

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 25, 2013 – 6:00 P. M.
Board/Staff Development Meeting Room
423 School Street - Kingstree, South Carolina

Members Present: Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Rev. Alfred Darby, Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Joseph Lee

Member Absent: Rev. W. C. Henryhand

Others Present: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Dr. Bernice Davis-Cooper, Ms. S. Christine Green, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Mr. Willie Frazier, Mr. Willie Graham, Mr. Ray James, Mr. Levi Keith, Ms. Bonnie King, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Michaele Duke, Mr. Chris McKegan, and Mrs. Joann Fulton

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Board Chair.

Moment of Silence

The Chair asked for a Moment of Silence. All persons were asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to adopt the agenda.

Question

Rev. Darby asked if Executive Session could be moved to the end of the agenda. Attorney Williams informed board members that the Board Agenda could not be amended.

Four members voted in favor of the motion to adopt the agenda: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member opposed: Rev. Alfred Darby. The motion was carried (4-1). The Chair did not vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper that the Board convene in Executive Session to discuss item listed on the agenda.

A. Employment/Personnel Matters

Four members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member opposed: Rev. Alfred Darby. The motion was carried (4-1). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:05 p. m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby that the Board convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 7:10 p. m.

Public Comment

Ms. Wilhelmenia Porchea, a parent from Hemingway High School, asked for an internal investigation of students' grades at Hemingway High School, because of a gifted and talented issue that arose when her children attend that school.

Ms. Deloris K. Singleton, a former Williamsburg County School District Parent, spoke on behalf of the Darrin King Singleton Memorial Scholarship, and asked the Board's approval to extend the scholarship to students of Williamsburg County School District.

Ms. Lydia Brown, a Williamsburg County School District Parent, gave her three minutes Public Comment time to Mr. Willie Graham, D. P. Cooper Elementary School's PTA President.

Ms. Keisha McDonald, a Williamsburg County School District Parent, gave her three minutes Public Comment time to Mr. Willie Graham, D. P. Cooper Elementary School's PTA President.

Mr. Willie Graham, a Williamsburg County School District Parent and PTA President for D. P. Cooper Elementary School (DPC), addressed the Board with complaints about the Superintendent during her attendance at a 12:00 noon D. P. Cooper School meeting, on March 12, 2013.

The Board Chair and Attorney Williams interrupted his presentation; and the attorney asked him to provide copies of his written presentation to Board Members.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rev. Norman Gamble and seconded by Ms. Norma Bartelle to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2013, Board's Legislative Session and Regular Board Meeting, and the March 14, 2013, Called Board Meeting.

Question:

Rev. Alfred Darby suggested that Board Meetings be video recorded.

Four members voted in favor of the motion to approve the minutes: Ms. Norma Bartelle, Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Norman Gamble, and Mr. Joseph Lee. One member abstained: Rev. Alfred Darby. The motion was carried (4-0-1). The Chair did not vote.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Board's Policy Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Linwood Cooper and seconded by Rev. Alfred to postpone further discussion on a Policy on Naming of Facilities, until additional information can be gathered, and the community has had time for input. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

B-G. Kingstree Senior High School's Field Trip Requests

The Chair asked for objections to taking Items B-G, Field Trip Requests, collectively. There were none.

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to approve Items B-G, Field Trip Requests. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The following field trips were approved:

B. Kingstree Senior High School's Field Trip Request

Kingstree Senior High School's Cosmetology Department to Columbia, SC to participate in the demonstration of professional practice skills for salon management, April 21-22, 2013.

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

C. E. Murray High School's Business Department (CATE) to Charleston, SC to participate in the conference/competitive events, April 12-14, 2013.

D. Hemingway High School's Field Trip Request

Hemingway High School's Business Department (FBLA) to North Charleston, SC, April 11-14, 2013, to participate in competitive events with students from all counties in the state.

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

C. E. Murray High School's CATE students to Atlanta, GA to tour the Art Institute of Atlanta, Piedmont Park-Lupus Walk, and the Federal Reserve Bank, April 25-28, 2013.

F. Hemingway Career & Technology Center's Field Trip Request

Hemingway Career & Technology Center's students to Columbia, SC, to take part in testing technical skills, connected to the SC State Board licensure, April 21-22, 2013.

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

C. E. Murray High School's CATE students to Greenville, SC, to participate in Skills USA HVAC State Competitions on April 11-13, 2013.

