

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 January 15, 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  
Rev. Cynthia V. Brown  
Mrs. Linda Neal  
Mr. Charles E. White  
Mrs. Ogleretta White

**Board Members Absent:** Mrs. Patricia Atkinson out of town.

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

**Invocation:** Invocation was given by Mr. Charles White.

**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 January 15, 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. Vice-Chairperson Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White and Mr. C. White).

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting December 18, 2018. Mr. C. White moved, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Davis to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes (Mr. C. White, Mrs. Neal, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Rev. Brown)

**Special Recognition - SCSBA Appreciation Month:** Special recognition was given to Board Members for their services by the Marion County School District and the South Carolina School Board Association during the meeting. Dr. Bethea presented them with several gifts from several schools and students. The Board thanked them for their generosity.

**Special Recognition - Signing of Ethical Principles:** Dr. Bethea presented the Ethical Principles from the South Carolina School Board to the Marion County Board of Education

members. Each member present, read and signed the ethical principles that pledged to improve public education in our schools and community. Pictures were taken by Mrs. Deborah Wimberly after the signing.

**Special Recognition Students / Staff:** Dr. Bethea, Chairperson Legette and Vice-Chairperson Davis presented awards to outstanding students and staff members who were great achievers in education. Pictures were taken of the students, along with the Principals. As they took their Board walk, they were congratulated by Board members for their outstanding accomplishments.

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

**2019-2020 Calendar:** Mrs. Deborah Wimberly presented the calendar for the 2019-2020 school for the Board's approval in Ms. Melonie Gordon's absence. She stated that it had previously been voted on and chosen by the Marion School District. After a brief discussion, Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the 2019-2020 calendar for the upcoming school year. Motion by Rev. Brown, seconded by Mrs. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Vice Chairperson Davis and Rev. Brown).

**Finance: Finance Report December 2018:** Mrs. Duncan stated that the finance report had been previously sent in your packet. We are waiting on tax money revenue. Money is tight around the holidays. There is no significant items purchased during December. Mr. Causey will be coming back four (4) hours a day. The Board thanked the Finance Committee for their report.

**Human Resources Report / Updates - Mrs. Paula Grant:** Mrs. Grant presented the personnel report to the Board for approval. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve Dr. Bethea's recommendation as presented by Mrs. Grant. Motion made by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve personnel as presented; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation. (Mrs. Neal, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White, Rev. Brown, 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.

**Student Transfer and Release:** Dr. Bethea stated that the student transfer and release was presented to the Board as information and did not need Board approval since it was an in-district transfer.

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

- a. Over-Night Travel:: Academy for Careers & Technology / HOSA Club @ North Charleston, South Carolina, March 6 – 8, 2019
- b. Over-Night Travel:: Academy for Careers & Technology / ACT Culinary Arts – Pro-Start Competition @ Greenville, South Carolina, March 10 – 12, 2019
- c. Out –of-State Travel: Mullins High School Senior Trip @ Orlando, Florida (Various Locations) April 12 – 15, 2019

The Board reviewed the request for travel. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Neal to approve the Over -night travel request. Rev. Brown stated that after reviewing the over-night travel for ACT Culinary Arts, she felt that an additional female chaperone was needed to assist with the 11 girls. Dr. Bethea stated confirmed that overall the amount of chaperones needed per the school policy was correct. After a brief discussion, Chairperson Legette asked for a new motion requesting an additional female chaperone be added to the over-night travel for ACT Culinary Arts to assist with the female students. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Rev. C. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. O. White, Mr. C. White and Chairperson Legette). Dr. Bethea stated that she would contact Mr. Jameson in reference to this request.

**Student Transfer and Release:** Dr. Bethea stated that the student transfer and release be discussed in Executive Session.

### **Public Participation - None**

**Dates to Remember - Conference / Meeting Reminders:** Chairperson Legette reminded the Board of the upcoming events and meetings. She asked members to get with Mrs. Hopper and let her know what banquet they will be attending, so tickets can be obtain. Dr. Bethea and Mrs. Hopper were also asked to check into the Board becoming members of the Marion County Progress and Incorporation. The next regular Board meeting will be held March 19, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

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

**Out of Executive Session:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to come out of executive session back into open session. Motion by Mrs. O. White, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve this request and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Chairperson Legette, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairman Davis and Mr. C. White).

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

Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent's request as discussed in executive session. Motion made by Mrs. Neal that we authorize the Administration to retain Lyons and Associates to assist with the matters discussed during executive session, seconded by Mrs. O. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation. (Mrs. Neal, Rev. C. Brown, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mr. C. White).

Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent's request as discussed in executive session. Motion made by Rev. Brown that we allow student A to remain in his current placement until all pending charges are resolved, seconded by Mrs. O. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation. (Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Rev. C. Brown, Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mr. C. White).

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



## Superintendent's Monthly Update to the Board

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

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### **Superintendent's General Information:**

Happy New Year and Happy Board Appreciation Month!

Please review the attached:

- One page Audit Summary Sheet for your reference (Talking Points)
- 2018 State Report Card Memo

Board members should have received several pieces of information that was requested during the December 2018. Please check your emails. Included was a copy of Dr. Richardson's Policy Presentation. Please review and make notes on any policies that you desire to discuss in further detail.

### **Human Resources:**

Personnel planning is underway for our 2019-2020 school year. Letters of Intent have been distributed to all staff members to be returned to the Office of Human Resources by the end of the third week in January. This will allow us to determine certified vacancies early and begin hiring for next school year.

### **Curriculum:**

End of Course Examinations for 1st semester will be administered to all assigned students in MCS D as follows:

- English 1 (Writing)-----Thursday, January 10
- Algebra 1-----Tuesday, January 15
- English 1 (Reading)-----Wednesday, January 16
- USHC-----Thursday, January 17
- Biology 1-----Friday, January 18

2nd Quarter Exams and Common Assessments will be administered to students in MCS D on January 22, 23, and 24.

**Student Services:** The Discipline Task Force met on December 9<sup>th</sup> to begin discussion of possible revisions to the Code of Conduct and to identify Board policies pertaining to students (section J) for updates/revisions.

**Public Relations:** Public Relations & Special Projects is gearing up for the second half of the year. Looking forward to meeting with our legislative delegation to discuss our district's needs for the upcoming session in Columbia. Also working with our E3 Project Coach on providing a summary of the first year of the grant, winding down year two and setting the stage up for year 3.

**Special Services:** As the next semester begins, teachers will be resending all accommodations and behavior intervention plans to general education teachers. Also, administrators and special services teachers will begin meeting this month for matriculation meetings where sending and receiving schools discuss students being moved to them.