

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education was held June 27, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Marion School District Conference Room.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Levant Davis, Vice Chairperson
Rev. Cynthia V. Brown
Mrs. Ritta Hennecy
Mr. Charles E. White
Mrs. Linda Neal
Mrs. Ogleretta White

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Cynthia H. Legette, Chairperson

Call to Order: Vice-Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Invocation was given by Rev. Cynthia V. Brown.

Notification of Board Meeting:

Vice-Chairperson Davis 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: Vice- Chairperson Davis welcomed the staff and visitors to the June 27, 2017 meeting.

Establishment of Quorum: Vice-Chairperson Davis verified that a quorum was present.

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

Approval of Minutes –Regular Meeting – May 16, 2017: Vice-Chairperson Davis asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Mr. Charles White, seconded by Mrs. Hennecy; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Mrs. Ogleretta White, Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown, Mrs. Ritta Hennecy, Mrs. Linda Neal and Mr. Charles White).

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

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

Finance: Finance Report May 2017: Mr. Russell Causey gave a brief update on the Finance Report for May 2017 by stating that the year to date revenue was \$32,672,139 and the year to date expenditures were \$29,302,526. The amount of revenue over the expenditures are (\$3,369,613). The IDEAL remaining balance is at 8%. We have a few areas that are still at 100% where funds were budgeted, but there has been no activity.

2nd Reading Approval 2017-2018 Proposed Budget: Mr. Russell Causey presented the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget for 2nd Reading approval. He stated that the budget report reflects the

increases and decreases in revenue and expenditure funds to arrive at a balanced proposed budget for FY 17 -18. The value of a mil is worth \$76,395.62. At the last meeting I presented the base student cost at \$2445.00 per student, but it has changed to \$2435.00 per student and the collection rate is 92.3%. We are in the process of adjusting the hourly rate of the custodian to give them more pay. A STEP increase was given only to those who were eligible costing the District about ½ million dollars. No salary increases were given in state teacher's salary schedule and the Retirees salary rate remains at 85%, the same as last year. We didn't use any of the Fund Balance to balance budget of **\$37,207,793.97**. After a brief discussion from the Board, Vice-Chairperson Davis asked for a motion to give 2nd Reading approval to the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. White to give 2nd Reading approval to the balance budget of **\$37,207,793.97**; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Rev. Brown, Mrs. Hennecey, Mr. C. White, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mrs. O. White).

Human Resources Personnel Action: Personnel actions were delayed for executive session due to an addendum.

Superintendent's Update: The monthly updates presented by Dr. Bethea are enclosed. See Attachment.

Review and Action: Over-night Travel: Dr. Bethea presented the following Over-night travel request for approval. She stated that it would be no cost to the district and the amount of chaperones needed were also listed as required.

- a. OVER-NIGHT TRAVEL: Mullins High School MCJROTC Summer Leadership Conference Marine Corps Recruiting Parris Island, South Carolina June 19 - 22, 2017.
- b. OVER-NIGHT TRAVEL: Marion High School Cheerleaders Summer Camp Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572 July 31, 21017 - August 3, 2017.

The Board reviewed the request for travel briefly and Vice-Chairperson Davis asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Mr. Charles White, seconded by Mrs. Linda Neal to approve the Over-night travel (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White, Rev. Brown, Mr. C. White, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Hennecey).

Student Transfer and Release: Dr. Bethea presented the student transfer and release for Board approval with stipulation of a 4K student transferring into Marion County School District from Dillon County School pending if space is available. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve Student Transfer and Release request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White and Mrs. Hennecey).

Conference / meeting Reminders: Vice-Chairperson Davis extended the invitation to Board members to express their concerns or comments of any issues that they might have. Rev. Brown talked about the hiring of teachers due to the shortage. She expressed her concerns about students finishing college, but desire not to teach. A lot of young people are going into Business or other fields. Some say that they just don't want to teach. Student behavior and parents not showing up whenever there is a situation dealing with their child seems to be some of the discouragements. Rev. Brown stated that you have to love it and also the students. It should not be about a pay check. Rev. Brown stated that she hears complaints about class sizes. She said she can remember teaching as many as 40 students in one class and Mrs. Hennecey

agreed. Dr. Bethea added that you have to create an environment that people feel safe to work in, love the children and also know to treat people.

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

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

Vice-Chairperson Davis stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Vice-Chairperson Davis asked for a motion concerning a contractual matter. Rev. Brown made a motion to accept the negotiated fee with Consensus as discussed in executive session, seconded by Mrs. Neal; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation (Mrs. Henneey, Mr. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White and Rev. C. Brown).

Mrs. Neal made a motion to accept the recommendation for personnel as discussed in executive session, seconded by Mrs. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation (Mrs. Henneey, Mr. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White, and Rev. C. Brown).

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