

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education was held September 19, 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
Mrs. Linda Neal
Mr. Charles E. White
Mrs. Ogleretta White

Board Members Absent: None

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 September 19, 2017 meeting.

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.

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

Approval of Agenda: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Mrs. Neal, seconded by Mrs. Hennecy to approve the agenda; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecy, Mr. White, Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown and Mrs. White).

Approval of Minutes –Regular Meeting August 15, 2017: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Rev. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Neal; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Chairperson Legette, Rev. Brown, Mrs. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Hennecy and Mr. Charles White).

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Facilities/Operations: Mr. Sturkey stated that his report needed to be discussed in executive session.

Finance: Finance Report August 2017: Mr. Russell Causey gave a brief update on the Finance Report for August 2017 by stating that the year to date revenue was \$3,814,283 and the year to date expenditures were \$3,093,886. The amount of revenue over 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. 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 Student Transfer and Release request needed to be discussed in executive.

Board Comments and Committee Updates: Chairperson Legette talked about the upcoming events and meetings. She asked Board members to please get with Mrs. Hopper if they plan to attend the Risky Business Conference at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Board discussed their concerns about making sure that dates be placed on Adopted Policies and if revised, those dates be updated. They also reviewed the 2017 SCSBA Delegate Assembly Official Voting Delegates Certification form. Chairperson Legette stated that they needed two volunteers to be the delegate and also two alternates if the delegates could not attend. This voting would take place at their SCSBA meeting in December. It was decided that Mr. Charles White and Mrs. Ogleretta White would be the Delegates and Mrs. Cynthia Legette and Mr. Levant Davis would be the alternates.

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

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. (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. C. White, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Henneycy, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. O. White and Chairperson Legette).

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

Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Davis that Employee A.3.b be released from his contract; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. White, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Henneycy, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. White).

Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mr. White that Employee A.5.a and Employee A.6.a be sent to the State Department as discussed in executive session; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. White, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Henneycy, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. White).

Mrs. White moved, seconded by Mrs. Hennecey to approve Student Transfer and Release with conditions as outlined by Dr. Bethea in executive session; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Mr. White, Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. White and Mrs. Hennecey).

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