

REGULAR BOARD MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

A regular meeting of the Marion County Board of Education was held August 20, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the Marion School District Conference Room.

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

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Legette called the meeting to order.

**Invocation:** Invocation was given by Rev. Cynthia Brown.

**Notification of Board Meeting:** Chairperson Legette verified that 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. Dianne 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.

**Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present:** Chairperson Legette welcomed the staff and visitors to the August 20, 2019 meeting.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Charles White moved, seconded by Mrs. Linda Neal to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mr. C. White).

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting July 16, 2019. Rev. Cynthia Brown

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

**Summer 2019 High School Graduates:** Dr. Bethea, Chairperson Legette and Vice-Chairperson Davis presented diplomas to the two students who completed their credits during the summer session from Marion and Mullins High Schools.

**Recognition of New Employees:** Mrs. Paula Grant presented the new hires along with the Principals to the Board. As the Principals and Assistant Principals stood, their new hires introduced themselves and their position. The Board welcomed them to the meeting and thanked them for their interest in being an educator in Marion County Schools. We wish you a successful year. After the presentation, the new hires were excused so that they could prepare for work the next day

**Special Recognition - SCSBA School Board:** Several Board Members were recognized by the South Carolina School Board Association for reaching level 2, 4, and 5. Dr. Bethea presented them with the Certificates, along with the pins sent from the South Carolina School Board Association.

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

**Curriculum and Instruction Report:** Dr. Huggins presented the MCSD Proposed Local Board Approved Course for Elementary Level STEM Lab and Middle Level STEM Lab. She stated that students create ePortfolios to document and present their works, while SmartLab learners explore and apply a wide range of technologies to project-based work and develop and practice real-world skills such as problem-solving, collaboration, project-planning and communication. Dr. Bethea asked for Board approval. The Board reviewed the request. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve. Motion by, Mrs. Patricia Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Ogleretta White to approve; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Vice-Chairperson L. Davis, Mrs. L. Neal, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. P. Atkinson, Rev. C. Brown, Mr. C. White and Chairperson C. Legette).

**Finance: Finance Report July 2019:** Mrs. Duncan stated that the finance report had previously been sent to the Board in their packets. She stated that there was not a lot to report at this time because we have just closed

the books and are getting ready for a new school year. This year's- to-date revenue is \$1,673,398, compared to last year around this time it was \$1,570,036. This year's to-date expenditures were \$561,827 compared to last year's 1,119,465. At this time our revenue is over the expenditures for this year. We're in better shape this year than last year. Everything is going well.

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

**Food Service:** Back-up generators have been installed and enclosed with fencing at the area 1 schools. Areas 2 and 7 fencing is being completed. By August 23, all work should be completed.

**New equipment:** Equipment was purchased to replace several dated equipment: Serving lines, and tables to accommodate smaller students from the reconfiguration. Also, new ovens at Creek Bridge STEM.

- New dish washing machines will be installed at North Mullins Primary and McCormick Elementary on September 1.
- New kettle machine at Marion High School.
- All schools are having new cleaning systems installed the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Transportation:** On August 13<sup>th</sup> Annual bus driver training was held where 54 drivers received updates from state, bloodborne pathogens and first aid training, updates from the local bus shop, and updates on laws from the South Carolina Highway Patrol. We have received 7 new buses to start the school year. Area two will receive 1 and area one will receive 2. Four buses will be placed in area 7. Also two new drivers were hired and both will work in area 7.

**Athletics:** On August 1, at the Central Services Office, the District held the coaching clinic where Coaches received updates on the coaching and athletic handbooks. They also received updates from McLeod Sports Medicine concerning injured athletes. Coaches MUST receive that training every two years. Coaches who did not receive AED/CPR training last year were required to receive that training as well. Ten coaches received the AED/CPR training.

**Marion High School roof repair RFP:** The RFP for the Marion High School roof repair was published on CSBO on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The pre-bid meeting will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Marion High School @ 10:00 am.

The bid opening will be held on September 13 at the Central Services Office at 1:00 pm.

**RFP for summer painting:** Paint Design from Conway has completed painting at the Marion High School. They are now working on resolving areas that were on the punch list. All punch list items are expected to be completed by August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Gym floor replacement:** The maple floors have been installed at Mullins High School. The lines and court markings have been painted. The court has been painted with Mullins on one end and auctioneers on the other.

**New AED'S:** Every high school and middle school received a new AED to be able to travel with athletic teams.

**Rains Centenary Property:** On Tuesday evening a list of the four bids and their offering price for the Rains Centenary Elementary School will be presented.

**Executive Session Contractual Matters:** Mr. Sturkey stated that he would need an executive session.

**Human Resources Report / Updates - Mrs. Paula Grant:** Dr. Bethea stated that executive session was needed for personnel.

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

**Review and Action: Student Transfer and Release:** Dr. Bethea stated that she needed to discuss in executive session.

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

**Comments:** Chairperson Legette reminded everyone of the upcoming meeting (School Law Conference) in North Charleston August 24 – 25, 2019.

**Executive Session:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to go into executive session for Personnel and legal updates. Motion by Rev. Cynthia Brown, seconded by Mrs. Patricia Atkinson to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette and Rev. Brown).

**Out of Executive Session:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to

come out of executive session back into open session. Motion by Mrs. Linda Neal, seconded by Mrs. Ogleretta White to approve this request and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Rev. Brown, Mrs. O. White, Vice-Chairman Davis and Mr. C. White).

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

**Mrs. Linda Neal** moved, seconded by Mrs. Ogleretta White that the Board authorize the transfer of the Head Start Building in the Town of Nichols to the town of Nichols with a reverter clause should the property cease use for a public purpose. I further move that the Town erect the appropriate marker showing the School District's involvement. I finally move that the town pay the cost of conveying the property and drafting the appropriate disclaimer of any and all equip transferred as discussed; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Rev. Brown, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Atkinson

**Mrs. Patricia Atkinson** moved, seconded by Rev. Cynthia Brown to accept the Administration's recommendation for personnel as discussed; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Atkinson and Chairperson Legette).

**Mrs. Patricia Atkinson** moved, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Davis that the Board submit employee "A" to the State Board of Education for appropriate action for breach of Contract and unprofessional conduct as discussed; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. C. White, Mrs. Neal, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White and Mrs. Atkinson).

**Mrs. Ogleretta White** moved, seconded by Mrs. Linda Neal to accept the Administration's recommendation for Students transfer and Release as discussed for Board approval; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Neal, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. C. White).

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Rev. Cynthia Brown, seconded by Mrs. Patricia Atkinson; and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. (Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Mr. C. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Atkinson and Chairperson Legette).