

Williston School Board of Trustees
June 12, 2018
5:30 p.m. Public Hearing
7:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting
District Board Room

1. Call to Order

Due to the fire alarm going off at 5:30 pm, the Williston School District Board of Trustees Public Hearing was delayed until the fire alarm was cut off. Board Chair Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson called the June 12, 2018, public hearing to order at 5:43 p.m.

2. Public Hearing

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

Members present for the Public Hearing: Board Chair Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson, Vice-Chair Michael L. Hutto, Secretary Doris B. Young and Member Annette W. Burnette.

Members absent: Ronald J. Brown

Noting a quorum was present.

Media: Laura McKenzie, *The People Sentinel*

Also present for the public hearing were Interim Superintendent Dr. Everette M. Dean, Jr., Superintendent Elect Dr. Marcella D. Heyward, Director of Finance Rose Anderson, Human Resource Coordinator Stephanie Alford, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil and 6 guests.

The following people presented to the board their concerns about the school budget.

- Hannah Beth Wootten: She spoke on behalf of the Sports Medicine high school course for the 2018-2019 school year. She said she intends to be an athletic trainer and without this program she will not have the same training as others and this may hinder her from getting into the school of her choice, which offers the athletic trainer course. She asked that the Board consider funding this course.
- Chara Wootten: She too, asked that the Board consider keeping the Sports Medicine high school course for the 2018-2019 school year. She told the Board that she had been accepted into the program for the next school year. She said this course would help her and her classmates to be able to pursue this career path. She thanked the Board for their consideration.
- Amanda Wootten: Mrs. Wootten asked that the Board considered having the Sports Medicine course for the 2018-19 school year. She went on to explain that both her daughters had been accepted in to the program and both girls would like to pursue this career path. Mrs. Wootten said there was only one school in South Carolina, Winthrop University that offered this course. She said not having this program would really hinder students from getting to the place they want to be. She said she knows the classroom would be small but asked that the Board consider having this course for the next school year.
- Mrs. Wootten said she was changing gears and would now speak as an employee of the Williston School District. She begged the Board to consider having four teachers in the younger grades. She said it gets very difficult to teach to a large class size. She said first grade was the foundation for teaching them to read. She asked that the Board consider having four first and second grade teachers.
- Terrance Holley: Mr. Holley said he was speaking to the Board as an assistant coach of both football and basketball. He said he was voicing his support for the Sports Medicine course. Mr. Holley said that sponsoring the program would help separate our school from other schools in a positive manner. He asked that the Board look at the budget and any decisions made would be made for the best interest

of the school district.

- Andrea Ingram: Ms. Ingram told the Board she was the athletic trainer for Williston School District and she would be the one to teach the Sports Medicine course if it was to be offered at Williston-Elko High School. She said with the class size being small it will give the students an edge with having more one on one instruction. She said as of right now there were nine students enrolled for this class. Some questions were asked.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:15.

The Williston School Board of Trustees entered the Special Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members present for the Special Board Meeting: Board Chair Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson, Vice-Chair Michael L. Hutto, Secretary Doris B. Young and Members Annette W. Burnette and Ronald J. Brown.

Members absent: None

Noting a quorum was present.

Media: Laura McKenzie, *The People Sentinel*

Also present for the special meeting were Interim Superintendent Dr. Everette M. Dean, Jr., Superintendent Elect Dr. Marcella D. Heyward, Director of Finance Rose Anderson, Human Resource Coordinator Stephanie Alford, Director of Student and Special Services Kathy Griffin, Director of Transportation/Medicaid Clerk Chantane Tobin, District Technology Coordinator Amy Nix, Maintenance Supervisor Ronnie Neville, Principals Nakeisha Baxley and Alison Brady, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil and 5 guests.

3. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag

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

4. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Young made a motion that the agenda be approved as written.

SECOND: Mrs. Burnette ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

5. Continuing Business

- Facilities Update: Abbeville Projects: Bill Palladino and Barry Morgan
Director of Finance, Rose Anderson, introduced Program Manager Barry Morgan and Architect Bill Palladino who presented the capital facilities projects. Mr. Morgan gave the Board a project summary, which included the following projects.

