

**Williston School Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2015
District Board Room
7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Superintendent Dr. Missoura G. Ashe called the April 21, 2015 regular monthly business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Billy A. Williams, Jr., Michael L. Hutto, Doris B. Young, Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson, and newly elected member Russell J. Overton.

Members absent: None

Noting a quorum was present.

Media: Jonathan Vickery (The People Sentinel)

Also present for the meeting were Director of Instruction, Assessment & Accountability Dr. Carol Lenderman, Director of Finance Charles Everhart, Director of Special Services Jeriah Owens, District Technology Coach Amy Nix, Principals Nakeisha Baxley and Joel Mitchell, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil and approximately 22 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 Board Member

- Newly elected Board Member, Russell J. Overton, responded to the "Oath of Office" administered by Probate Judge, The Honorable Myrna Dill. Re-elected Board Member Billy A. Williams, Jr., responded to the "Oath of Office" administered by his son, Bret Williams

4. Election of Officers

Dr. Ashe asked for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Michael Hutto to be elected to serve as Chairman of the Williston School Board of Trustees for the 2015-16 school year. Dr. Ashe asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing no other nominations a vote was called. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Hutto asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Hutto nominated Mrs. Ferlecia Cuthbertson to serve as Vice-Chairman for the 2015-16 school year. No other nominations were made; therefore, a vote was called. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Hutto asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Russell Overton to serve as Secretary of the Williston School Board of Trustees for the 2015-16 school year. No other nominations were made; therefore, a vote was called. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Hutto asked for nominations for a representative from the Williston School Board to serve on the Barnwell County Career Center Board. Mrs. Young nominated Mr. Billy Williams. No other nominations were made; therefore a vote was called. None opposed. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hutto called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

6. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hutto called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 regular monthly business meeting.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Williams

ACTION Approved Unanimously

7. Achievements

The following groups were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

- Williston-Elko High School March Students of the Month:
 - 1) Ke'Andre Gregory
 - 2) Javeon Milledge
 - 3) Kayla Randall
 - 4) Laura Burbage
 - 5) Jakayla Riddle
 - 6) Jasper Lott
 - 7) Bethany Maxwell
 - 8) Aleceya Edwards

- Williston-Elko High School Athletic Department:
 - 1) Kaleif Freeman: North-South All-Star Basketball Participant
 - 2) Daniel Smith: WJBF Channel 6 All-CSRA Football Team Recipient
 - 3) Christian Sapp: Wendy's High School Heisman Award Recipient
 - 4) Marcel Wright: WJBF Channel 6 Scholar Athlete Award Recipient
 - 5) Coach Eva Strong: Selected as the North Girls All-Star Basketball Assistant Coach

8. Citizens' Participation

No one addressed the Board of Trustees at this time.

9. Continuing Business

9.1 Instructional Services Update

Dr. Lenderman gave a brief update from the office of Instruction, Assessment and Accountability. She updated the Board on the different tests that will be administered in the coming weeks. She also gave the Board a brief update on AdvancED, informing the Board that the AdvancED team will be in the district October 18-21, 2015, for district accreditation.

9.2 Strategic Planning Update

Ms. Tracie Sweet, Title I Facilitator, presented the Board with the annual Strategic Plan update for the 2015-16 school year. She explained to the Board the benefits of strategic planning, strategic planning sessions, and needs assessment. She asked that the Board approve the Strategic Plan Update presented.

MOTION Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND Mr. Overton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

9.3 Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Requests

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the overnight/out of state field trip request, allowing the Williston-Elko High School Seniors to participate in the annual "Grad Bash" at Universal Studios in Orlando Florida. The dates of the trip is April 24-26, 2015. After some discussion a vote was called.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Williams

ACTION Approved Unanimously

9.4 Act 155 Diploma Petition

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve one Act 155 Diploma petition request presented.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

9.5 Monthly Finance Update

Finance Director Charles Everhart gave the Board a financial update from the finance department for the month of February. He also informed the Board that the date for the first reading of the 2015-2016 budget will be May 19, 2015, at the regular monthly business meeting. The second reading will be held on June 2, 2015 and the third and final reading of the budget and vote will be held June 16, 2015 at the regular monthly business meeting.

9.6 Facilities Studies Update

Finance Director Charles Everhart updated the Board on the Facilities Studies. He informed the Board that the next step was to meet and discuss options with the attorney, bonding people, and the contractor who did the study. Mr. Everhart asked the Board to consider the following dates, May 11, 12, or 13, for this special call meeting. No date was decided at this time.

10. New Business

10.1 School Consolidation

Mr. Hutto gave the Board an update on school consolidation. He informed the Board that a delegation had been formed which consisted of 2 board members from each district, 3 representatives from the county, and Mr. Tim Moore. Mr. Hutto said this delegation had no power but was formed to see if it was feasible to consolidate the three school districts. Due to a low number of people in attendance at these meetings, Mr. Hutto said the delegation will do a better job in letting the public know when these meetings will be held.

11. Executive Session: Student and Personnel Matters

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

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Williams

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 8:15 p.m.

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

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned executive session at 9:43 p.m.

12. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

The following action was taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Student Matters

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve student A's request to be released from Barnwell School District 45 to attend school in Williston School District 29 for the 2015-16 school year.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Williams

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Personnel Matters

No action was taken on personnel matters at this time.

13. Items for Information Only

Dr. Ashe presented the Board with information only at this time.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Hutto called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND Mr. Overton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael L. Hutto, Board Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary