

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571

Virtual Zoom Screening

December 15, 2020

Board Members Present By Zoom: (Virtual Screening / You-tube/Live): Chairperson-Ogleretta White, Vice-Chairperson-Patricia Atkinson, Mrs. Susan Pridgen, Mr. Levant Davis, Mrs. Nadine Foxworth, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown and Mrs. Linda Neal.

Board Members Absent: None

Call to Order & Notification of Board Meeting: The Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson White at 6:08 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 Virtual December 15, 2021 meeting. Dr. Kandace Bethea, Attorney Charles Boykin and other District staff were present.

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 Vice-Chairperson Atkinson to approve the December 15, 2021 agenda; and the vote was unanimous. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown and Vice-Chairperson Atkinson).

Approval of Minutes: Chairperson White asked that the minutes of November 17, 2021 be approved. Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2021; and the vote was unanimous. (Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Pridgen, Rev. Brown, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Foxworth and Vice-Chairperson Atkinson).

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Finance Report September 2020: Mrs. Donna Sullivan presented the Finance Report for the month of December in Mr. Lane's absence. The State Department has extended the due date for part of the Audit Report until January 15, and the final report is due by January 29th.

Facilities/Operations Report: Mr. Blake presented the Operation's report in Mr. Sturkey's absence. See Attached.

Human Resources Report / Updates – Mrs. Paula Grant presented the personnel actions to the Board to be discussed in executive session before approval.

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Bethea presented the Board with an update of her report. (See attached report).

Review and Action: Student Transfer and Release: Dr. Bethea presented student transfer and releases to the Board for approval. Vic-Chairperson Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth

to approve the student transfers and release presented by Dr. Bethea; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis and Chairperson White).

Public Participation: None

Dates - to Remember - Conference / Meeting Reminders/ Board Comments: Chairperson White extended an invitation to Board Members to express comments. They were reminded of upcoming meetings and events. Board Members expressed their interest in a Finance Workshop to discuss detailed itemized accounts, appraisal on School Property, getting updates on school events and the process for getting information out to parents.

Dr. Bethea recommended that the District return to school virtually after the first two weeks following the Christmas holidays. The Board approved by consensus that the first two weeks after returning would be remote.

Executive Session: Chairperson-White asked for a motion to enter executive session for Contractual matters, Personnel and Legal updates. Mrs. Foxworth moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to enter into executive session; and the vote was unanimous. (Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Davis, Chairperson White, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson and Rev. Brown).

Open Session: Chairperson White asked for a motion to exit executive session and re-enter open session. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Atkinson to approve this request; and the vote was unanimous. (Mrs. Neal, Chairperson White, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Pridgen, Rev. Brown, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Foxworth).

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

Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Rev. Brown to accept the Superintendent's recommendation as it pertains to personnel; but not accept the resignation of Employee A and that he /she be submitted to the State Department of Education for breach of contract with the District, and the vote was unanimous. (Mrs. Neal, Chairperson White, Vice-Chairperson Atkinson, Mrs. Pridgen, Rev. Brown, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Foxworth).

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.