

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571

April 19, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson- Ogleretta White, , Mrs. Nadine Foxworth, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown, Mrs. Susan Pridgen, Mr. Levant Davis and Mrs. Linda Neal.

**Board Members Absent:** Vice-Chairperson Patricia Atkinson

**Call to Order & Notification of Board Workshop:** The Board meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chairperson-White. In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, the local media was notified of the time, date and place of the meeting. Mrs. Hopper stated that the media was notified of the meeting and a copy of the agenda was also provided.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by the Reverend Adam Work, Pastor of Marion Baptist Church of Marion, South Carolina. The Board thanked Reverend Work for his presence.

**Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present:** Chairperson-White welcomed the staff, students and parents to the April 19, 2022 meeting.

**Establishment of Quorum:** Chairperson-White verified that a quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chairperson White asked for approval of the agenda. Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth to approve the April 19, 2022 agenda; and the vote was unanimous. (Chairperson-White, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen and Mr. Davis).

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2022 and the Called Meeting on April 6, 2022. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve the minutes with the necessary corrections; and the vote was unanimous. (Chairperson White, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth, Rev. Brown and Mrs. Neal).

**60 Seconds in MCSD and Palmetto Middle School:** Mr. Franklyn McInnis highlighted various events that had taken place with staff and students at McCormick Elementary School.

**Staff and Student Recognition:** Dr. Kandace Bethea and Chairperson White presented certificates to several students for their outstanding accomplishments during the school year. After being recognized, they were directed to do the board walk before returning to their seats. Students and parents were dismissed after the presentation.

**Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:**

**Finance Report for February 2022:** Mrs. Angel Cooper presented the financials for the month of March. This report was presented as information.

**Facilities/Operations Report:** Mr. Sturkey gave a brief operation's update. In his discussion, he also talked about Mullins Fire Alarm, Student Nutrition and safety and security cameras and detectors. After a brief question and answer section from the Board, Mr. Sturkey requested an executive session for lawn services bids.

**Human Resources Report / Updates –** Mrs. Paula Grant gave a brief Human Resources update and presented personnel actions for approval. Chairperson White asked for a motion to approve the personnel actions as recommended. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve this

recommendation; and the Board voted 5 for (Rev. Brown, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth and Chairperson White). Ms. Neal presented a letter recusing herself from voting on personnel.

**Student Services Report/ Update:** Mrs. Rush gave a brief update on the Zero Tolerance Policy pertaining to Code of Conduct. Board members presented questions, concerns and comments during this presentation.

**Academic Report/ Update:** Ms. Shalah Sweeney and Mrs. Becky Ford gave a brief presentation on Academic Interventions & Assessment along with remote and virtual learning. Board members presented questions, concerns and comments during this presentation.

**Superintendent's Report / Update:** Dr. Bethea gave a brief update on the recent happenings in MSCD such as celebrations, Gala @ Johnakin, Arts in the Park, Reconfiguration Update, Cognia Accreditation, Montessori Education and finalized her report with Departmental updates and other concerns from the Board.

Rev. Brown left meeting at 7:45 due to health reasons.

**Review and Action:** Dr. Bethea presented the student transfers and releases to the Board for approval. Chairperson White asked for a motion to approve this request. Mrs. Foxworth moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen to approve this request as recommended by the Superintendent; and it was approved. (Chairperson White, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth and Mrs. Neal).

**Public Participation:** There was no public participation.

**Agenda Items for next month / Marion County Board Report/Update:** Board members expressed their comments, concerns and requested an update or additional information about several items such as items to take to the Capitol, another meeting for code of conduct and work-keys at the Adult Education.

**Dates - to Remember - Conference / Meeting Reminders/ Board Comments:** Chairperson White reminded members of the upcoming events.

**Executive Session:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to go into executive session for Legal briefing, Contractual Matters and Student Appeal hearing. Mrs. Foxworth moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Mr. Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth and Chairperson White).

Chairperson White stated that the Board's reason for going into executive session was for the following: lawn services bids, superintendent's evaluation, legal briefing, personnel and student appeal hearing.

**Open Session:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Mrs. Foxworth moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen moved to come out of executive session back into open session; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis and Chairperson White).

Chairperson White stated that no action was taken in executive session.

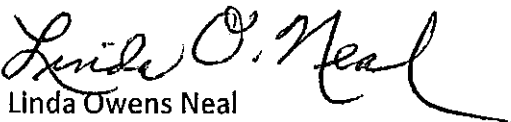
**Adjournment:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Foxworth moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve this request; and the vote was unanimous (Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mr. Davis, Chairperson White, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth and Mrs. Neal). The Meeting adjourned @ 11.05 pm.

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To Whom it may concern:

I, Linda Owens Neal, am recusing myself from participation in the voting for Support Staff Recommendations for Employment for the 2022-2023 School Year on the grounds that some of the staff listed may be relatives.

Yours truly,

  
Linda Owens Neal