

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education was held November 14, 2017 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
Mrs. Ritta Hennecey
Mrs. Linda Neal
Mr. Charles E. White
Mrs. Ogleretta White

Board Members Absent: Rev. Cynthia V. Brown

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 November 14, 2017 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. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. White to approve the agenda; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecey, Mr. White, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. White).

Approval of Minutes –Regular Meeting October 17, 2017: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Mrs. Neal, seconded by Mrs. Hennecey; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecey and Mr. Charles White).

Special Recognitions: “Believe in Better Awards:” Dr. Bethea, along with the Board gave District Honors to Deciera Gause, Marcia Cooper and Janice Rogers for going Above and Beyond. They are critical components when hosting events at the District level. Kimberly Davis was honored for working tirelessly seven days a week in and out of North Mullins Primary School classroom to meet her student needs. Coach Tim Perkins was not only honored for ensuring the safety of students, but also saving the District a good sum of money by focusing on details.

Special Recognitions: “Students Recognition: Dr. Bethea, along with the Board recognized several students from the various schools for accomplishments such as ACT Score, Science Fair, Book Character , Duke Talent Students, 2017 Region Champ Girls Tennis and All Region Champion Boys Cross Country Team.

Health Promotion Specialist: Ms. Tammi Byrd gave a yearly update on their Dental Prevention Program. She stated that they implemented a new proprietary software in a move to electronic records that are secured and efficient. We are utilizing a program that is used by top-rated hospital systems and clinics around the Country. Overall it has been extremely successful, although it has had its hiccups. In the next several months, SC DHEC will be conducting the 5-year health surveillance screening. Kindergarten and third graders will be screened to get a snap shot of the oral health status of our students across the state. The students chosen come from randomly selected schools. After the presentation from Ms. Byrd, the Board had a brief discussion and thanked Ms. Byrd for her update.

Curriculum and Instruction: The review and action on the 2018-2019 Marion County School District Calendar was delayed until the next board meeting due to the absence of Ms. Melonie Gordon.

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items: Mr. Sturkey gave a brief overview of on operation updates.

We have given a hard copy plan to the Company, CrisesGo to move forward to having our plans electronic. We are currently reviewing the online version and hope to have them totally accessible after Christmas Break.

The district is in the process of beginning to offer the Bus Bulletin program, which is an online program that notifies parents if there are issues with the student's bus. Parents will be given information to be able to access the program, they will be responsible for providing their contact information to the company. If there is a late bus, severe weather or an accident, the program will automatically notify parents who have signed up for the program.

Adult Education Phase II: The work at the new Adult Education Center is progressing well and the contractor is slightly ahead of their anticipated timeline, and slated to be finish by the middle of January. The first full week in November colors for walls and floor covering are being picked out.

Update on renovation of the old district office in Rains: Work will begin after the Christmas break to renovate the old district office in Rains into four one bedroom apartments. Each apartment will have their own bathroom, and the participants will share a kitchen, commons area, office, and laundry room. The renovations will mostly be done by members of our maintenance staff.

Walk through inspections: During the month of November, the Operations department will be conducting walk-through inspections of all Marion County Schools facilities. We will be looking at the exterior and interior of our buildings and make recommendations or take corrective action to fix the problem immediately.

Nichols Head Start: Mr. Sturkey stated that he has asked a few contractors to provide him with the pricing for the demolition VS renovation of the Nichols Head Start. I have received a price for demolition from the Herrington Construction for demolition. I should have two more by the 10th of November.

Mr. Sturkey presented the Board with a copy of the five year facility committee schedule.

Finance: Finance Report October 2017: Mr. Russell Causey gave a brief update on the Finance Report for October 2017 by stating that the year to date revenue was \$8,518,253 and the year to date expenditures were \$9,292,462. The amount of revenue under the expenditures is (\$774,209). Mr. Causey briefly reviewed the Financial Statement and any concerns that the Board might have. During the month of October, we spent \$940,731 in retirement, year to date. Chairperson Legette thanked Mr. Causey for his report.

Human Resources Personnel Action: Dr. Bethea asked that personnel action be discussed in executive session.

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

Student Transfer and Release: Dr. Bethea stated that the request for Student Transfer and Release needed to be discussed in executive session.

Board Comments and Committee Updates: Chairperson Legette, along with Dr. Bethea talked about the upcoming events and meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- A. **NOVEMBER 9, 2017: GOVERNOR MCMASTER'S VISIT @10:00 AM CENTRAL OFFICE "MEET AND GREET" 15 MINUTES.** Dr. Bethea extended an invitation to the Board members to come to the meet and greet with the Governor. He is on a time schedule, so please be on time. After the meet and greet, we will go directly into our business meeting.
- B. **NOVEMBER 13-17, 2017: AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK:**
- C. **NOVEMBER 17, 2017: DELEGATION DAY – TOUR OF SCHOOLS:**
- D. **NOVEMBER 20-24, 2017: THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE**
- E. **DECEMBER 1- 3, 2017: 2017 LEGISLATIVE DELEGATE ADVOCACY ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**
- F. **DECEMBER 13, 2017: MARION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING @ 5:00 P.M. / BANQUET @ 6:00 P.M.**

Executive Session: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to enter into executive session for contractual matters and legal briefing. Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Davis; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairman Davis, Mrs. White, Mrs. Neal, Mr. White and Mrs. Henneycy).

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

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

Mrs. White moved that we not accept employee A4a; A5a on personnel action; and A1a on Addendum Personnel action resignation as the employees have not honored the employment contract with the District. I further move that we forward the teachers to the State Department and State Board for possible action for unprofessional conduct; seconded by Mr. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. White, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Hennecey and Mrs. White).

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. White to accept the student transfer releases request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. White, Mrs. White, Mrs. Hennecey and Mrs. Neal).

The Board discussed changing the next Board meeting until December 18, 2017 due to a request from Mrs. Linda Neal to separate it from the Christmas Dinner that was scheduled for December 13, 2017. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to leave the Banquet as previously stated.

Adjournment: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Neal; and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecey, Mrs. White, Mr. White, Mrs. Neal and Chairperson Legette). 8:14 pm.