

REVISED 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 June 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Marion School District Conference Room.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Rev. Cynthia V. Brown was absent due to family sickness.

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

**Invocation:** Invocation was given by Vice Chairperson-Mr. Levant Davis.

**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 June 10, 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. Mrs. Linda Neal moved, seconded by Mr. Charles White to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mr. C. White).

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting May 21, 2019. Mrs. Patricia Atkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Charles White to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes (Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mrs. Neal).

**Staff / Student Recognitions:** Dr. Bethea, along with the Board recognized several students and staff during the meeting for their accomplishments. The Board thanked them as they took their Board walk.

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

**Curriculum and Instruction: Defined Program Grades 9-12 and Local Courses and Defined Program, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval of Policy IKC – Class Rankings/Grade**

**Point Averages, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval of School District Grading Policy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval of Revised Policy JLIB – Student Dismissal Precautions:** Mrs. Jackson presented the local courses along with Policy IKC, Revised Policy JLIB and the School District Grading Policy for second reading approval. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the recommended request. Mr. Charles White moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve this request; and the Board unanimously approved (Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. White, Chairperson Legette and Mrs. White).

**Finance: Finance Report May 2019:** Mr. Causey presented the finance report. He stated that the finance report was previously sent in the board packet. Our year to date revenue was \$32,749,853 compared to last year around this time it was \$32,679,393. The year to date expenditures were \$29,022,651 compared to last year's 29,286,676. At this time our revenue is over the expenditures. Our vehicle taxes might be \$100,000 short this year. After reviewing the report the Board thanked the Finance Committee for their report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval of Budget 2019 – 2020:** Mr. Causey presented the 2019-2020 Proposed Balanced Budget of \$39,196,858 to the Board for second reading approval. The budget report reflects the increases and decreases in revenue and expenditures to make it a balanced budget. The retirees are at 100% and the base student cost is \$2467 per ADM. The 2019-2020 Fiscal Year budget includes a step increase only for all eligible employees. The starting teacher's salary will be \$35,000.00 with a 4% increase for all others. After a question and answer session, Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve this request. Mrs. Ogleretta White moved, seconded by Mrs. Linda Neal to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mr. C. White).

**Facilities/Operations Report – Mr. Leon Sturkey:** 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.

**Student Services Updates: Dr. Bethea** presented the following policies and administrative rules for second reading with all additional changes that were needed for Board approval:

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval: Administrative Rule JICJ – Electronic Device

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval: Revised Policy JICFAA Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying /  
Administrative Rule: JICFAA

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval: Administrative Rule: JH-R Student Absences and Excuses

File JH - E1 Proposed Adoption 5/2019: Parent Excuse Form

File JH - E2: Proposed Adoption 5/2019 Tardy Notice Warning

File JH - E3: Proposed Adoption 5/2019 Truancy Letter 1

File JH - E4: Proposed Adoption 5/2019 Truancy Letter 2

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

**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 and Over-night Travel:** Dr. Bethea presented the following Over-night and **Outer- 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: Mullins High School – Frank Martin Basketball Camp @ University of South Carolina Columbia, South Carolina June 14 – 15, 2019

Out-of-State Travel: Mullins High School – Cheerleader Camp @Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina July 19, 2019.

The Board reviewed the request for travel. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Mrs. Linda Neal, seconded by Mrs. Ogleretta White to approve these travel requests; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. O. White, Mr. C. White and Chairperson Legette).

**Review and Action: Student Transfer and Release:** Dr. Bethea presented the student transfer and release for Board approval. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the recommendation from Dr. Bethea. Mrs. Linda Neal moved, seconded by Mrs. Ogleretta White to approve Student Transfer and Release request as presented; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White and Mrs. Atkinson).

**Dates to Remember - Conference / Meeting Reminders/ Board Comments:** Board members discussed several School District concerns. They also talked about being registered to attend the School Law Conference in North Charleston in August. Mrs. Hopper informed the Board that she had already pre-registered them.

**Executive Session:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to go into executive session for Personnel and legal updates. Motion by Mrs. Ogleretta White, seconded by Mrs. Linda Neal 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 Mrs. Neal).

**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 Mr. Charles White to approve this request and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. O. White, Vice-Chairman Davis and Mr. C. White).

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

Mrs. Ogleretta White moved, seconded by Mrs. Linda Neal that we accept the Administration's recommendation for personnel actions 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. Motion by Mrs. Ogleretta White, seconded by Mr. Charles White; and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. (Mrs. O. White, Mr. C. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Neal and Chairperson Legette).