

**Williston School District 29 Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**District Board Room**  
**12255 Main Street**  
**Williston, South Carolina 29853**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Board Chair Michael L. Hutto called the February 16, 2016 regular monthly board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Michael L. Hutto, Vice-Chair Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson, Secretary Russell J. Overton, and Members Billy A. Williams, Jr. and Doris B. Young.

Members absent: None

Noting a quorum was present.

Media: Jonathan Vickery (The People Sentinel)

Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Missoura G. Ashe, Director of Finance Charles Everhart, Director of Student and Special Services Dr. Tasha Louis-Nance, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Accountability Dr. Carol Lenderman, Director of Transportation and Medicaid Clerk Chantane Tobin, Director of Technology Don Wical, Principals Nakeisha Baxley and Greg Sweet, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil and approximately 14 guests.

**2. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag**

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

Before the approval of the minutes, Mr. Hutto asked that everyone please adjourn to the hallway where the Williston-Elko Middle School Jr. BETA Club did a presentation for all those in attendance.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Hutto asked that the agenda be approved as written.

MOTION Mr. Williams SECOND Mrs. Young

ACTION Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Hutto called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2015 regular board meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Williams

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**5. Achievements & Recognitions**

The following groups were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

- Williston-Elko High School January Students of the Month:
  - 1) Keyante Green
  - 2) Tasheeka Whetstone
  - 3) Marvin Dicks
  - 4) Aaliyah Cuthbertson
  - 5) Destiny Bing
  - 6) Laura Fox
  - 7) Caleb Waddell
  - 8) NeChyna Carter

- Williston-Elko High School Rotary Students for the month of January:
  - 1) De'Markiis Doe
  - 2) Danielle Edwards

At this time Williston School District Athletic Director Derek Youngblood recognized the following two students for being chosen to participate in the CSRA third annual Border Bash Football game which was held in Augusta Georgia on January 9, 2016.

- 1) Daniel Smith
- 2) Shakur Chisolm

Dr. Ashe recognized Board Member Doris Young for her 15 years of school board service. Mrs. Young was presented a certificate and 15 year service pin from the South Carolina School Board Association. Mrs. Young's husband, Reverend Phinice Young put the pin on Mrs. Young.

**6. Citizen's Participation**

None presented at this time.

**7. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Ashe informed the Board that the letters of intent had been disseminated to all certified staff in the district. She also told the Board that the proposed 2016-17 school calendar had been received from Barnwell School District 45. Dr. Ashe will be presenting the calendar to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

**8. Principals' Presentations**

Kelly Edwards Elementary School Principal Nakeisha Baxley and Williston-Elko Middle School Principal Greg Sweet updated the Board on their schools' test scores and what they have put in place to help raise these scores. Some questions were asked.

**9. New Business**

**9.1 MUSC: School Based Tele-Health Program**

School-Based Telehealth Nurse Practitioner Kelli Garber, accompanied by Program Manager Elana Wells and Medical Director Dr. Kathryn Cristaldi, of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), gave the Board information on the Telehealth Program offered through MUSC. They explained this would be health care for students in school settings using a tele medical cart that would be placed in all three nurses' offices. This cart consist of an electronic stethoscope, otoscope, and exam camera. After the student's examination by the school nurse, this information would then be sent electronically to the child's local caregiver of provider. Studies have shown that this program helps reduce tardiness and absences and therefore increases student learning. A short power point presentation and two minute video were presented to help explain the program. The Board was told that this program would be no cost to the district. MUSC would be responsible for the billing with Medicaid students being covered 100%. Some questions were asked.

**9.2 Out of state/Overnight Field Trip Requests**

Dr. Ashe presented the following three out of state/overnight field trip requests for Board approval.

- a) WEHS Spanish Club  
Fairburn, GA-April 28, 2016

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

- b) Middle/High School Band:  
Region Band, North Charleston, SC  
February 25-27, 2016

There was discussion by the Board pertaining to the transportation of this trip. The Board asked that Dr. Ashe look into the band renting a vehicle instead of using a personal vehicle. Mr. Hutto called for a motion to approve this request with the stipulation that Dr. Ashe bring back to the Board information pertaining to transportation.

MOTION: Mr. Overton SECOND: Mr. Williams

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

- c) FBLA State Conference  
N. Charleston, SC – March 11-13, 2016

After some discussion about the transportation of this trip, Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the FBLA field trip request. Mr. Overton asked that the motion be amended to include looking into transportation for this request.

MOTION: Mr. Williams SECOND: Mrs. Young

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**9.3 Spanish Club: Costa Rica Trip**

High School Spanish teacher Ms. Del Hoyo presented to the Board a power point presentation for the Costa Rica Trip request that will take place June 12 – 21, 2017. After some discussion a vote was called.

MOTION: Mr. Williams SECOND: Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**10. Continuing Business**

**10.1 Monthly Finance Report**

Mr. Charles Everhart, Director of Finance, gave the Board an update from the finance department for the month of December 2015. Some questions were asked.

**10.2 Board Policies**

The following revised policies were presented to the Board for the first and final reading.

ADC	Tobacco-Free Schools
IHAA	English/Reading/Writing/Language Arts Education
IHAB	Mathematics Education
IHBH	Charter Schools
GBC	Staff Compensation
GCB	Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation
IJNDAA	Distance, Online and Virtual Education
IJNDAA-R	Distance, Online and Virtual Education
JH-R	Student Absences and Excuses
IKF-R	Graduation Requirements

After some discussion Dr. Ashe was asked by the Board to remove policies IJNDAA and IJNDAA-R at this time for further discussion and possible changes. Mr. Hutto called for a motion to approve the other eight policies.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Williams

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**11. Executive Session: Contractual Matters**

At 9:21pm, Mrs. Young made a motion that the Board enter into executive session for the discussion of contractual matters. Mr. Overton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

At 10:00 pm, Mrs. Young made a motion that the Board adjourn executive session. Mrs. Cuthbertson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

No action was taken at this time.

**13. Items for Information Only**

Dr. Ashe informed the Board that information had been put in the Board packets.

**14. Adjournment**

At 10:01 pm, Mr. Hutto called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael L. Hutto, Board Chair

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Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary