

**Williston School Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 22, 2014**  
**District Board Room**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Superintendent Dr. Tom Siler called the April 22, 2014 regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Vice-Chairman Billy A. Williams, Jr., Secretary Michael L. Hutto and Members Doris B. Young, Charles H. Melton, and Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson.

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, Director of Technology Don Wical, District Technology Coach Amy Nix, Principals Nakeisha Baxley and Greg Sweet, and approximately 30 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, Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson, responded to the "Oath of Office" administered by Rev. Joseph Cook.

**4. Election of Officers**

Dr. Siler asked for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Melton nominated Mr. Billy Williams to be elected to serve as Chairman of the Williston School Board of Trustees for the 2014-15 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 Williams asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Melton nominated Mr. Michael Hutto to serve as Vice-Chairman for the 2014-15 school year. No other nominations were made; therefore, a vote was called. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Williams asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Michael L. Hutto nominated Mr. Charles Melton to serve as Secretary of the Williston School Board of Trustees for the 2014-15 school year. No other nominations were made; therefore, a vote was called. None opposed. Motion carried.

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

**5. Approval of Agenda**

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

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

## **7. Honors and Achievements**

High School Guidance Counselor, Alison Brown, introduced high school student, Daquan Barrett for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in State for Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) for his business presentation. He will be attending the National Conference.

Dr. Siler recognized high school students Jarrett Adams and Tasheeka Whetstone for being selected as the April Barnwell County Rotary Club Students of the Month.

Dr. Siler recognized high school student, Flynn Valentine, for being accepted into the Governor School for the Arts and Humanities for her junior and senior years.

Mr. Greg Sweet, middle school principal, recognized 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, Henrietta Williams, Tammy Briggs, and Allison Millard, for being awarded the SRS Technology Grant in the amount of \$1,000.

Dr. Siler recognized elementary teacher Nancy Brady-Wood for being awarded the Greater Savannah River Community Foundation Early Childhood Grant in the amount of \$1,000.

## **8. Citizens' Participation**

No one addressed the Board of Trustees at this time.

## **9. Continuing Business**

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Siler gave a brief legislative update.

## **10. New Business**

- **Instructional Services Update**

Dr. Lenderman gave a brief update from the office of Instruction, Assessment and Accountability. She updated the Board on testing that had taken place throughout the district. She also updated the Board on the Sick Leave Bank policy GCCAAA-R and explained revisions made. Dr. Lenderman asked for Board approval on Sick Bank Policy GCCAAA-R with noted revisions.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- **Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Requests**

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve the two overnight/out of state field trip requests presented.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- **Student Transfer Request**

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve the request for student A to attend school in Williston School District 29 for the 2013-14 school year.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- **Finance Update**

Finance Director Charles Everhart gave the Board an update from the finance department which included the general fund budget process for the 2014-15 school year.

**11. Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Siler gave an update at this time. Some of the issues discussed were the problems with the air conditioner units at Kelly Edwards Elementary and the summer feeding program which will be hosted at Kelly Edwards Elementary School. He informed the Board that the summer feeding program will begin June 9 and end July 31, 2014, for any child under the age of 18.

**12. Executive Session: Personnel Update**

Mr. Williams called for a motion for the Williston School Board of Trustees to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel update.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at approximately 7:55 p.m.

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

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned executive session at approximately 8:15 p.m.

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

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

- Personnel Update:

Dr. Siler recommended the Board accept the resignation of Coach Dwayne Garrick.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Melton

ACTION: Approved Unanimously

**14. Items for Information Only**

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

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Billy A. Williams, Board Chair

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Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary