

Williston School District 29 Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
2019-2020 Budget: 3rd Reading
June 20, 2019
6:00 p.m.
District Board Room
12255 Main Street
Williston, South Carolina 29853

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

Board Chair Michael L. Hutto called the June 20, 2019, regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Members absent: None

Noting a quorum was present.

Media: None present.

Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw, Director of Human Resources Dr. LaToya Thomas-Dixon, Director of Finance Rose Anderson, Director of Special Services Kathy Griffin, District Technology Coordinator Amy Nix, Director of Transportation/Medicaid Clerk Chantane Tobin, Principal John Bradley, Recording Secretary Debbie Muns, and 2 guests.

2. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag

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

3. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Hutto asked that the minutes of the following three meetings be approved as written.

- May 21, 2019: Regular Monthly Meeting
- June 3, 2019: Public Hearing/2nd Reading of the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget
- June 12, 2019: Special Joint Board Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Brown SECOND: Mrs. Burnette

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

CLOSED SESSION

5. Executive Session: Employment, Contractual, and Student Matters

Mrs. Young made a motion that the Board enter executive session for the discussion of employment, contractual, and student matters. Mrs. Burnette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. The Williston School Board entered executive session at 6:03 pm.

Mrs. Young made a motion to exit executive session. Mrs. Burnette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. The Williston School Board adjourned executive session at 7:45 pm.

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6. Actions, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session

The administration recommended the Board accept the transfer of students B & C from Williston School District 29 to Barnwell School District 45 for the 2019-2020 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND: Mrs. Young

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

The administration recommended the Board approve the hiring of teachers A – D for the 2019-2020 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND: Mrs. Young

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

The administration recommended the Board accept the resignation of teacher E.

MOTION: Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND: Mrs. Young

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

The administration recommended the Board approve the salary schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Brown

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

7. Public Participation

No one presented at this time.

8. Superintendent's Update

• A Year in Review

Dr. Shaw gave the Board a brief overview of the 2018-2019 school year. Some of the highlights mentioned by Dr. Shaw were the hiring of a new SRO officer, grant money received for more cameras and a district-wide intercom system, security measures added at sports events, renovations to the district, which included secured vestibules at all three schools. She told the Board, that if all goes as planned, these projects should be in place by the time the students return to school in August. She said the District is very proud to have had three teachers represent Williston School District 29 as Channel 6 Golden Apple recipients. Dr. Shaw went on to report that for the first time Williston-Elko High School had two South Carolina Teaching Fellows. These two recipients will receive up to \$48,000 in scholarship funds. She told the Board that we are now a One to One district, from 4K through 12th grade. She also commended the National Honors Society for the coverage they received in the upkeep of the district's clothes closet.

• Update on Proviso 1.88 – Consolidation

Mr. Hutto told everyone that one thing the Board had done was meet with Barnwell School District 19, contemplating what can the two school districts do, when and how to consolidate the two school districts, what does consolidation look like. Mr. Hutto went on to explain that the state department had set aside \$50,000,000 to help with the consolidation process. Williston School District 29 would be eligible to request funds to assist with consolidation by submitting a consolidation plan on or before August 1, 2019. He said this plan could be changed after it had been submitted to the state department. He said another meeting with Barnwell School District 19 had been tentative scheduled for July 15th but said they realized that date would not work as that is

the same day of Barnwell County Career Center's board meeting. Mr. Hutto said the meeting would be held sometime in the middle of July. He said it was going to take a lot of planning, doing, and adjusting to make this happen.

- Questions/Public Comments regarding Proviso 1.88
No questions were asked.

9. Continuing Business

- Department of Finance

- Monthly Financial Update

Director of Finance Rose Anderson presented the monthly financial update for May 2019, as information only.

- 2019-2020 General Fund Budget: Third/Final Reading

Mrs. Anderson presented the third and final budget reading for the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget. Mrs. Anderson told the Board that she was bringing to them a balanced budget in the amount of \$8,209,039. Mrs. Anderson reported to the Board that the state budget had been finalized, and the applicable allocations had been incorporated. Some of the 2019-2020 budget items highlighted by Mrs. Anderson were the base student cost of \$2,487 for EFA revenue, a one-step increase for certified teachers plus a 4% salary increase in compliance with the state teachers salary schedule, no increase for employer's share of health insurance, and a 2% one-time, non-reoccurring increase for support staff and administration. Mrs. Anderson told the Board the general fund budget reflected a retention stipend in the Board function area. She went on to explain that in October, when the payout occurs, there will need to be a budget amendment to move the budget to the correct functional areas that matches the expense. After some discussion, Mrs. Young made a motion that the Board approve the 3rd and final reading of the 2019-2020 general fund budget as presented. Mrs. Burnette seconded the motion. The 2019-2020 general fund budget was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

After more discussion concerning the retention stipend budget amendment, Mrs. Burnette made a motion that the Board approve the recommendation from the administration for the approval of the retention stipend amendment and to reflect when the payments will be made. Mrs. Young asked that an addition be made to the motion to include that the Board will be notified when the amendment had been done. Finance Director, Rose Anderson, told the Board she will let them know when the October payout occurs. Mrs. Young seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by a show of hands.

10. New Business

- Consideration of the Approval of revisions to Policies:
 - ADC: Tobacco-Free Schools
 - GBED: Tobacco-Free Workplace
 - JICG: Tobacco Use by Students

Director of Human Resources, Dr. LaToya Thomas-Dixon, presented the above three Board policies, with revisions made, for Board approval. Dr. Thomas-Dixon reported to the Board that the South Carolina School Boards Association had issued a notice to all school districts, stating that as of April 26, 2019, the Youth Access to Tobacco Prevention Act of 2006 had been amended requiring school districts to adopt policies prohibiting the use of tobacco products or alternative nicotine products on school campuses. She went on to explain that even though all districts had these policies in place, any applicable policy must be updated to meet the provisions of the law and must be approved and in place by August 1, 2019. After some discussion, a motion was called.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Brown

ACTION: All three policies were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

11. Adjournment

Mrs. Young made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Williston School Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Michael L. Hutto, Board Chair

Debra W. Muns, Recording Secretary