

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education was held October 17, 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
Rev. Cynthia V. Brown
Mrs. Ritta Hennecy
Mr. Charles E. White
Mrs. Ogleretta White

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Linda Neal

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

Invocation: Invocation was given by Rev. Cynthia V. 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 October 17, 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. Vice-Chairperson Davis asked that the agenda be amended and the Track Field for Creek Bridge be added due to a previous request. After a brief discussion, Chairperson Legette stated that the agenda would be amended to place the track field for Creek Bridge after number eleven. Vice-Chairperson Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. White to amend the agenda; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecy, Mr. White, Rev. Brown and Mrs. White).

Vice-Chairperson Davis moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mrs. Hennecy; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecy, Mrs. White, Rev. Brown and Mr. White).

Approval of Minutes –Regular Meeting September 19, 2017: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Rev. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Hennecy; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Chairperson Legette, Rev. Brown, Mrs. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecy and Mr. Charles White).

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Facilities/Operations: Mr. Sturkey began his report by stating that the Head –Start has been making renovations to the classrooms at SAPEC. They are preparing to be able to move into the rooms by October 13th. The District has been given two new buses. One

went to area seven and the other went to area one. The cameras from the old buses will be placed on the new buses.

Adult Education Phase II: The contractor is slightly ahead of their anticipated timeline, and stated they should be finished by the middle of January. The new Director of the Marion County Health Care Foundation, Mr. Mazzaroni toured the building on October 4th and we met on October 10th to establish a timeline for dispersing funds for the project. Mr. Sturkey informed the Board of the process of each of the three phases for the completion of the project.

Reading Recovery Grant Room: The Reading Recovery Teacher, Mrs. Susanne Elvington at Easterling Primary School received a grant from Clemson University. An observation room was to be developed, in which Mr. Dru Fleming, Maintenance Supervisor and two other maintenance employees completed the room for a lot less than it would have cost for a general contractor.

Marion Intermediate School exterior light replacement: The exterior lighting was changed to LED lighting. The lights were changed to provide better lighting and to increase the visibility in the parking lots at the school.

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. The renovation prices listed by the insurance company does not include any possible upgrades nor does it take into consideration any possibilities of overtime.

Capital Improvement Funds:

The State Board's received a \$1,000,000.00 proposal submitted on October 11, 2017 for the replacement of HVAC units at Johnakin Middle, Easterling Primary, North Mullins Primary, Palmetto Middle and Creek Bridge High School. It is scheduled to be discussed by the State Board on November 4, 2017.

Mr. Sturkey stated that he needed an executive session.

Finance: Finance Report September 2017: Mr. Russell Causey gave a brief update on the Finance Report for September 2017 by stating that the year to date revenue was \$5,895,880 and the year to date expenditures were \$6,135,281. The amount of revenue under the expenditures is (\$720,397). Mr. Causey briefly reviewed the Financial Statement and any concerns that the Board might have for the new-year with the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget. Mr. Causey stated that the Auditor should be here within a few weeks. I don't have a confirmed date yet. The taxes have started coming in. Chairperson Legette thanked Mr. Causey for his report.

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

Creek Bridge Track Field: Vice-Chairperson Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. White to make a motion to go forward with the project of a track field for Creek Bridge Middle/High School. Chairperson Legette stated that we have discussed the track field some, but haven't made any final decisions. Vice Chairperson Davis stated that they had talked about it several times and that the money left over from the payoff of Creek

Bridge Middle/High School would be used to pay for it. That was the decision from the Consultant during the time that we acquired the bond. Chairperson Legette stated that we need to make sure that this money can be used for this purpose. There were concerns such as how much money was left over after the payoff, did the bond contract include the track field, the needs for Britton's Neck Elementary School and other schools. Vice Chairperson stated that there was a motion on the floor that needed to be voted on. Chairperson Legette stated that we have a motion by Vice-Chairperson Davis, seconded by Mrs. White, what is the pleasure of the Board? The vote was 4 for and 2 abstention. Motion passed. Attorney Boykins, along with the Finance Director were asked to check into the setup of the Bond from BB&T and bring the information back at the next meeting.

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

Review and Action: Dr. Bethea presented the items listed below for out-of-County, over-night and out-of-State travel for Board approval with no cost to the district.

- (a) OVER-NIGHT TRAVEL: ACADEMY FOR CAREERS & TECHNOLOGY ENTERTAINMENT TECH NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA OCTOBER 25 – 26, 2017
- (b) OUT- OF-STATE TRAVEL: CREEK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL JAG ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 2, 2017
- (c) OUT-OF STATE TRAVEL: MARION HIGH SCHOOL JAG ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 2, 2017
- (d) OUT-OF STATE TRAVEL: MULLINS HIGH SCHOOL 2017 NATIONAL STUDENTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 2, 2017
- (e) OVER-NIGHT TRAVEL: JOHNAKIN MIDDLE SCHOOL JR BETA CLUB MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA JANUARY 10 – JANUARY 12, 2018
- (f) OUT- OF- STATE TRAVEL: MULLINS HIGH SCHOOL 2018 SENIOR TRIP ORLANDA, FLORIDA APRIL 16 – 20, 2018

The Board discussed the travel briefly. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the travel requests as Dr. Bethea presented. Motion by Rev. Brown, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Davis to approve these recommendations as Dr. Bethea requested; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Rev. Brown, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Hennecy, Rev. Brown, Mr. White, Vice-Chairman Mr. Davis and Mrs. White).

Student Transfer and Release: Dr. Bethea presented the Student Transfer and Release requests to be approved. Rev. Brown moved to honor the request presented by Dr. Bethea, seconded by Mrs. White to approve; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Rev. Brown, Mr. White, Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. White and Mrs. Hennecy).

Board Comments and Committee Updates: Chairperson Legette talked about the upcoming events and meetings

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- A. **OCTOBER 18, 2017 - MINISTRY OF CHINA:** Dr. Bethea extended an invitation to the Board and stated the District would be hosting the Ministry of the Republic of China on Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be 11:00 a.m. They will get an overview of Marion County School District and the state of middle and high school education in Marion County Schools.
- B. **OCTOBER 23-26, 2017 - MCSD COLLEGE AND CAREER AWARENESS WEEK:** Dr. Bethea stated that the District will highlight colleges and career awareness across the District. We are requesting that MCBOE members join us in wearing your favorite College Team attire on Friday, October 26.
- C. **OCTOBER 25-27, 2017 - RISKY BUSINESS CONFERENCE:** She asked Board members to please get with Mrs. Hopper if they plan to attend the Risky Business Conference at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
- D. **OCTOBER 29, 2017- ACT CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EDUCATION:** ACT will be celebrating 50 years of operation on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
- E. **NOVEMBER 14, 2017 - MCBOE MTG.:** Chairperson Legette stated that the Regular scheduled date for the MCBOE meeting was moved up a week due to the Thanksgiving holidays.
- F. **DECEMBER 14, 2017 - MCBOE MTG:** Date changed due to previous function for the City of Sellers by Mayor Hopkins.

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

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

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

Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. White to allow student A to return to Marion High School to complete his senior year as he has met the requirements of Success

Academy; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. White, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Hennecey and Mrs. White).

Vice Chairperson Davis moved, seconded Rev. Brown to approve the recommendations for Phase II of the Adult Education Building as discussed in executive session; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. White, Mrs. White, Mrs. Hennecey and Rev. Brown).

Mrs. White moved, seconded by Mr. White to find teacher A -2A in breach of contract and refer the matter to the State Board for action; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Chairperson Legette, Mr. White, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Hennecey, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mrs. White).

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