- Renovations to the high school gymnasium
- New storm drainage system and correct sidewalks at Kelly Edwards Elementary
- New HVAC system and replace windows at the gymnasium at Kelly Edwards Elementary
- Handicapped ramps and stairs at the high school academic wing
- Handicapped accessible sidewalk from high school to middle school cafeteria
- Canopy over new sidewalk behind the district office
- Handicapped ramp and stairs to middle school cafeteria
- Grading and erosion controls at area between media center and middle school

Mr. Morgan also presented the Board with an Abbeville and bond projects schedule.

Dr. Dean informed the Board that to complete the above projects would cost the District approximately \$1,488,570. The Abbeville fund money amounted to \$1,163,000, leaving a difference of around \$325,000. Dr. Dean told the Board that if they put off the purchase of the new activity bus for a year, that would save the District around \$100,000. He also told the Board that the cost of the new phone system for the District is going to cost \$20,000 less than first projected. He said the firewall for technology was purchased through technology money, saving about \$10,000 that could be put towards the projects. Dr. Dean also said that if maintenance could hold off on the purchase of a few of the HVAC units that could save the district another \$20,000 to put towards the Abbeville projects. Dr. Dean said this was just a roadmap to getting the full project done. He continued to say this was probably going to be a one-time deal. There was much discussion on this project.

- 2018-2019 General Fund Budget: 2nd Reading

Director of Finance Rose Anderson presented, for Board approval, the 2018-2019 general fund budget for the 2nd of 3 readings. She told the Board that some adjustments had been made to the budget since the first reading. These adjustments included testing for the high school, the Sports Medicine program, workers comp, contract for the superintendent, fringe cost adjustment for principals and bus drivers, supplements for student activities, and the technology salary line. After much discussion a vote was called to approve the 2nd reading of the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget.

MOTION: Mr. Hutto SECOND: Mrs. Burnette

ACTION: Motion passed with a four to one vote with Mrs. Cuthbertson voting no.

- June 19, 2018 Board Meeting

Dr. Dean pointed out to the Board that the next regular Board meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, June 19, 2018. He said after speaking with Dr. Heyward, she has a conflict and the District is not expecting the state legislature to have the state budget finalized until around June 27th. He said due to these reasons, the Board may want to consider postponing this meeting until the end of the month. After some discussion it was tentatively planned to have the meeting either Monday, June 25th or Tuesday, June 26th at 7:00 pm.

6. Executive Session: Student and Employment Matters

At 8:56 pm, Mr. Hutto made a motion that the Board enter into executive session for the discussion of student and employment matters. Mrs. Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

At 10:19 pm, Mrs. Young made a motion that the Board adjourn executive session. Mr. Hutto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Open Session

7. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

The following action was taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

- Student Matters

Dr. Dean recommended the Board approve student A, transferring from Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four and to also approve student B, transferring from Aiken County Public School District to attend school in Williston School District 29 for the 2018-19 school year.

MOTION: Mr. Hutto SECOND: Mrs. Young

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

- Employment Matters

Dr. Dean recommended the Board approve the hiring of the following certified personnel.

- A. 4th Grade Teacher at Kelly Edwards Elementary School
- B. 6th Grade Teacher at Williston-Elko Middle School
- C. Special Education Teacher at Williston-Elko Middle School
- D. 8th Grade Science Teacher at Williston-Elko Middle School
- E. Special Education Teacher at Williston-Elko Middle School
- F. English Teacher at Williston-Elko High School
- G. Culinary Arts Teacher at Williston-Elko High School

MOTION: Mrs. Burnette SECOND: Mrs. Young

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Superintendent Elect Dr. Marcella Heyward recommended to the Board the hiring of Mr. John Bradley as High School Principal for the 2018-19 school year.

MOTION: Mr. Hutto SECOND: Mrs. Burnette

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Mr. Hutto made a motion that the Board allow the superintendent to give stipends to Mrs. Stephanie Alford and Mrs. Debra McCord for filling in during the superintendent and middle school principal vacancies.

SECOND: Mrs. Young ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

8. Adjournment

At 10:24 pm Mr. Hutto made a motion for adjournment.

SECOND: Mr. Brown ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Respectfully submitted:

Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson, Board Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary