

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571

Minutes of Called Meeting

September 2, 2021

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

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: A Moment of Silence.

Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present: Chairperson-White welcomed the staff to the September 2, 2021 Called 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 Rev. Brown to approve the September 2, 2021 agenda; and the vote was unanimous. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson- Atkinson, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Neal and Mr. Davis).

Legal and Administrative Updates: Safe Return Update and Health & Safety Protocols: Dr. Mark Bunch, Mrs. Karen Scruggs and Mr. Leon Sturkey gave a briefed the Board on the health and safety protocols according to the CDC and DHEC guidelines.

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Bethea addressed the Board on the following: Return to In-person instruction; Communication Platforms and ESSER III Funding.

Review and Action: Student Transfer and Release: Dr. Bethea presented the student transfer and release recommendation to the Board for approval. Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth to approve the transfer request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation. (Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Foxworth, Chairperson -White, Rev. Brown, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Pridgen).

Legal Update: Status of Proviso and Litigation: Attorney Charles Boykin presented information in reference to the Proviso and Litigation and also addressed questions from Board members on the Court's decision.

Board Members thanked Dr. Bethea, along with her staff and Attorney Boykin for their presentations.

Chairperson White reminded Board members of upcoming events and no executive session was needed.

Adjournment: Chairperson White asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth to approve this request; and the vote was unanimous (Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Neal, Chairperson White, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen and Mr. Davis). Adjournment: 8:02 pm.