

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571

January 21, 2020

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

Board Members Absent: Rev. Cynthia V. Brown

Call to Order & Notification of Board Meeting: The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Board Chair Legette. In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, the local media were notified of the time, date and place of the meeting. Mrs. Hopper stated that the media was notified of the date, time and place of the meeting and a copy of the Agenda was also provided.

Invocation: Invocation was given by Vice-Chair Davis.

Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present: Chairperson Legette welcomed the staff and visitors to the January 21, 2020 meeting.

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

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. O. White moved, second by Vice-Chairperson Davis to approve the agenda as written; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request (Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Neal and Vice-Chairperson Davis).

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Neal moved, second by Mrs. O. White to approve the minutes of December 17, 2019 meeting; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request (Mr. C. White, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White and Chairperson Legette).

Special Recognition - SCSBA Appreciation Month: Dr. Bethea presented a certificate and pin for levels of service from the South Carolina School Board Association to Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis and to Rev

Cynthia V. Brown in her absence. She also presented each Board members with a special gift purchased with a contribution from an anonymous donor for their dedication to the District. The Board thanked the donor for the contribution and the Marion County School District for allowing them to serve.

Special Recognition - Signing of Ethical Principles: Dr. Bethea presented the Ethical Principles from the South Carolina School Board Association to the Board. Mrs. Deborah Wimberly took pictures as the members read and signed the principles pledging to improve public education for the schools and community.

Special Recognition Students / Staff: Dr. Bethea, along with Chairperson Legette and Vice-Chairperson Davis presented awards to outstanding students and staff members as Mrs. Wimberly took pictures of them, along with their Principals. The Board congratulated them for outstanding accomplishments.

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Finance: Finance Report December 2019: Dr. Bethea stated that the finance report was enclosed in the board packet and members had ample time to review it. She informed the Board that Mrs. Duncan was not feeling well and had to go home, so if you have any questions about the finance report, please call Mrs. Duncan on next week.

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

Marion High School Roof Repair: On November 5, 2019, Summers Roofing from Alpharetta Georgia began work at Marion High School. On January 8, 2020, Mr. Sturkey stated that he met with Lyons and Associates and was told that Summers Roofing is expecting to return on site once the metal is delivered. The roof is covered and they are just completing punch list items.

Performance based contract RFQ: The RFQ for Performance based contract bids were received on December 6, 2019 at 2:00 pm. The district has evaluated the two RFQ's submitted and interviews will be held with both groups the week of January 27th.

2nd Reading Approval Policy KI Visitors: Mr. Sturkey presented Policy KI Visitors for 2nd Reading Approval. Mrs. O. White moved, Mrs. Neal seconded; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Vice-Chairperson

Davis, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White and Mrs. Neal).

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

Human Resources Report / Updates - Mrs. Paula Grant: Mrs. Grant presented the personnel actions and addendum for Board approval. Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mr. C. White to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Atkinson, Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairman Davis and Mr. C. White).

Office of Teaching and Learning: Mrs. Rush gave a brief discussion on Policy JH - Student Absences and Excuses (Carnegie Unit Credit), File E2 - (Middle and High School Attendance Procedures – Seat Time Recovery), File E3 - (Parent Letter – Seat Time Recovery) and File E4 - (Contract – Seat Time Recovery). Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to give 1st Reading Approval to Policy JH. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White and Mrs. Neal). After the Board voted, Dr. Bethea informed them that Policy JH was for information only.

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

Review and Action: Out-of-State Travel: Dr. Bethea presented the following Out- of State travel requests for approval. She stated that it would be an incentive trip for the students and the number of chaperones needed were also listed as required.

Over-Night Travel: Academy for Careers and Technology Culinary Arts Pro-start Competition @ Embassy Suites, Greenville, South Carolina, March 8-10, 2020.

Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve the travel request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mr. C. White).

Review and Action: Student Transfer and Release: Dr. Bethea presented the student transfer and release recommendation to the Board

for approval. Mrs. O. White moved, seconded by Mr. C. White to approve the transfer request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Vice-

Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. C. White, Mrs. Neal and Chairperson Legette).

Dates - to Remember - Conference / Meeting Reminders/ Board

Comments: Chairperson Legette reminded everyone of the upcoming meetings and events meeting. She asked members to contact Mrs. Hopper if they plan to attend.

Executive Session: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to go into executive session for Contractual matter, Personnel and legal updates. Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mr. C. White to approve; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation (Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Vice- Chairperson Davis and Mrs. O. White).

Open Session: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White to come out of executive session back into open session; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairman Davis and Mr. C. White).

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

Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White that we accept the bid for the sale of the Rains Property as outlined; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request (Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Neal and Vice-Chairperson Davis).

Adjournment: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. O. White moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to adjourn; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request (Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Neal and Vice-Chairperson Davis).