

Williston School Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2013
District Board Room
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Scotty M. Richardson called the March 19, 2013, regular monthly business meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members present: Vice-Chair Scotty M. Richardson, Secretary Chris R. Rivers, and Trustees Doris B. Young and Billy A. Williams, Jr.

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 Special Services Jeriah Owens, Director of Instruction Dr. Rachel Wall, Directory of Finance Sally Kardes, Principals Nakeisha Baxley, Dr. Eavon Hickson and Dr. Brian Newsome, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil, and approximately 16 guests.

2. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag

The Invocation was given by Mr. Williams followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Richardson called for a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

4. Executive Session: Student Hearing and Personnel Information

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

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Rivers

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 7:06 pm. The Trustees were joined by Attorney Allison Hanna, Attorney Jerry M. Screen, High School Principal Dr. Brian Newsome, and the students and their families.

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

MOTION Mr. Rivers SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned executive session at 8:44 pm.

5. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

The following actions were taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Student Hearing

- Mr. Rivers made a motion that the Board uphold the administration's recommendation to expel student "A" for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Williams excused himself from voting in the matter of student "A".

SECOND Mrs. Young ACTION Approved with a 3-0 vote

- Mr. Rivers made a motion that the board uphold the administration's recommendation to place student "B" at the alternative school for a calendar year and that the student's records be revised in accordance with district policy.

SECOND Mr. Williams ACTION Approved with a 3-1 vote with Mr. Williams, Mr. Rivers, and Mr. Richardson voting yes and Mrs. Young voting no.

Personnel Information

- Mrs. Young made a motion to allow the Superintendent to uniformly negotiate the salary below the district salary schedule of any post TERE or retired employee who is offered employment if House Bill H3453 is approved for the 2013-14 school year.

SECOND Mr. Williams ACTION Approved Unanimously

6. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Richardson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 regular business meeting.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Rivers

ACTION Approved Unanimously

7. Citizens' Participation

Ms. Judy Taylor requested and was allowed to speak to the Board concerning alternative school.

8. Instructional Update

8.1 Kelly Edwards Elementary School

Principal Nakeisha Baxley, joined by Ms. Ferlicia Cuthbertson, gave the Board an instructional update from Kelly Edwards Elementary School. Ms. Ferlicia Cuthbertson, with the intervention program at Kelly Edwards, shared some of the ways she is helping the students to improve in the area of math. Also highlighted were various fundraisers that have taken place throughout the school year.

8.2 2013-14 School Calendar Revision

Dr. Siler recommended the Board make the following change to the 2013-14 school calendar:

- May 7, 2014: Change from a collaborative planning day to a regular school day because of PASS testing.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

9. Continuing Business

9.1 Human Resources Update

Dr. Siler updated the Board on several projects going on in the District.

9.2 Operations Update

Dr. Siler informed the Board that the maintenance staff is taking bids on the completion of work this summer for door replacement and the classroom refresh project which began several years ago.

9.3 Legislative Update

Dr. Siler gave a brief legislative update.

10. New Business

10.1 2013-14 Certified Recommendations

Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the list of certified staff recommendations for the 2013-14 school year.

MOTION Mr. Rivers SECOND Mr. Williams

ACTION Approved Unanimously

10.2 Board Policy: BDE-Board Committees

Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve policy BDE "Board Committees" as second and final reading.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Rivers

ACTION Approved Unanimously

11. Items for Board Information

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

12. Adjournment

Mr. Richardson called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mr. Rivers

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Scotty M. Richardson, Board Vice-Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary