

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM
719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571
Minutes of Special Called Meeting – Policy Revision
April 27, 2021

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

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Nadine Foxworth was absent due to a family emergency.

Call to Order & Notification of Board Meeting: The Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson White at 3:23 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.

Moment of Silence: Everyone paused for a moment of silence.

Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present: Chairperson White welcomed the staff and visitors to the April 27, 2021 Special meeting. Dr. Kandace Bethea, Attorney Dukes and other district staff also participated.

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

Policy Revision Update: Chairperson White stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the selected policies, make changes if needed and vote on the changes. First reading approval will be given at the next regular meeting.

BAA- Board Self Evaluation: Vice Chairperson-Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen to approve Policy BAA changes and the Board approved unanimously. (Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Pridgen and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson)

BBAA-Board Member Authority And Responsibilities: There were no changes and Policy BBAA was accepted by consensus.

BBAA-R Board Member Authority and Responsibilities Administrative Rule: Vice Chairperson-Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen to approve Policy BBAA-R changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Vice Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Chairperson-White and Rev. Brown).

BBBA – Board Member Qualifications: There were no changes and Policy BBBA was accepted by consensus.

BBBC- Board Member Resignation: Vice Chairperson-Atkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve Policy BBBC changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Pridgen and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson)

BBBE-Unexpired Term Fulfillment/Vacancies: Vice Chairperson-Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve Policy BBBE changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Pridgen and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson)

BC- Board Members Conduct: There were no changes and Policy BC was accepted by consensus.

BD-Organization of the Board: Mrs. Pridgen moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve Policy BD changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Pridgen and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson)

BD-R Organization of the Board. Mrs. Pridgen moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve Policy BD-R changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Vice Chairperson-Atkinson, Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown, Chairperson-White and Mrs. Pridgen).

Revised Motion - BD-Organization of the Board: Vice-Chairperson Atkinson moved after a brief discussion, seconded by Mr. Davis to revise the previous motion for Policy BD to add the title Officer Qualification and also include the qualifications needed; and the Board approved unanimously. (Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Pridgen, Chair-White and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson)

Officer Qualification: Board officer qualifications must include:

- Service on the school board for at least two years;
- Completed the state-mandated new board orientation;
- Must be at Level 2 training in SCBA's Boardmanship Institute before serving as an officer;
- And Must continue to seek training while serving to be considered for reelection.

BD-R -Organization of the Board: Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen to approve Policy BD-R changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Neal and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson).

BDE Board Committees: There were no changes and Policy BDE was accepted by consensus.

BE-Board Meetings: Mrs. Pridgen moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve Policy BE changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Mrs. Pridgen, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Chairperson-White and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson).

BEDB- Board Agenda: Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Rev. Brown to approve Policy BEDB changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Pridgen, Vice Chairperson-Atkinson and Rev. Brown)

BEDH- Public Participation At Meetings: Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve Policy BEDH changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Chairperson-White, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Neal and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson).

BEDJ - Broadcasting/Taping of Board Meetings: There were no changes and Policy BEDJ was accepted by consensus.

BEDL- Board Members And Electronic Communications: There were no changes and Policy BEDL was accepted by consensus.

BEDM- Electronic Participation In Board Meetings: There were no changes and Policy BEDM was accepted by consensus.

BEDN- Board Members' Use of District-Owned Portable Devices: Vice Chairperson Atkinson moved, seconded by Rev. Brown to approve Policy BEDN changes; and the Board approved unanimously. (Mrs. Neal, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Pridgen, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson).

BG/BGD – Board Policy Process/Board Review of Administrative Rules: The Board accepted Policy BG/BGD without changes by consensus.

BIE – Board Member Insurance /Liability: There were no changes and Policy BIE was accepted by consensus.

Adjournment: Chairperson White stated that no executive session was needed and asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Pridgen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis and the Board approved unanimously. (Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Pridgen and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson)