

Williston School Board of Trustees
June 10, 2014
6:30 p.m. Public Hearing
7:00 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting
District Board Room

1. Call to Order

Chairman Billy A. Williams, Jr., called the June 10, 2014 public hearing and regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Public Hearing

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Members present for the public hearing and regular monthly meeting: Chairman Billy A. Williams, Jr., Vice-Chair Michael L. Hutto, Secretary Charles H. Melton, and members Doris B. Young and Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson.

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 Instruction, Assessment & Accountability Dr. Carol Lenderman, Director of Special Services Jeriah Owens, Director of Finance Charles Everhart, Director of Technology Don Wical, District Technology Coach Amy Nix, Principal Nakeisha Baxley, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil, and approximately 4 guests.

The Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into the regular monthly business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

3. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag

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

4. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

5. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2014 regular business meeting.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

6. Honors and Achievements

Dr. Lenderman recognized Williston-Elko Middle and High Schools for being the recipient of the Education Oversight Committee's Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards. Middle School and District Teacher of the Year, Henrietta Williams, received the Palmetto Silver Award Flag for the Middle School and High School Teacher of the Year, Jeremy Lehman, received the Palmetto Gold Award Flag for the High School.

7. Citizen's Participation

No one addressed the Board of Trustees at this time.

8. Continuing Business

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Siler gave a brief legislative update.

- **Instructional Services Update**

Dr. Carol Lenderman updated the Board on the guidelines for Petition of High School Diploma in Accordance with Act 155.

Dr. Carol Lenderman presented the Board with a draft of Policy JICJ: Possession/Use of Electronic Communication Devices. Changes have been made but were not ready for Board approval at this time.

Dr. Lenderman also updated the Board on the upcoming Costa Rica trip. This trip will consist of Ms. DelHoyo, high school Spanish teacher, and 5 high school Spanish students, leaving June 16th and returning on June 27, 2014.

9. New Business

- **2014-15 Budget: Second Reading**

Dr. Siler presented the 2014-15 budget for second reading. Dr. Siler informed the Board that \$102,296 will need to be taken from the fund balance to balance the budget for the 2014-15 school year. After some discussion a vote was called to approve the second reading of the 2014-15 budget.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- **Bond Sale**

Dr. Siler informed the Board on the summer work project proposal for 2014. Some of the projects included in this proposal are improving security of the high school by rekeying of the doors, cameras on 8 school buses, purchase of a minivan, and other upgrades throughout the district. These projects would be paid by a bond sell. Dr. Siler made the following recommendation.

Dr. Siler recommended the authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$260,000 general obligation bond, series 2014, of Williston School District 29, Barnwell County, South Carolina, authorizing the South Carolina Organization of Governmental Organizations to facilitate the sale of the bonds under its general obligation debt program; prescribing the terms and conditions under which the bond may be issued; authorizing the Superintendent of the school district to determine certain matters relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

10. Executive Session: Personnel Update, Student Transfer Requests, Contractual Matters

Mr. Williams called for a motion for the Williston School Board of Trustees to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel update, student transfer requests, and contractual matters.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 8:17 p.m.

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 9:21 pm.

11. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

• **Personnel Update**

- Dr. Siler recommended the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Keighley Aldridge.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the hiring of Ms. Alyson Hutson Collins as teacher at Kelly Edwards Elementary School. Mr. Williams asked that he be excused from voting due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the hiring of Ms. Deidre Hayes as district Psychologist for the 2014-15 school year.

MOTION Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- Dr. Siler asked that the Board approve the hiring of Mr. Joel Mitchell as principal at Williston-Elko High School for the 2014-15 school year.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

• **Student Transfer Requests**

- Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the request for student "A" to attend school in Williston School District 29 for the 2014-15 school year.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the requests for students B-E be released from Williston School District 29 to attend school in Barnwell School District 45 for the 2014-15 school year.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

• **Contractual Matters**

➤ **DOE PILT Appraisals**

Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the payment of \$8,616 to Pickens Williams, Barnwell County Administrator, for Williston School District 29's portion of the appraisal done of all condemned property at the Savannah River Site.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

12. Items for Information Only

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

13. Adjournment

Mr. Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Billy A. Williams, Jr., Board Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary