

**MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571**  
**February 18, 2020**

**Board Members Present:** Chair- Cynthia H. Legette, Vice-Chair Levant Davis, Mrs. Patricia Atkinson, Mr. Charles E. White, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown and Mrs. Linda Neal.

**Board Members Absent:** Mrs. Ogleretta White.

**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. Cynthia Brown.

**Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present:** Chair-Legette welcomed the staff and visitors to the February 18, 2020 meeting.

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

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

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

**Special Recognition Students / Staff:** 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.

**EPIC Award:** Dr. Bethea, Mrs. Grant along with the Board, awarded a District Staff employee (Mrs. Betsy Duncan) for going above and beyond the call of duty during the meeting. The Board thanked her for her dedication.

**Special Presentation - ChildSmiles Dental Update:** Ms. Chandra Parsley thanked the Board for allowing her to serve Marion School District. She gave a

brief update on the status of the program and its' success. It's with this excitement that we express our interest in serving as the district's dental provider for the 2020-2021 school term. The Board thanked Ms. Parsley for the services that ChildSmiles has provided.

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

**Finance: Finance Report January 2020:** Mrs. Duncan stated that although the revenue was under the expenditures, the District is still in good shape at this time. After the presentation, the Board thanked Mrs. Duncan for a tremendous job. Chair-Legette reminded everyone, to keep Mr. Russell Causey, former Finance Director and his family in prayer during the passing of his wife.

**Facilities/Operations Report** – Mr. Leon Sturkey presented the Operation's Report to the Board.

**Marion High School Roof Repair:** On February 4, 2020, the roof inspection for Marion High School was completed by Mr. Willie Skinner from Johns Manville Warranty Company. They will also provide the warranty for the flashings and roof.

**Performance based contract RFQ:** The RFQ Performance based contract bids were received December 6, 2019 and the interviews were conducted on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>. The recommendations of both companies will be shared in executive session.

**Lexington School District 1 furniture:** Grounds and Maintenance staff picked up furniture on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> of February from Lake Murray Elementary School in Lexington. North Mullins Primary, The Academy of Early Learning, McCormick Elementary, Easterling Primary and Marion Intermediate Schools all received furniture. Lewis Trucking provided the pickup service at a discounted rate.

**Bus driver vacancies:** There is only one vacant position in area #7 at this time and a half in areas #1 and #2. We have one candidate driver in the class and one currently being trained.

**Mullins High School Fire Panel:** A Representative from Johnson Control checked the fire panel at Mullins High School, and found that the circuit board was still not functioning properly. Electrical Engineers and Representatives from Brownstone met February 14, 2020 to access the panel and seek a solution.

**Procedure for disposal of unused buildings:** The District is working on

procedures for disposing unused buildings with assistance from Boykin and Davis LLC.

**Appraisals of Property:** Mr. Ronnie Cribb will conduct appraisals of Southside Elementary School and the Centenary Community Center on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**RFP'S for FY 2020-2021:** The district will publish RFP's for the following by February 28<sup>th</sup>:

- Lawn Services / Pest Control / Printing

**Executive Session:** Mr. Sturkey stated that an executive session was needed.

**Human Resources Report / Updates - Mrs. Paula Grant:** Mrs. Grant presented the personnel actions/ addendum for Board approval. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal; and the vote was unanimous (Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Atkinson, Chair-Legette, Vice-Chair Davis and Mr. C. White).

**Superintendent's Update:** Dr. Bethea presented her monthly updates to the Board from the various Administrative Departments. See Attachment.

**Strategic Planning Overview:** Dr. Bethea, along with the Insight Education Group presented the Strategic Plan Overview to the Board. See Attached.

**Review and Action: Out-of-State Travel:** Dr. Bethea presented the following Out- of State and over-night travel requests for approval. This is an incentive trip for the students. The number of chaperones needed are also listed as required.

**Over-Night Travel:** Academy for Careers / First Robotics team will travel to the Palmetto Regional Competition to an International STEM Event @ Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on February 26 - 29, 2020.

**Over-Night Travel:** Academy for Careers / ACR will travel to the Skills USA Student Competition @ John Harris Body Shop in Greer, South Carolina on March 20 - 21, 2020.

**Over-Night Travel:** Marion High School Varsity Wrestling will travel to 3-A Lower State Wrestling Championships @ May River High School in Bluffton, South Carolina on February 20 - 21, 2020.

Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve all travel request; and the vote was unanimous (Chair-Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chair Davis and Mr. C. White).

**Dates - to Remember - Conference / Meeting Reminders/ Board**

**Comments:** Chair-Legette reminded everyone of the upcoming meetings and events. If you plan to attend, contact Mrs. Hopper.

**Executive Session:** Chair-Legette asked for a motion to enter executive session for Contractual matter, Personnel and legal updates. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal; and the vote was unanimous (Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. C. White, Chair-Legette, Vice-Chair Davis and Rev. Brown).

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

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

Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mr. C. White that we extend the Superintendent's contract for five years; and the vote was unanimous (Mr. C. White, Rev. Brown, Chair-Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Neal and Vice-Chair Davis).

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