright, Principal of W. M. Anderson Primary School, spoke of initiatives such as the 8:30 Project Encore, which is reading based on MAP scores, parental involvement and community partners' support and resources.
- Ms. Roberta Cumbee, Principal of Kingstree Middle School, highlighted programs such as rigorous standards, STEM, art, coding, science fairs, as well as school climate and soft skills. She said Kingstree Middle School is preparing students for life.

Mrs. Brock informed Board Members that the district's high schools will present information at the April 27, 2015, Board Meeting.

Student Services

Dr. Brian McKnight, Coordinator of Student Services reported the following:

- The district received 4 new climate-control school buses, and 10 new surveillance cameras for buses.
- With reference to school discipline, Resource Officers are consistently monitoring to deter student conflicts.
- One mandatory bus drivers' training session had been held since the last Board Meeting.

Administrative Services

Mr. Glen Kennedy, Executive Director of Administration, provided information to Board members on the following:

- Athletic Revenues
- Nursing Program - MUSC's TeleMed
- Criteria for Players of the Year

Enrollment Trends

Mrs. Senitta Swinton, PowerSchool Administrator, presented information on the district's declining enrollment trends, from the 2007-2008 school year to the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Thames explained that approximately \$2,000,000 had been loss over the years, due to the loss in Student Base Cost. Dr. Singleton asked, "Is the district in a deficit at this point?" Mr. Thames replied, "Yes, for next year." Mr. Thames did not indicate an amount.

Finance

- Expenditures and Revenues Statements were attached to the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

C. E. Murray High School's Field Trip Request

Rev. Darby, Board Chair, asked Board Members for objections to considering Action Items A, B, and C (Field Trip Requests) together for approval. There were no objections. A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to approve

Action Items A, B, and C, Field Trip Requests. The motion was carried unanimously, 6-0. The following field trips were approved:

- C. E. Murray High School Senior Class to Atlanta, GA, April 23-26, 2015, to tour the CNN Center, Six Flags, and Coca Cola.
- Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center to Greenville, SC, March 26-28, 2015, to participate in Skills USA Leadership and Skills Conference.
- Kingstree Senior High School Senior Class to Orlando, FL, April 30, 2015-May 3, 2015, to participate in Grad Night.

ACT155 Diploma Petitions

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to approve ACT 155 Diploma Petitions presented to the district. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

The Chair stated that students would be recognized during a Student Awards/Recognition Called Board Meeting during the month of May 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie 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 Advice

1. Facilities Requests
2. Contractual Matter

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:01 p. m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 7:20 p. m.

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2014-2015 school year: Ms. Shirley Salters-Keels. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p. m.

Submitted by: 

Date: 4-27-2015

Board Secretary: 

Date: 04/27-2015