

Amended

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education Retreat Workshop was held August 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. @ The Palmetto Room.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Cynthia H. Legette, Chairperson
Mr. Levant Davis, Vice-Chairperson
Rev. Cynthia V. Brown
Mrs. Ritta Hennecey
Mrs. Linda Neal
Mrs. Ogleretta D. White
Mr. Charles White

Called 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, 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 everyone to the meeting of August 2, 2017.

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

Purpose: Chairperson Legette stated that the purpose of the Retreat was to discuss the AdvancED findings and the Board members responsibilities.

AdvancED Review: Attorney Charles Boykin gave an overview and recommendations of AdvancEd Accreditation that would help the District grow successfully. He also talked with the Board concerning policies and procedures that govern their daily operations. The Board discussed their concerns, suggestions and recommendations for the upcoming school year with the Attorney. After the presentation it was recommended that the Board contact the South Carolina School Board Association in reference to a thorough review of the AdvancEd Accreditation received by the Marion County School District.

Superintendent's Office: Dr. Bethea talked briefly to the Board about leadership roles and what makes a good leader. Board members were asked to select one of the

quotes from the MCSD Leadership Blueprint and in their own words tell what it meant to them. Each member explained their quote.

Social Contract: Dr. Bethea, along with the Marion County Board of Education, discussed topics such as respecting different opinions, shared input, establishing trust and better communication among Board members.

Three Stars: Board members were asked to share the things that the Board seem to do well and things that they wish could happen. Some of the items discussed were Board commitment, district leadership, trust, listening, children being the top priority, ability to remove self from the re-assignment of staff to allow the administration to do their job and working together as a Board.

Wish: Board members discussed their wish list consisting of topics such as adequate funding to initiate programs that enhance learning, doing the right thing for all the children in Marion County, have regular board meetings and open discussions.

Review and Action – Student Transfer and Release: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve Student transfers and Release. Dr. Bethea requested the Board's approval of student transfers. Mrs. Neal made a motion to approve student transfers and releases, seconded by Mrs. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Hennecy, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. O. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. C. White, and Rev. C. Brown).

Personnel Action: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve personnel. Dr. Bethea presented personnel actions for approval. Rev. Brown made a motion to approve the personnel recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Neal; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Hennecy, Mrs. O. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. C. White, Mrs. Neal, and Rev. C. Brown).

Capital Improvement Funding: Dr. Bethea gave an update to the Board on the Abbeville Lawsuit Capital Improvement funds.

Rural Teacher Proviso Funding: Dr. Bethea gave a brief update on the Rural Teacher Proviso.

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. O. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. O. White, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Hennecy and Mr. C. White).

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

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

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