

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education was held July 18, 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
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 July 18, 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 Mrs. Hennecy, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Davis to approve the agenda; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecy, Chairperson Legette, Mr. White, Rev. Brown and Mrs. White).

Approval of Minutes –Regular Meeting June 27, 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, Mrs. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Hennecy and Mr. Charles White).

SCSBA FY-2-16-17 Boardmanship Institute Recognition: Recognition was given to Rev. Cynthia V. Brown for her years of service on the Marion County Board of Education by the South Carolina School Board Association. She was presented a pin and certificate for reaching level four. Rev. Brown thanked everyone and the Board for having confidence in her.

RISE Mentoring Program: Mrs. Elista Smith, along with students from the RISE program presented a check for \$500 to Dr. Kandace Bethea for Marion County School District. This money was designated for purchasing school uniforms for students who are in need. Mrs. Smith stated that the students goal was \$500 and they worked hard to achieve it; along with the help of Ms. Chandra Parsley. The Board, along with Dr. Bethea thanked them for their willingness to help others and also thanked the parents for bringing them out and being supportive.

Fox84 Initiative (Mentoring Program): Mr. Christopher Shelvin, a member of the Fox84 Initiative along with others gave a brief presentation to the Board in reference to their goals of giving back to the community in which they grew up. Mr. Shelvin stated that they were 1984 graduates of Marion High School who have gone on to be successful in their field of study and feel the need to give back by educating young boys and girls how to be respectful of each other. The young boys and men are taught such things as opening doors for females, how to dress and sit for an interview, how to complete an application and how to tie a tie. This organization was formed to help mentor students by filling the gaps that are necessary in order to improve the well-being of the student. Our goal is to teach them how to be productive and equipped to meet the needs of what life has to offer. We have had the pleasure of working with students at Johnakin Middle School, Marion High School and Creek Bridge Middle/High School this past year and looking forward to returning for the upcoming school year. We also had the pleasure of participating in the FOX 5K Run. We believe our organization shares a common goal with the Marion County School District of making sure students are given the opportunity to succeed in life regardless of where they come from.

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Facilities/Operations: The Operations report was delayed for executive session.

Finance: Finance Report June 2017: Mr. Russell Causey gave a brief update on the Finance Report for June 2017 by stating that the year to date revenue was \$35,494,423 and the year to date expenditures were \$35,125,451. The amount of revenue over the expenditures are (\$368,972). We have started the new school year trying to get accrues completed. The 2017-2018 Proposed Budget has also been met and approved. Mr. Causey was asked to let Chairperson Legette and Rev. Brown know whenever the Auditors come back, so that a meeting can be set-up. Vice-Chairperson Davis asked whether charges were still being received for non-stops bus transportation and also inquired about Kelly Services. Mr. Causey stated that nothing was paid for bus transportation non-stops this year and there is not as many comments about Kelly Service as in the past.

Human Resources Personnel Action: Mrs. Paula Grant presented the personnel action for approval. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve personnel action as presented. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Davis, seconded by Mrs. Oglerette White, and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairman Davis, Mrs. White, Rev. Brown, Mr. C. White and Mrs. Hennecey).

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

Student Transfer and Release: The Student transfer and Release request was delayed for executive session.

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

Conference / meeting Reminders: Chairperson Legette extended an invitation to Board members to express their concerns or comments of any issues that they might have.

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

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

Chairperson Legette asked for a motion concerning a contractual matter. Mr. White made a motion to accept the bid from Pest Control for Easterling Primary School as discussed in executive session, seconded by Mrs. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation (Mrs. Henneycy, Mr. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White and Rev. C. Brown).

Chairperson Legette asked for a motion concerning a contractual matter. Mrs. White made a motion to accept the bid from Coastal Janitorial Supply as discussed in executive session, seconded by Mr. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Henneycy, Mr. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White and Rev. C. Brown).

Chairperson Legette asked for a motion concerning Student transfers and Release. Vice-Chairperson Davis made a motion to accept the new transfers coming into Marion County School District only as discussed in executive session, seconded by Mrs. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Henneycy, Mr. C. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White, and Rev. C. Brown).

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