

Williston School Board of Trustees
March 17, 2015
Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:00 p.m.
District Board Room

1. Call to Order

Chairman Billy A. Williams, Jr., called the March 17, 2015 regular monthly business meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present for the meeting: Chairman Billy A. Williams, Jr., Vice-Chairman 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: Laura McKenzie (The People Sentinel)

Also present for the meeting were Superintendent Dr. Missoura G. Ashe, Director of Finance Charles Everhart, Director of Technology Don Wical, Director of Instruction, Assessment & Accountability Dr. Carol Lenderman, Director of Special Services Jeriah Owens, District Technology Coach Amy Nix, Principal Nakeisha Baxley, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil, and approximately 16 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. 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:

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

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

5. Achievements

The following groups were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

- Williston-Elko High School February Students of the Month:
 - 1) Austin Gainey
 - 2) Kaitlin Hutson
 - 3) Jacob Benton
 - 4) Nick Williams
 - 5) Chris Fulmer
 - 6) Brian Walden
 - 7) Aaliyah Cuthbertson
- Williston-Elko High School February Rotary Students of the Month:
 - 1) Joshua Everson
 - 2) Dantravia Cuthbertson
- Williston-Elko Middle School Student Danielle Edwards for placing 3rd for her photography entry at the Junior BETA Club Convention

6. Citizen's Participation

No one presented at this time.

7. Continuing Business

7.1 Facilities Studies Presentation: M.B. Kahn Construction Company

Ms. Hayley Bowers and Mr. Bill Crem from M.B. Kahn Construction Company gave the Board a facility report on their recent tour of the school district. Some of their suggestions were build a new gym and cafeteria at the high school, a new PreK-8 grade on the elementary school site, a new PreK-8 grade on the middle school site, or build a new Pre-K-12 grade on the high school site and continue to use Kelly Edwards Elementary as a center. No questions were asked.

7.2 Instructional Services Update

Dr. Carol Lenderman, Director of Instruction, Assessment & Accountability gave an instructional update at this time.

➤ **2015-2016 Proposed School Calendar**

The Board had been presented with two different school calendars, one approved by Blackville-Hilda school district and one approved by Barnwell School District 45. After some discussion a vote was called to adopt one of the two calendars for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Hutto made a motion that the Williston School Board adopt the Barnwell School District 45 calendar for the 2015-2106 school year. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a three to two vote with Mr. Hutto, Mr. Melton, and Mr. Williams voting yea and Mrs. Young and Mrs. Cuthbertson voting no.

7.3 Finance

Charles Everhart, Director of Finance, gave the Board an overview of the district's finances. Mr. Everhart informed the Board that on February 27, 2015 the last payment on the General Obligation Bonds was made, making our district debt free. No questions were asked.

7.4 Dreams Imagination & Gift: DIG

Ms. Beth Overton, a board member for Dreams Imagination & Gift (DIG) presented the revised DIG Memorandum of Agreement for Board approval.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Motion carried with a 4 to 1 vote with Mrs. Cuthbertson abstaining from voting.

8. New Business

8.1 Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Requests

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the following two overnight and/or out of state field trip requests.

➤ 7th Grade: May 27-28, 2015: Charleston, South Carolina

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

➤ 9th-12th Grades: May 13-16, 2016: Orlando, Florida

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

8.2 2015-2016 Certified and Administrative Recommendations

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the 2015-2016 certified and administrative recommendations. After some discussion it was decided by the Board to continue this matter in executive session.

8.3 New Band Uniforms

Finance Director Charles Everhart presented the Board with information about the purchasing of new band uniforms. No action was taken at this time.

9. Executive Session: Student Matters, Personnel Matters, Facility Matters

Mr. Williams called for a motion for the Williston School Board of Trustees to enter into executive session for the purpose of student, personnel, and facility matters. Before the Board could vote on this matter Editor Laura McKenzie informed the Board it would be illegal to discuss facility matters in executive session. Therefore, this

item was struck from the agenda.

Mr. Williams called for a motion for the Board to go into executive session with the noted agenda change.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 8:24 pm.

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

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned executive session at 9:20 pm.

10. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

• **Student Matters**

Mr. Williams 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 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

• **Personnel Matters**

Mr. Williams recommended the Board approve the hiring of Ms. Elaine Burdge, who will be teaching high school English, and Ms. Lauren Campbell, who will be teaching special education at the high school.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Mr. Williams asked for a motion to approve the 2015-2016 teacher and administrative staff recommendations.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

11. Items for Information Only

No information was presented at this time.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Billy A. Williams, Jr., Board Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary