

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education Meeting was held August 21, 2018 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. Patricia Atkinson
Mr. Charles E. White
Mrs. Linda Neal
Mrs. Ogleretta White

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

Invocation: Invocation was given by Mrs. Patricia Atkinson.

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 21, 2018 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. Patricia Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Linda Neal to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. O. White).

Approval of Minutes: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes for July 17, 2018 and the minutes for the Board of Education Policy Workshop / Attorney Interviews on July 19, 2018. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. White).

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. The new hires were excused to go and prepare for class the next day.

Summer 2018 High School Graduates: Dr. Bethea, Chairperson Legette and Vice-Chairperson Davis presented diplomas to students who completed their credits during the summer session.

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Finance: Finance Report July 2018: Mr. Causey stated that the year to date revenue was \$1,559,089.19, and our remaining balance of the budgeted revenue that we have not received is \$36,650, 521.81. During the end of July we didn't received any revenue. Most of our IDEAL remaining balances are still at 100%. We have started our year off to a good start and things seem to be going smoothly.

1st Reading Approval Proposed Fraud Policy: Mr. Causey presented the Fraud Risk Management policy to the Marion County School Board for 1st Reading approval. This policy is intended to state the position of the Marion County School Board as to fraud and the risk of fraud within the Marion County School District. It is to reinforce existing systems, policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the Board meant to deter, prevent, detect, react to and reduce the impact of fraud. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to ensure that all employees are made aware of and receive appropriate training and education regarding this policy. Rev. Brown, seconded by Vice – Chairman Davis to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mrs. Atkinson).

Facilities/Operations Report: Mr. Sturkey gave a brief review of the Facilities / Operations report. See Attached.

Track Field – Creek Bridge High School: Vice-Chairman Levant Davis: Vice-Chairman Davis stated that he was waiting on additional information. He stated that he would discuss it more into detail in executive session.

Human Resources Report / Updates - Mrs. Paula Grant: Mrs. Paula Grant gave a brief update. Dr. Bethea asked that personnel action be discussed in executive session.

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 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. The Board members were reminded of the School Law Conference on August 25 – 26, 2018 @ the Marriott at Grande Dunes in Myrtle beach, South Carolina.

Rev. Brown discussed the South Carolina School Board Black Caucus meeting with Dr. Molly Spearman. She felt that the meeting was very much needed and beneficial to the organization. Members voiced their concerns about previous issues such as where are we with our Capital Improvement plan, are we up to date with our IEPs and sport activities passes for senior citizens. There was also a concern about giving parents respect whenever they come out to the schools. After a brief discussion concerning updated policies from Mrs. O. White, the Board agreed that Dr. Tiffany Richardson be asked to come to the next Board meeting (September 18, 2018) at 5:00 to address any questions that the Board might have concerning policies.

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

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

Out of Executive Session: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to come out of executive

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

Chairperson Legette asked for a motion for personnel. Motion by Mrs. O. White, seconded by Mr. C. White to accept the Superintendent's recommendations for retirees and employees as discussed in executive session and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation (Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Rev. Brown, Mr. White, Vice-Chairman Davis and Chairperson Legette).

Motion made by Mrs. O. White, seconded by Rev. Brown to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for student transfer and release requests as discussed in executive session; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation (Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Rev. Brown, Mr. White, Vice-Chairman Davis and Chairperson Legette).

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