

September 29, 2014

DINNER MEETING  
DARLINGTON COUNTY'S MUNICIPAL COUNCILS,  
COUNTY COUNCIL, BOARD OF EDUCATION, &  
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
DARLINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Board of Education hosted a dinner meeting of Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, and Legislative Delegation on September 29, 2014, at 6 p.m., Mayo High School For Math, Science & Technology, 405 Chestnut Street, Darlington, South Carolina.

NOTICE OF MEETING

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda, giving the date, time, and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the County Administrator's Office and mailed in advance to Darlington County's Municipal Mayors/Managers/Clerks, Darlington County School District Superintendent, Darlington County Board of Education Chairman, Darlington County Legislative Delegation, Darlington County Council members, and the local newspapers.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Wesley Blackwell, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mrs. Wilhelmina P. Johnson, Mr. Bobby Hudson, Mr. Robert L. Kilgo, Jr.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Vice Chairwoman Mozella Nicholson, Mr. Robbin Brock, and Mr. Marvin Le Flowers.

ALSO PRESENT

Interim County Administrator Thomas W. Edwards, Jr., Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Darlington County School District Superintendent Eddie Ingram, School District Staff Members Carlita Davis, Bill Boyd, and Audrey Childers, Darlington County Board Of Education Members Joyce Thomas, Connell Delanie, Jamie Morphis, III, and Charles Govan, Mayo High School Principal Arlene Wallace, City of Darlington Mayor Tony Watkins, City of Darlington Council Members John Segars, Dyan Cohen, Gloria Hines, and Coleman Cannon, Sr., Hartsville Council Members Johnny Andrews, Adlena Graham, Teresa Mack, Bob Braddock, and Billy Shirley, Senator Gerald Malloy, Representative Jay Lucas, Representative Robert Williams, Representative Terry Alexander, County Transportation Committee (CTC) Member Roosevelt Wallace, and Darlington County Council Member Elect David Coker.

REPORTERS PRESENT

None.

## Welcome / Invocation

Darlington County School District Superintendent Eddie Ingram welcomed everyone to the meeting and Board of Education Member Connell Delaine presented the invocation.

Senator Gerald Malloy announced that Representative Jay Lucas was now the active Speaker of the House of Representative. He talked about the roles Representative Lucas will have as Speaker of the House and topics/projects that will be discussed when the General Assembly reconvenes. Senator Malloy thanked County Council Chairman Wesley Blackwell for 20 years of service and welcomed Mr. David Coker who will replace Mr. Blackwell.

Representative Robert Williams commended Representative Jay Lucas on becoming the Speaker of the House of Representative. He talked about strengthening economic development and the education system.

Representative Terry Alexander commended the meeting and Representative Jay Lucas. He urged everyone to present his/her wish list to the delegation before January.

## Dinner Discussion

### *Overview of Goals & Initiatives For Darlington County School District*

Darlington County School District Superintendent Eddie Ingram recognized members of the Board of Education and School District.

Mayo High School Principal Arlene Wallace talked about the recognitions Mayo High School has received for its magnet program.

Dr. Ingram thanked County Council for four additional school resource officers so that the School District now has an officer in almost every school. He talked about the School District refunding its bond and the goals and initiatives for the school district.

Darlington County Councilwoman Wilhelmina Johnson talked about poverty in Darlington County and the proposed establishment of a Human Service Poverty Bank.

Darlington City Councilwoman Dyan Cohen announced an Economic Development Symposium scheduled for October 10, 2014, on the campus of Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Darlington County Council Chairman Wesley Blackwell commended the efforts of the Legislative Delegation. He talked about the county's \$2.5 million investment in economic development, joint effort with the City of Hartsville regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement, and the I-20/340 Industrial Park Ground Breaking.

Representative Alexander talked about Darlington County School District being one of the leading school districts in the state and the correlation between economic development and education.

Representative Robert Williams briefly talked about poverty in Darlington County.

Hartsville City Councilwomen Teresa Mack reported that a Job Fair was scheduled for October 22 at the National Guard Armory in Hartsville.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. JaNet Bishop  
Clerk to Council

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Wesley Blackwell, Chairman  
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of November 3, 2014.