H. Tomlinson Alumni Inc.'s Request for Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Norma Bartelle and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to approve a meeting with the Tomlinson Alumni, Inc. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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A. District Students head to State Future Business Leadership of America Competition

The Board presented Certificates of Recognition to the following students for their outstanding performance at the FBLA District III State Leadership Conference/Competitions held on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at Crestwood High School, Sumter, SC.

C. E. Murray High School

Brianna Barrow, Marisa Covington, De' Isis Davis, Tevin Dickey, Corey Dukes, Cambridge Gamble, Na Dya Gamble, Morgan Greene, Latia Harvin, Darrius Mazyck, Kayla McBride, Keren McClary, Jameson Montgomery, Devin Paulin, Dajia Rodgers, Amoria Rush, Darius Rush, Sierra Seymour, Kerrie Singleton, Makeda Thomas, Emily Washington, and JaMal Wilson

Hemingway High School

Dashaun Green, LaKya Lawrence, Twonisha Oliver, Aubrey Snow, Tianna Timmons, and Ariel Washington

B. Health Occupation Students of America Recognizes District Student

Brianna Samuels, a student at Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center, was presented a Certificate of Recognition, by the Board, for being named Outstanding HOSA member at the HOSA State Leadership Conference; and for national recognition for her work on the Chapter's Outstanding HOSA Scrapbook.

C. SC Department of Education (SCDE) Recognizes District Schools with ACT/SAT Performance Improvement Awards

Members of the Board presented a Certificate and Flag to the principal of Hemingway High School, from the SC Department of Education, for earning the SCDE Magna Cum Laude of Achievement for "Good Improvement on the ACT Test in the 2011-2012 school year."

Board Members presented a Certificate and Flag, from the State Department of Education, to Kingstree Senior High School, for earning the SCDE Magna Cum Laude of Achievement for "Rapid Improvement on the SAT Test in the 2011-2012 school year."

D. WCSD Recognizes 2012-2013 High School Basketball Athletes

C. E. Murray High School Girls' Basketball player, Naomi Moore, has been nominated as a McDonald's All American Player, All State Team Member, and All Region Player. She received a Certificate of Recognition from Board Members.

Board Members presented Certificates of Recognition to Kingstree Senior High School Girls' Basketball Team Members, and the school, for earning the title, Class AA Lower-State Runners-Up.

Board Members presented Certificates of Recognition to Hemingway High School Girls' Basketball Team Members, and the school, for earning the title, Class A State Champions.

E. District Teacher Selected to Attend Science P. L. U. S. Institute

Ms. Katherine Brown, a sixth grade Life Science teacher at Kingstree Middle School, was presented a Certificate of Recognition, by the Board, for being selected to attend Science P. L. U. S. Institute at Roper Mountain Science Center, in Greenville, SC.

D. Update from Student Services

Mr. Eddie Woods, Director of Student Services, provided a recap of matters pertaining to student services. He said with reference to concerns related to discipline at Kingstree Senior High, that of the 18 hearings in March, Kingstree High had none.

E. Update from Administrative Services

Mr. Glen Kennedy, Executive Director of Administration, provided a report of services rendered through the Office of Administration, during the month of March. He highlighted the Adult Education program during his presentation.

F. Instruction

1. Youth Academy Charter School

Mr. Jimmy Miller from the Youth Academy Charter School provided information to, and addressed concerns of, Board members regarding enrollment, condition of facilities, student discipline, etc.

G. Finance

Expenditures and Revenues statements were presented by Ms. Christine Green. Ms. Green addressed all Board Member concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Lee and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble 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. Personnel Matters

C. Legal Matters

The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:17 p. m.

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OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee that the Board convene in Open Session to vote on any matters per Executive Session discussion. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The Board convened in Open Session at 8:35 p. m.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the resignation of Ms. Dorshay Brown. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Mr. Joseph Lee to accept the retirement of Mrs. Elwyne Norton. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rev. Alfred Darby and seconded by Rev. Norman Gamble to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (5-0). The Chair did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p. m.

Submitted by: Joanna M. Sutton Date: April 22, 2013

Board Secretary: Alfred Darby Date: April 22, 2013

Board Reminders:

A. School Board Conferences for 2012-2013

- 1. Regular Board Meeting – April 22, 2013, Board/Staff Development Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
- 2. Budget Committee/Public Meeting – April 22, 2013, Board/Staff Development Meeting Room, 5:30 pm
- 3. 2013 NSBA Annual Conference – April 13-15, 2013 – San Diego, CA
- 4. NSBA Southern Region Conference – July 7-10, 2013 – Destin, FL