

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education Meeting was held April 17, 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. Ritta Hennecey

Mrs. Linda Neal

Mr. Charles E. White

Mrs. Ogleretta White

**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 April 17, 2018 meeting.

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

**Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the agenda, the regular minutes for March 20, 2018 meeting and the minutes for the Called meetings for March 27 and April 3, 2018. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. White, Mrs. Hennecey, Mr. White and Mrs. Neal).

**Student and Staff Recognition:** Dr. Bethea, along with the Board recognized several students and staff members for their academic achievements and accomplishments. The Board stated that they were proud of them and that these accomplishments prove that there are positive things happening in Marion County School District.

Mrs. Hennecey was recognized for her many years of service as an educator. She was presented a Resolution from the Board and School District.

**Oath of Office Administered to Elected Marion County Board Members:** Attorney Boykin administered the oath to the newly elected member and the returning members. Mrs. Patricia Atkinson accompanied by her husband was sworn in by Attorney Boykin. Rev. Cynthia V. Brown was sworn in by her son. Mr. Levant Davis accompanied by his daughter was sworn in by Attorney Boykin. Mrs. Linda Neal accompanied by her Pastor was sworn in by Attorney Boykin. Their terms will expire April 2022.

Attorney Boykins requested a five minute break to get the oaths signed and notarized. Mrs. White moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve the five minute break; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. White, Mrs. Hennecey and Mr. White).

**Election of Officers:** After the five minute break, Chairperson Legette called the meeting back to order and stated that the floor was now open for the election of officers. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal that the slate of officers remain the same. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal that the nomination come to a close. There were no other nominations, so Mrs. Legette asked for a show of hands; and the Board voted unanimously to approve Mrs. Cynthia H. Legette as Chairperson and Mr. Levant Davis as Vice-Chairperson of the Marion County Board of Education. (Rev. Brown, Mrs. Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mr. White and Mrs. White).

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

**Finance:** Finance Report March 2018: Mr. Russell Causey gave a brief update on the Finance Report for February 2018. She stated that the year to date revenue was \$27,005,880 and the year to date expenditures were \$23,622,454. The amount of revenue under the expenditures are (\$3,383,426). He gave a quick review of some of the other financial expenses and the tax revenue. Mr. Causey presented the Board with a copy of the Budget timeline status stating that everything was pretty much on schedule. Mr. Causey gave a brief update on the bond resolution that would be needed for the upcoming school year. He stated that at this time he was not clear on the amount that they would be receiving, but would know more at the next Board meeting. After the financial presentation, the Board thanked Mr. Causey for his report.

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

**Paint Bid** Mr. Sturkey stated that paint bid award was announced at the March meeting. The District is working with the Attorney to resolve the issue with the vendor who is protesting the bid award. As previously mentioned, we consulted with our attorney before the award was announced.

**Security cameras and door scan cards:** The interior and exterior cameras have been installed at all locations. A3 Communications is now working to install the door card scans. They should be completed with the project by the end of May.

**Facilities committee update:** The facilities committee met on Thursday March 22 to discuss the current projects and the projects for the upcoming fiscal year. The following outlines what will be completed FYI 17-18:

- Covered walk way at Britton's Neck Elementary.
- Painting at Easterling Primary, Britton's Neck Elementary, Johnakin Middle, and Mullins High School.
- Tile will be replaced at Easterling Primary, North Mullins Primary and McCormick Elementary Schools
- Replace at least one HVAC unit at Johnakin Middle School

For FYI 18-19 the following projects will be addressed:

- Painting: North Mullins Primary, Palmetto Middle School and Easterling Primary School

- Replace carpet with tile: CBHS, Academy of Early Learning, Marion Intermediate School.
- Replace at least one HVAC unit.

**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.

**Special Services Report – South Carolina Credential Policy:** Mrs. Amanda Dale presented the South Carolina Credential Policy for second reading approval. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the South Carolina Credential Policy. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. White to give second reading approval to the policy; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. White).

**Academy for Early Learning:** Mrs. Stacy Wilbanks gave an over-view on the programs at Academy of Early Learning. She stated that the staff and students are progressing well and the academic growth has a positive outlook.

**Superintendent’s Update:** Dr. Bethea presented her monthly updates to the Board. See Attachment.

**Review and Action: Out-of-State Travel:** Dr. Bethea presented the following Out-of-State 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.

- (1) Out –of State Travel: Mullins High School Education Day at Carowinds  
Charlotte, North Carolina, April 27, 2018

The Board reviewed the request for travel briefly and Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Rev. Cynthia Brown, seconded by Mrs. Linda Neal to approve the Out-of-State travel request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Mrs. Atkinson, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Rev. C. Brown, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White and Chairperson Legette).

**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. O. White moved, seconded by Mr. C. White to approve Student Transfer and Release request as presented; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White and Mrs. Atkinson).

**Public Participation:** None.

**Dates to Remember:** Conference / meeting Reminders: Chairperson Legette reminded the Board of the upcoming events and meetings.

The Board members expressed their concerns about the schools security systems, ground upkeep and the status of board training to review the Board policies. Mrs.

White talked about the process of early college for students and informed Dr. Bethea that she had spoken with Phillips Gillard and he would be willing to work with you concerning this matter. Rev. Brown acknowledged Dr. Cheryl Warren for working with South Carolina University to diversify the teachers in our School District and complimented her the article in the Local Newspaper.

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

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

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

Motion made by Mrs. White, seconded by Rev. Brown to accept the Superintendent's personnel recommendations as discussed; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation (Mrs. Atkinson, Rev. Brown, Mrs. O. White, Vice-Chairman Davis, Mrs. Neal Chairperson Legette and Mr. C. White

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Davis, seconded by Mr. White; and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. (Rev. Brown, Mrs. Atkinson, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White, and Chairperson Legette). Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.