

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education was held August 15, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Marion School District Conference Room.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Cynthia H. Legette, Chairperson
Mr. Levant Davis, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Ritta Hennecy
Mrs. Linda Neal
Mr. Charles E. White
Mrs. Ogleretta White

Board Members Absent:

Rev. Cynthia V. Brown (due to illness).

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

Invocation: Invocation was given by Mr. Levant Davis, Vice-Chairperson.

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 15, 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. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Davis, seconded by Mrs. Hennecy to approve the agenda; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecy, Chairperson Legette, Mr. White, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. White).

Approval of Minutes –Regular Meeting July 18, 2017 and August 2, 2017: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Mrs. Hennecy, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Davis; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Hennecy and Mr. Charles White).

AdvancED Certificates of Accreditation to Schools: The Principals of each school were presented AdvancEd Certificates of Accreditation. Dr. Bethea and the Marion County Board of Education commended the District for their achievement.

Pee Dee CAP Head Start: Ms. Kathryn Woods and Mr. Walter Fleming from the Pee Dee Community Action Partnership gave a brief presentation to the Board about their Head Start/Early Start Program. They presented a request for available space to serve about 38 three-year-old children in the Mullins area. As you all know, we will not be able to return to the Nichols area due to the flood last October, so we are requesting assistance from the Marion County School District for the use of two classrooms. We will be responsible for licensing the classrooms through Department of Social Services. After the Board's brief question and answer section, they were asked to get with Dr. Bethea concerning this issue.

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Facilities/Operations: Mr. Sturkey presented a list of the summer maintenance projects that the bus drivers assisted the maintenance crew with such as pressure washing some of the buildings, bleachers, painting, cut/remove trees and debris. They also assisted with moving the 4k classrooms from the Britton's neck Elementary Primary Schools to the Academy of Early learning and renovations at the Academy of Early Learning for 4K move.

Mr. Sturkey stated that FBI Construction, Inc. received the "**Notice to Proceed**" from Goforth Brown and Associates with the Adult Education renovations for the Academy of Careers and Technology Phase 2.

Mr. Sturkey, along with Coach Perkins presented a yearly Hazardous mileage chart from the State Department to the Board for their yearly accomplishments. Their violations of illegal bus stops decreased tremendously over the years unto the balance for the school year 2016-2017 was adjusted by the State to \$0. Coach Perkins was congratulated for an outstanding job.

Finance: Finance Report July 2017: Mr. Russell Causey gave a brief update on the Finance Report for July 2017 by stating that the year to date revenue was \$1,702,194 and the year to date expenditures were \$924,468. The amount of revenue over the expenditures is (\$777,226). For the month of July, we spent \$71,728 in retirement, year to date. We have started the new-year with the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget has also been met and approved. Chairperson Legette asked Mr. Causey to check with the Auditor and let them know whenever he would be coming, so that a meeting can be arranged.

Human Resources Personnel Action: Mrs. Paula Grant presented the personnel action for approval. She stated that if approved, we will start our second year fully employed. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve personnel action as presented. Motion by Mrs. Neal, seconded by Mrs. White, and the Board voted unanimously to approve. Mrs. Grant stated that the only time we fill the position for coaching with the community is when we can't find someone who is already employed within the District. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairman Davis, Mrs. White, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White and Mrs. Henneycy).

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

Student Transfer and Release: Dr. Bethea presented the student transfer and release for Board approval. Vice-Chairperson Davis moved, seconded by Mr. White to approve Student Transfer and Release request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White and Mrs. Henneycy).

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

Conference / meeting Reminders: Board members expressed their concerns briefly before going into executive session.

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

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

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. Motion by Mrs. Hennecy, seconded by Mrs. White; and the Board voted unanimously to Chairperson Legette asked that building contracts be brought back during the September meeting.

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