

**MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571**

**Virtual Screening**

**April 21, 2020**

**Board Members Present: (Virtual Screening):** Chairperson- Cynthia H. Legette, Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis, Mrs. Ogleretta White, Mr. Charles E. White and Mrs. Linda Neal. Mrs. Patricia Atkinson and Rev. Cynthia V. Brown

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Call to Order & Notification of Board Meeting:** The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Chair -Legette. 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:** Invocation was given by Rev. Brown.

**Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present:** Chairperson-Legette welcomed the staff and visitors to the April 21, 2020. Dr. Kandace Bethea, Attorney Charles Boykin, and other District staff participated through virtual screening.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Mrs. Neal moved, second by Vice-Chairperson Davis to approve the agenda; and the vote was unanimous. (Mr. C. White, Chair-Legette, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chair-Davis, Rev. Brown and Mrs. Atkinson approved request through virtual screening).

**Approval of Minutes:** Rev. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Neal to approve the minutes of April 21, 2020 meeting; and the vote was unanimous (Mr. C. White, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chair Davis, Mrs. O. White, Chair-Legette and Rev. Brown approved request through virtual screening).

**Special Recognitions:** Dr. Bethea, Chair-Legette and Vice-Chair Davis presented awards to outstanding students and staff members. Pictures were taken as the Board congratulated them for their outstanding accomplishments.

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

**Curriculum and Instruction Report/Updates 2020-2021 Calendar:** Ms. Melonie Gordon presented the calendar for the 2020-2021 school year for the Board's approval. It had previously been voted on and chosen by the Marion School District. Dr. Bethea stated that there may be some changes pertaining to the orvid-19 pandemic and weather conditions. After a brief discussion, Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the 2020-2021 calendar for the upcoming school year. Motion by Mrs. Neal, seconded by Mr. C. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request with the knowledge that it may be revised later. (Rev. Brown, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs.

Neal, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette and Vice Chairperson Davis approved request through virtual screening). The Board thanked Ms. Gordon for her report.

**Finance Report March 2020:** Mrs. Donna Sullivan presented the finance report. She stated that we are nine months into the fiscal year. Our year to date revenue was \$26,122, 153.98 and year to date expenditures were \$23,649,488.32. At this time our revenue collected is over the expenditures. Our remaining balance is at 36%. We are at a good place and revenue such as Vehicle taxes continues to come in. Chairperson Legette stated that the finance report was received in your packet and you had ample time to review it for questions. The Board thanked Mrs. Sullivan for the finance report.

**Facilities/Operations Report –** Mr. Leon Sturkey gave an update on the operation report and stated that he would also need an executive session. (See attached report).

**Human Resources Report / Updates - Mrs. Paula Grant:** Dr. Bethea stated that an executive session was needed for personnel, 2020-2021 Professional Staff recommendation and 2020-2021 Support Staff recommendation.

**Superintendent's Update:** Dr. Bethea gave a brief update of her report to the Board on how the District continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. (See attached report).

**Dates - to Remember - Conference / Meeting Reminders/ Board Comments:** Chair-Legette reminded the Board of the next scheduled meeting on May 19, 2020.

**Executive Session:** Chairperson-Legette asked for a motion to enter executive session for Contractual matters, Personnel and Legal updates. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White; and the vote was unanimous (Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White, Chair-Legette, Vice-Chair Davis, Mrs. O. White, Rev. Brown and Mrs. Atkinson approved the request through virtual screening).

**Open Session:** Chairperson-Legette asked for a motion to exit executive session and re-enter open session. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White; and the vote was unanimous (Mrs. Neal, Chair-Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chair Davis and Mr. C. White approved the request through virtual screening).

Chairperson-Legette stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White to accept all 2020-2021 personnel actions per the Superintendent's recommendation; and the vote was unanimous (Mr. C. White, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Chair-Legette, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown and Vice-Chair Davis approved the request through virtual screening).

Chairperson Legette asked that a procedure or Administrative Rule be put in writing and send out to Middle and Junior High coaches in reference to dismissal.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson-Legette asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. O. White moved, seconded by Rev. Brown; and the vote was unanimous (Mrs. Atkinson, Rev. Brown, Mr. C. White, Chairperson-Legette, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. O. White and Vice-Chairperson Davis approved the request through virtual screening).