

# MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571

### Special Called Meeting

June 24, 2021

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson- Ogleretta White, Mr. Levant Davis, Mrs. Nadine Foxworth, Mrs. Susan Pridgen and Vice-Chairperson Atkinson.

**Board Members Absent:** Rev. Cynthia V. Brown and Mrs. Linda Neal.

**Call to Order & Notification of Board Workshop:** The Board meeting was called to order at 6:06 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 June 24, 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. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen to approve the June 24, 2021 agenda; and the vote was unanimous. (Mrs. Foxworth, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Pridgen, Chairperson-White and Mr. Davis).

**Call to Order & Notification of Board Meeting:** The Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson White at 6:03 p.m. 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 and a copy of the Agenda was also provided.

**Finance Report Update: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget:** Mr. Lane presented the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget of \$37,617,966 to the Board for Second Reading approval. After a brief question and answer session, Chairperson White asked for a motion to approve this request. Mrs. Pridgen moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson White, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson and Mr. Davis).

**Human Resources Report / Updates** – Mrs. Paula Grant requested an executive session for Personnel actions.

**Superintendent's Update:** Dr. Bethea presented the Board with an update of her report. (See attached report). Dr. Bethea also gave a brief update on ESSER 1, ESSER 2 and ESSER 3 funding.

**Review and Action: Student Transfer and Release:** Dr. Bethea presented the student transfer and release recommendation to the Board for approval. Mrs. Davis moved, seconded

by Vice-Chairperson Atkinson to approve the transfer request as recommended by the Superintendent; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation. (Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Foxworth, Chairperson -White, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Pridgen).

**Public Participation:** None

**Dates - to Remember - Conference / Meeting Reminders/ Board Comments:** Chairperson White presented the tentative date of July 20, 2021 and August 3, 2021 for the Pre-Back to School Vaccination Event. Members discussed the dates, the providers and Healthcare Services such as DHEC, MUSC and Healthcare Partners that should be involved and the various incentives recommended for the pre-back to school vaccination event. It was recommended that they get with the Healthcare Professionals and get their insight on who should be involved to make it successful. After a brief discussion about the legality of the incentives with Attorney Boykin, the cash incentive was no longer suggested. Members compared the vaccination turn-outs to other events and decided that Open House on August 16, 2021 would be a good time to host it. The Board agreed for Pre-back to School Vaccination event to be housed at Creek Bridge Middle, Marion High School and Mullins High School during their Open House.

**Executive Session:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to go into executive session for personnel. Mrs. Foxworth moved, seconded by Mr. Davis; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson White, Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Pridgen and Vice-Chairperson Atkinson).

**Out of Executive Session:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to come out of executive session back into open session. Motion by Mrs. Pridgen, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth to approve this request and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Pridgen and Chairperson White).

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

Vice-Chairperson Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen to accept personnel as recommended by the Superintendent; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mr. Davis, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Pridgen, Chairperson White and Mrs. Foxworth).

**Adjournment:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mrs. Foxworth, seconded by Mr. Davis; and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. (Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mr. Davis and Chairperson White). Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.