

**Williston School Board of Trustees  
September 23, 2014  
Regular Monthly Business Meeting  
6:00 p.m.  
District Board Room**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Billy A. Williams, Jr., called the September 23, 2014 regular monthly business meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present for the special 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 Interim Superintendent Dr. Carol Lenderman, Director of Finance Charles Everhart, Director of Special Services Jeri Owens, Director of Technology Don Wical, District Technology Coach Amy Nix, Principals Nakeisha Baxley, Greg Sweet, and Joel Mitchell, Maintenance Supervisor Ronnie Neville, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil, and 28 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 Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**4. Approval of Minutes: August 19, 2014**

Mr. Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 regular business meeting.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**5. Achievements**

Dr. Lenderman recognized the following five students for achieving a perfect score on the SCPASS test.

- Jackson Morris-perfect score in math
- Emaline Davisson-perfect score in writing
- Deanna Dorr-perfect score in writing
- Madisyn Williams-perfect score in writing
- Andrew Willis-perfect score in ELA

Dr. Lenderman informed the Board that Williston-Elko High School ranked 322 out of 500 schools in Newsweek's list of schools for "Beating the Odds 2014-Top Schools for Low-income Students."

**6. Citizen's Participation**

Ms. Shirley Dicks requested and was granted permission to speak on the topic of fair and equal opportunities for employees at Williston School District 29.

**7. Executive Session: Student Transfer Requests, Personnel Hiring, Facility Update/Contract**

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

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 6:14 p.m., joined by Dr. Paul Krohne, Executive Director of South Carolina School Boards Association. The School Board was later joined by Director of Finance Charles Everhart, and the following three construction management companies.

- Cumming Construction Management Company, Columbia, South Carolina
- M.B. Kahn Construction Company, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina
- Jumper Carter Sease Architects, West Columbia, South Carolina

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 9:25 pm.

**8. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session**

• **Student Transfer Requests**

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve the requests for students A & B be allowed admittance into our school district for the 2014-15 school year.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

• **Personnel Hiring**

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board accept the resignations of Mrs. Barbara Pryer, district bus driver, and Ms. Crissy Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher.

MOTION Mrs. Young SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approve Unanimously

Dr. Lenderman recommended the hiring of Ms. Asia Reed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade position at Kelly Edwards Elementary School.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approve Unanimously

Mrs. Young made a motion that the Board approve the hiring of the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) to aid in the search for the new superintendent for Williston School District 29.

SECOND Mr. Hutto ACTION Approved Unanimously

- **Facility Update/Contract**

No action was taken on facility update/contract at this time.

9. **Continuing Business**

- **Instructional Services Update**

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve three Act 155 Diploma petition requests presented.

MOTION Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND Mr. Melton

ACTION Approved Unanimously

10. **New Business**

- **Voting Delegate: 2014-2015 SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Assembly**

Mrs. Young made a motion that the Board elect Mr. Hutto as voting delegate for the 2014-2015 SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Assembly and Mrs. Cuthbertson as voting delegate alternate.

SECOND Mr. Melton ACTION Approved Unanimously

- **Out of State Field Trip Requests**

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve the field trip request from the Teacher Cadet class, going to Augusta, Georgia.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve the field trip request from the Guidance Career Club, going to Augusta, Georgia.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve the field trip request from FBLA, going to the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Dr. Lenderman recommended the Board approve the out of country field trip request by the High School Spanish Class going to Costa Rica in June 2015.

MOTION Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND Mr. Hutto

ACTION Approved Unanimously

- **HVAC Issues**

Dr. Lenderman informed the Board that 3 HVAC units have been replaced in the last two weeks, one at the alternative school, one at the middle school, and one in the middle/high school media center, at an estimated cost of \$12,000. She asked for a motion to move \$12,000 from the Capital Improvements Account into the general fund account to pay for the cost of these repairs.

MOTION Mr. Melton SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

**11. Interim Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Lenderman gave the Board an update on the DHEC health advisory on the Enterovirus D-68. She also updated them on the bus driver recruitment advertisement that will go in The People Sentinel weekly newspaper beginning Wednesday, September 24, 2014 and will run for 6 consecutive weeks.

**12. Items for Information Only**

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

**13. Adjournment**

Mr. Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Hutto SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Approved Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Billy A. Williams, Jr., Board Chair

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Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary