

Williamsburg County School Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2016 – 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: Ms. Carrie C. Brock, Ms. Roberta Cumbee, Dr. Kenneth Burgess, Mr. Harry Lash, Ms. Cynthia Brown, Mr. Lee Roy Campbell, Mr. Mark Easterling, Ms. Bonnie King, Ms. Berlinda Mack, Dr. Brian McKnight, Ms. Angela McClary-Rush, Mr. Javonne Montgomery, Mrs. Claire Murdoch, Attorney Vernie Williams, Ms. Lorraine Wilson, Ms. Ernestine Young, 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 Dr. Linwood Cooper to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously (6-0).

Public Comment:

There were none.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2016, Regular Board Meeting and the February 29, 2016, and March 15, 2016, Called Board Meetings. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Roberta Cumbee presented to Board Members a PowerPoint of the Williamsburg County School District's 5-year Strategic Plan. The following items were addressed by Ms. Cumbee:

- Encouraging Students to Consider Teaching as a Career Choice
- Teacher Recruitment
- Establishing an ACT and SAT testing site in Williamsburg County

Student Services

Dr. Brian McKnight informed Board Members that in collaboration with the Kingstree Police Department and area attorneys, the Student Services Department would be facilitating workshops at district schools during the month of February 2016 to proactively address the issue of student bullying.

Rev. Darby asked the status of security cameras at GES. Mr. Harry Lash inform him that some of the equipment was on backorder.

Transportation: Dr. McKnight thanked the Board for approving the administration's request to purchase activity buses for the school district. He stated that the first two buses are expected to arrive in late April, and the others by June 2016.

Finance

Expenditures and Revenues

Mr. Harry Lash, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Expenditures and Revenues Statements.

Mr. Lash and Ms. Brock updated Board Members on the status of repairs of the Kingstree Senior High School's football field. They explained that the flooding and rainy season had delayed the progress of the project. Ms. Brock stated, "If the field is not ready for the 2016 football season, the district is considering the use of the practice field for Kingstree Senior High School football."

ACTION ITEMS

Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center's Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to approve Hemingway Career and Technology Education Center's SkillsUSA students' field trip to travel to Greenville, SC to participate in the annual Spring Conference for skills and leadership competition April 14-16, 2016. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie and seconded by Mrs. Gladys Dorsey to convene in Executive Session to discuss items listed on the agenda.

- A. Discussion of Election, Transfer, Termination, Reorganization, Retirement and/or Resignation of Staff**

- B. Receipt of Legal Advice**
 - 1. Facilities Requests**

The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie 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, (6-0). The Board convened in Open Session at 7:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the administration's recommendation to reemploy the administrators listed for the 2015-2016 school year to the designated positions and locations. Five members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Linwood Cooper, Rev. Alfred Darby, Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, and Dr. Kerry Singleton. One member opposed: Mr. Joseph Lee. The motion was carried (5-1).

A motion was made by Ms. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the administration's recommendation to reemploy the certified personnel listed for the 2015-2016 school year to the designated positions and locations. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Ms. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the retirement of the following personnel at the end of the 2015-2016 school year: Mrs. Cynthia Brewington, Mrs. Wanda Faye Giles, Mrs. Zebra Pinckney, and Mrs. Penny Windham. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Ms. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Kerry Singleton to accept the resignation of the following personnel at the end of the 2015-2016 school year: Ms. Princess Agha, Ms. Chelsea Beck, Ms. Sarah Braun, Ms. Margaret Hillman, Mr. Chad Love, Ms. Chelsea Monroe, Ms. Lauren Reed, Ms. Bret Roberts, Ms. Maria Scala, Mr. Erik Schrader, Ms. Mollie Scofield and Ms. Dana Street. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Ms. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to accept the administration's recommendation to employ the following personnel for the 2016-2017 school year: Ms. Tamekia Barr, Ms. Nicole Simon, and Mr. Randall State. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

A motion was made by Ms. Gladys Dorsey and seconded by Rev. Alfred Darby to accept the administration's recommendation on non-renewal of teaching contracts for eight teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Kerry Singleton and seconded by Dr. Linwood Cooper to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Joanna M. Fulton

Date: 4-25-16

Board Secretary: Gladys Dorsey

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