

**Williston School Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2013
District Board Room
7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Billy A. Williams, Jr., called the October 15, 2013, 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 and Charles H. Melton.

Members absent: Chairman Scotty M. Richardson

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, Assessment & Accountability Dr. Carol Lenderman, Principals Nakeisha Baxley, Greg Sweet and Dr. Brian Newsome, Director of Technology Don Wical, Maintenance Supervisor Ronnie Neville, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil, and 11 guests.

2. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag

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

3. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17th meeting.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

5. Honors and Achievements

Dr. Siler recognized 7th grader Danielle Edwards for being the middle school title page drawing contest winner. Her drawing will be displayed in the 2013-14 yearbook and she will also be the recipient of a free yearbook.

6. Citizens' Participation

No one addressed the Board of Trustees at this time.

7. Continuing Business

• **Operations Update**

Dr. Siler introduced Ms. Hayley Bowers and Mr. Rick Ott from M.B. Kahn Construction Company. They presented to the Board a power point presentation entitled "New Trends in Public School Design and Construction Delivery: An Update for School Board Members."

• **Legislative Update**

Dr. Siler gave a brief legislative update.

- **Finance Update**

In the financial update, Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the \$100 Wal-Mart gift card for the faculty and staff as this year's Christmas bonus.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

Before a vote could be called, Mrs. Young asked Dr. Siler to poll the faculty and staff to see if they would prefer another type of gift card. Dr. Siler said he would and when he receives this information he is to go ahead with the purchase of the cards.

ACTION Approved Unanimously

8. New Business

- **Instructional Services Update**

Dr. Carol Lenderman recommended the Board approve the following overnight field trip request.

- ▶ Middle School Student Ambassadors: April 10-13, 2013 to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- **Special Services Update**

Ms. Jeri Owens, Director of Special Services, gave the Board a Special Services Update.

9. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Siler gave the Board a Superintendent's update at this time.

10. Executive Session: Personnel Matters

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

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 8:00 pm.

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

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned executive session at 8:40 pm.

11. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

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

- **Student Transfers**

Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the out of district transfer requests for students A-D to attend school in the Williston School District as long as all requirements have been met. Mrs. Young asked that the motion be amended to include students A and B pending residential verification.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- **Student Discipline**

The Williston School Board of Trustees upheld the decision of the Discipline Hearing Board that Student A be

expelled from school for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

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. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Scotty M. Richardson, Board Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary