

Williston School District 29 Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting
District Board Room
12255 Main Street
Williston, South Carolina 29853
Tuesday, June 28, 2016
5:00 pm Tour of the Schools
7:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Board Chair Russell J. Overton called the June 28, 2016 special board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Russell J. Overton, Vice-Chair Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson, Secretary Billy A. Williams, Jr., and Members Michael L. Hutto 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 Student and Special Services Dr. Tasha Louis-Nance, Payroll Manager Cheryl Tune, Principals Greg Sweet and Nakeisha Baxley, Recording Secretary Debbie McNeil and 3 guests.

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

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

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Overton called for a motion to approve the agenda as written.

MOTION: Mr. Williams SECOND: Mrs. Young

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

4. **Citizen's Participation**

None presented at this time.

5. **New Business**

5.1 Third/Final Reading; 2016-17 General Fund Budget and Debt Service Projects

Mr. Donnie Boland and Mr. Tom Ashley, District Financial Consultants, presented the third and final reading of the 2016-2017 general fund budget and debt service projects for Board approval. After many questions were asked Mr. Overton called for a motion to approve the 3rd and final reading of the 2016-17 general fund budget.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Williams

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Mr. Overton called for a motion to approve the debt service budget projects, not to exceed \$500.00 for the 2016-17 fiscal school year.

MOTION: Mr. Williams SECOND: Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Mr. Overton called for a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond, not to exceed \$500,000.

MOTION: Mr. Williams SECOND: Mr. Hutto

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

5.2 Out of State Field Trip Request

Dr. Ashe presented the following out of state field trip request for Board approval.

W-E Band: July 30, 2016

Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Georgia

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Hutto

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

5.3 July Board Meeting Date

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve a special called board meeting in the month of July. Dr. Ashe informed the Board that the district still had teacher vacancies for the 2016-17 school year and would like to bring these recommendations to the Board in July. Dr. Ashe asked that the Board consider July 19, 2016, which will be the third Tuesday of the month. Mr. Hutto said he would not be in town on that date but could join the meeting by telephone. Mrs. Young recommended that the meeting start at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. Dr. Ashe also asked for Board permission to offer contracts to teachers only before the Board meeting. She explained that the district had recently lost an applicant due to the fact that the applicant had received another job offer while waiting for Board approval from the Williston School District. Mrs. Cuthbertson asked about the special education positions that were still open. Dr. Ashe explained that they were considered as teacher positions, also. After some discussion a vote was called to have a special called Board meeting on July 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

MOTION: Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND: Mr. Williams

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

A vote was called to give permission to Dr. Ashe to be able to offer contracts to teachers only before the next called special board meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Hutto

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

CLOSED SESSION

6. Executive Session: Employment Matters

At 7:40 pm, Mr. Hutto made a motion that the Board enter into executive session for the discussion of employment matters. Mrs. Cuthbertson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

At 8:52 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

7. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

Employment Matters

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the hiring of employee A, 7th grade social studies teacher, for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND: Mrs. Young

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the hiring of employee B, Williston-Elko High Principal, for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION: Motion passed by a three to two vote, with Mr. Overton, Mrs. Cuthbertson, and Mrs. Young voting yes and Mr. Hutto and Mr. Williams voting no.

Before the next recommendation could be made, Mr. Williams announced he was resigning, effective immediately, and handed his board packet to Mrs. McNeil as he exited the board room.

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the hiring of employee C, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the hiring of employee D, Alternative School teacher, for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND: Mr. Hutto

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the hiring of employee E, Special Education teacher, for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION: Mr. Hutto SECOND: Mrs. Cuthbertson

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the hiring of employee F, School Registered Nurse, for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Hutto

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the hiring of employee G, Director of Finance, for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND: Mr. Hutto

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Dr. Ashe recommended the Board approve the resignation of employee H for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Young SECOND: Mr. Hutto

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

8. **Adjournment**

At 9:00 pm, Mr. Overton called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND: Mrs. Young

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Russell J. Overton, Board Chair

Debra W. McNeil, Recording Secretary