

**Williston School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 16, 2013**  
**District Board Room**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Superintendent Dr. Tom Siler called the April 16, 2013, regular monthly business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Scotty M. Richardson, Billy A. Williams, Jr., Doris B. Young, Michael L. Hutto, and Charles H. Melton.

Members absent: None

Noting a quorum was present.

Media: Jonathan Vickery (The People Sentinel)

Also present for the meeting were Superintendent Dr. Tom Siler, Director of Special Services Jeriah Owens, Director of Instruction Dr. Rachel Wall, Directory of Finance Sally Kardes, Principals Nakeisha Baxley, Dr. Eavon Hickson and Dr. Brian Newsome, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil, and approximately 31 guests.

**2. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag**

The Invocation was given by Mrs. Young followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

**3. Administering Oath of Office: New/Re-elected Board Members**

- Newly elected Board Member, Michael L. Hutto, responded to the "Oath of Office" administered by Rev. Tom Baker.
- Re-elected Board Member, Doris B. Young, responded to the "Oath of Office" administered by her husband, Rev. Phinice Young.
- Newly elected Board Member, Charles H. Melton, responded to the "Oath of Office" administered by Rev. Tom Baker.

**4. Election of Officers**

Dr. Siler asked for nominations for Board Chairman. Mr. Hutto nominated Mr. Scotty Richardson to be elected to serve as Chairman of the Williston School Board of Trustees for the 2013-14 school year. Dr. Siler asked if there were other nominations. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were declared closed. A vote was called. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Richardson asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Williams nominated Mrs. Doris Young to serve as Vice-Chairman for the 2013-14 school year. Mrs. Young respectfully declined the nomination. Mr. Melton nominated Mr. Billy Williams to serve as Vice-Chairman for the 2013-14 school year. No other nominations were made; therefore, a vote was called. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Richardson nominated Mr. Michael L. Hutto to serve as Secretary of the Williston School Board of Trustees for the 2013-14 school year. No other nominations were made; therefore, a vote was called. None opposed. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Richardson asked that the agenda be approved as written. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Richardson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2013 regular business meeting.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**7. Honors and Achievements**

Dr. Rachel Wall recognized 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Nancy Brady-Wood, for being the recipient of the SRS Mini-grant in the amount \$1,000.

Dr. Wall also recognized the following 2013-14 Williston School District Teachers of the Year:

- Nancy Brady-Wood, Kelly Edwards Elementary School
- Judy Martin, Williston-Elko Middle School
- Karen Fiery, Williston-Elko High School

Dr. Siler recognized Ms. Denise Long from the Williston Area Runners and Walkers Club that sponsored the "Run Like the Devil 5K Walk" that took place earlier this year. Part of the proceedings from this event were donated to the South Carolina Autism Society. Ms. Lauren Harris, from the South Carolina Autism Society, was here to receive this donation.

**8. Citizen's Participation**

Ms. Lakenya Cuthbertson was granted permission to speak to the Board pertaining to a discipline hearing that was held for her son, Steven Ansley.

**9. Instructional Update**

**9.1 Williston-Elko Middle School**

Principal Dr. Eavon Hickson, joined by students Leon Dorch, Danielle Edwards, Evan Overton, Maggie Smith, Kristen Ulmer, Emily Williams, and Ever Wyatt, gave the Board an instructional update from Williston-Elko Middle School.

**9.2 Strategic Plan Annual Update**

Dr. Rachel Wall gave an overview and asked the board's approval of the strategic plan annual update for the 2013-14 school year.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mr. Williams

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**9.3 Special Services: Nurse's Annual Update**

Nurses Linda Starnes and Tina Craig gave the Board an update on the 2012-13 school year's nursing program.

**10. Continuing Business**

**10.1 Human Resources Update**

Dr. Siler informed the Board that contracts had been given out to certified personnel on April 15<sup>th</sup> with a return date of April 25, 2013.

**10.2 Operations Update**

Dr. Siler informed the Board that he is working with the maintenance department about the possible work for the summer that will include door replacements, asbestos abatement, and painting. He also informed the Board about the receiving and installation of digital radios throughout the district and on the buses.

**10.3 Legislative Update**

Dr. Siler gave a brief legislative update.

**11. New Business**

**11.1 2013-14 Budget: First Reading**

Dr. Siler and Director of Finance Sally Kardes presented the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2013-14 budget. Dr. Siler recommended the Board approved the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2013-14 budget as presented.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**12. Executive Session: Personnel and Student Matters**

Mr. Richardson called for a motion for the Williston School Board of Trustees to enter into executive session for the matters of personnel and student matters.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Williams

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 8:40 pm.

Mr. Richardson called for a motion to adjourn executive session.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned executive session at 9:58 pm.

**13. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session**

The following actions were taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

**Personnel**

- Mr. Williams made a motion that the Board approve the hiring of Ms. Sara Stanton as Media Specialist at Kelly Edwards Elementary School for the 2013-14 school year.

SECOND Mrs. Young ACTION Approved Unanimously

- Dr. Siler recommended the non-renewal of the teaching contract for Teacher "A" for the 2013-14 school year.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**Student Matters**

Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the out of district student transfer request presented for the 2013-14 school year.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**14. Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Siler reminded the Board of the April 27<sup>th</sup> workshop which will be conducted by the South Carolina School Boards Association. This meeting will be held at the Clemson Experiment Station in Blackville, SC.

Dr. Siler made a motion the Board approve next month's regular business meeting starting at 6:00 pm which would include a budget workshop discussion and presentation of information from the state.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Richardson called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Scotty M. Richardson, Board Chair

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Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary