

# MARION COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571

April 6, 2022

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

**Call to Order & Notification of Board Workshop:** The Board meeting was called to order at 5:31 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. Gause 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 Cynthia V. Brown.

**Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present:** Chairperson-White welcomed the staff to the April 6, 2022 meeting.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Chairperson White asked for approval of the agenda. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Atkinson to approve the April 6, 2022 agenda; and the vote was unanimous. (Chairperson-White, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen and Mr. Davis).

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

**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 for the approval of the personnel actions. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen to approve the personnel actions; and the vote was unanimous. (Chairperson-White, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen and Mr. Davis).

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

**Marion County Board of Education Report / Updates:** Attorney Boykin presented the Board with copies of the Evaluation Tool to be used for the superintendent's evaluation and briefly discussed the two versions. After which, Chairperson White asked for approval of the motion to adopt the evaluation tool. Mrs. Foxworth moved, seconded by Rev. Cynthia to approve the Evaluation Tool; and the vote was unanimous. (Chairperson-White, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen and Mr. Davis).

Vote on Version A (without comment section) Yes – 6 (Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen and Mr. Davis). No – 1 (Chairperson-White)

Vote on Version B (with comment section) Yes – 1 (Chairperson-White) No – 6 (Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen and Mr. Davis).

Attorney Boykin's office will deliver the Evaluation Tools to the Central Service Office on Thursday, April 7, 2022. Board members will pick them up and return them to Mrs. Hopper by 1:00 pm on Friday, April 8, 2022.

Draft Update for Legislative Advocacy Delegate Assembly: The Committee members of the Legislative Advocacy Delegate Assembly (Nadine Foxworth, Patricia Atkinson and Levant Davis) met on April 1, 2022 at 10:00 am. Mr. Davis provided an update from the meeting. Rev. Brown asked that a written report be provided from the Committee meeting to the Board.

Chairperson White stated that the procedures /options for the Receptionist /Administrative Assistant position to the Board of Education would be discussed in Executive Session.

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

- Art in the Park – April 7, 2022 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Next Regular Monthly Business Meeting – April 19, 2022 @ 6:00pm
- SCSBA Day at the Capitol – April 27, 2022, Columbia, SC

The Budget Workshop will be held on April 26, 2022 @ 6:00pm. Mrs. Foxworth asked for a Zoom link to be provide for members that cannot attend the face-to-face meeting.

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

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

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

Mrs. Foxworth made a motion, seconded Mr. Davis for Attorney Boykin to draft a letter to the Attorney General for information regarding drug testing in school districts; and the Board vote passed 5 for (Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal and Mr. Davis). 2 Nays – (Chairperson White, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson).

**Adjournment:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Pridgen moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth to approve this request; and the vote was unanimous (Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mr. Davis, Chairperson White, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth and Mrs. Neal). The Meeting adjourned @ 7.16 pm.

