

**Williston School Board of Trustees
January 20, 2015
Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:00 p.m.
District Board Room**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Billy A. Williams, Jr., called the January 20, 2015 regular monthly business meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members present for the meeting: Chairman Billy A. Williams, Jr., Vice-Chairman Michael L. Hutto, and members Doris B. Young and Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson.

Members absent: Secretary Charles H. Melton

Noting a quorum was present.

Media: Jonathan Vickery (The People Sentinel)

Also present for the meeting were Interim Superintendent Dr. Carol Lenderman, Director of Finance Charles Everhart, Director of Technology Don Wical, Principals Nakeisha Baxley, Greg Sweet, and Joel Mitchell, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil, and approximately 15 guests.

2. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Williams asked that the agenda be approved as written.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2014

Mr. Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the following six (6) meetings.

- November 18, 2014
- December 16, 2014
- December 30, 2014
- January 12, 2015
- January 13, 2015
- January 14, 2015

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

5. Achievements

The following groups were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

- Williston School Board of Trustees: Certificate of Appreciation-Board Recognition Month
- PSAT Junior Scholars: Brandon Richardson-writing; Emily Williams-math; Evan Overton-writing
- Williston-Elko High School November Students of the Month
- Williston-Elko High School December Rotary Students of the Month

6. Citizen's Participation

No one presented at this time.

7. Continuing Business

• **Instructional Services Update**

Dr. Lenderman shared with the Board the new State Superintendent Molly Spearman's vision for South Carolina Public schools.

Dr. Lenderman also informed the Board about the ACT Aspire test that will be administered to the students and how the students were being prepared for this timed test.

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

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve an overnight field trip request from high school business teacher, Ms. Dana Depew.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve an overnight field trip request from culinary arts teacher, Ms. Victoria Blackstone.

MOTION Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

8. New Business

• **Dreams Imagination & Gift: DIG**

Dr. Lenderman introduced Mr. Steven Brown, Founder and CEO of Dreams Imagination & Gift Development Program also know as D.I.G. He informed the Board that the main reason for this program was to provide an opportunity for youth in rural communities to reach their full potential. He stated that with schools and their officials, every child in Williston and any rural community will reach their full potential. He presented the Board with a Memorandum of Agreement requesting a partnership between Williston School District 29 and D.I.G. It was agreed that the Board would get back with Mr. Brown as soon as the Board makes their decision concerning this partnership.

• **2015-2016 Proposed School Calendar**

Dr. Lenderman presented the proposed 2015-16 school calendar as information only at this time.

9. Executive Session: Student Matters, Personnel Matters

Mr. Williams 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 Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 7:49 pm, joined by Ms. Shirley Fawley of Childs & Halligan Law Firm.

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

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned executive session at 9:10 pm.

10. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

• **Student Matters**

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve student "A's" request to be released from Williston School District 29 to attend school in Barnwell School District 45 and students "B-I" be allowed to attend school in Williston School District 29 having paid out of district tuition.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

• **Personnel Matters**

No action taken on personnel matters at this time.

11. Items for Information Only

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

12. Adjournment

Mr. Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Billy A. Williams, Jr., Board Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary