

**Williston School Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2013
District Board Room
7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Scotty M. Richardson called the September 17, 2013, regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Chair Scotty M. Richardson, Vice-Chair Billy A. Williams, Jr., Secretary Michael L. Hutto and Members Doris B. Young and Charles H. Melton.

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 Finance Sally Kardes, Director of Special Services Jeriah Owens, Director of Instruction, Assessment & Accountability Dr. Carol Lenderman, Principals Nakeisha Baxley, Greg Sweet and Dr. Brian Newsome, Maintenance Supervisor Ronnie Neville, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil, and 8 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. Richardson called for a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Richardson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20th meeting.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

5. Honors and Achievements

None was recognized at this time.

6. Citizens' Participation

No one addressed the Board of Trustees at this time.

7. Executive Session: Personnel Matters

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

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 7:04 pm.

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

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned executive session at 7:15 pm.

8. 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.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Dr. Siler recommended the Board approve the request for student E to be released from Williston School District 29 to attend school in Barnwell School District 45.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

9. Continuing Business

• **Operations Update**

Maintenance Supervisor Ronnie Neville provided the Board with an update on maintenance work being done throughout the district.

• **Legislative Update**

Mr. Duane Cooper, SCSBA Legislative & Advocacy Coordinator, updated the Board on a list of bills that did or did not pass in 2013. Some of these bills were highlighted and explained. He also gave the Board highlights of the 2013-14 budget adoption.

• **Finance Update**

Dr. Siler recommended that the Board approve the transfer of \$16,015.67 from the general fund, year ending June 30, 2013, to cover the remaining cost of the summer building projects for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years and to balance the year-end report.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

10. New Business

• **Voting Delegate: 2013-2014 SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Assembly
2013-14 SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Assembly Voting Delegate**

Dr. Siler informed the Board that a delegate and an alternate needed to be selected to represent Williston School District at the 2013-14 SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Assembly, to be held Saturday, December 7, 2013, at Hilton Head, SC. This would be decided at the October board meeting.

• **Instructional Services Update**

The first item Dr. Carol Lenderman brought before the Board was the district's first collaborative planning day to be held Wednesday, September 25, 2013. She explained this would be an early release day for all students with Kelly Edwards Elementary School dismissing at 12:45 pm and the middle and high schools dismissing at 1:00 pm. Dr. Lenderman went on to explain that the teachers will be using this time, working with one another on a joint project with something being created out of this collaboration that can be used for staff

development.

The next item Dr. Lenderman brought before the Board was an out of country field trip request to Costa Rica, June 18-26, 2014, in partnership with Gilbert High School and Lexington School District 1. Ms. Christina Del Hoyo, Williston-Elko High School Spanish instructor, will be overseeing this project. She will be working with the students with fundraisers throughout the coming year to offset the cost of the trip. This trip will be open to any Spanish students wishing to go. After some discussion, a vote was called to approve this international field trip request.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

11. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Siler recognized County Council Member Keith Sloan and Barnwell County Sheriff Ed Carroll who shared information with the Board about drugs, gangs and gang activity in Barnwell County. A video was provided but due to the nature of this video it was decided to show the video after the meeting adjourned allowing anyone who did not want to view the video the option to leave at this time.

12. Items for Board Information

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

13. Adjournment

Mr. Richardson called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Scotty M. Richardson, Board Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary