

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education was held January 17, 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. Linda Neal
Mrs. Ogleretta White

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. Deciera Gause 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 January 17, 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 Mrs. Neal 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, Chairperson-Cynthia Legette, Mrs. Linda Neal and Mrs. Ogleretta White).

Approval of Minutes –Called Meeting - November 29, 2016, Regular Meeting - December 13, 2016 and Called Meeting - December 19, 2016: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Rev. Brown, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Davis; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Mrs. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Hennecy, Mrs. Neal, Mr. White and Chairperson Legette).

South Carolina School Board Recognition Month: The Board Members were recognized by the Marion County School District and the South Carolina School Board Association for their services. Several gifts were presented to them schools and students.

Special Recognition: Staff / Students: Students and staff were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments.

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Curriculum and instruction Updates: Dr. Anderson presented her Department updates, explaining each outline in detail with the goals that they expecting to achieve.

Review and Action: 2017-2018 Local Board Approved Courses: Dr. Anderson presented the 2017- 2018 Local Courses for Board Approval. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve these courses. Vice-Chairperson Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Hennecy to approve, 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, Mr. Charles White and Chairperson Cynthia H. Legette).

Facilities/Operations: Mr. Sturkey presented his Department /outline to the Board for their review. He talked about the walkway being completed at MECC. Vice-Chairperson Davis asked when Creek Bridge High School is paid off, can we use the money to pave the track? Mr. Sturkey was asked to bring this information back to the Board at the next meeting.

Review and Action: Bid tabulation for Adult Education Phase II and Mullins high School reroofing was delayed for executive session.

Finance: Finance Report December 2016: Mr. Russell Causey gave a brief update on the Finance Report for December 2016. He stated that negatives were now positives (nothing in the red). Mrs. Hennecy asked about all the overtime and what it was pertaining to. Mr. Causey stated that most of the overtime is from bus drivers with dual jobs.

Human Resources Personnel Action: Personnel actions were delayed for executive session.

2nd Reading Approval of Policies GCB and GCQC/GCQD: Mrs. Grant presented revised Policies GCB and GCQC/GCQD (Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation, Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation and Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff) before the Board for 2nd reading approval. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve this recommendation. Motion by Rev. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Neal and the Board voted unanimously for Second Reading approval (Mrs. Ogleretta White, Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown, Mrs. Ritta Hennecy, Mrs. Linda Neal, Mr. Charles White and Chairperson Cynthia Legette).

Special Services: Mrs. Amanda Dale presented a request to give 2nd Reading Approve to Policy EJ (Accommodating the use of Service Animals with Individuals with Disabilities). Mrs. Dale stated that the handler would be responsible for the animal not the School /District. And if a child is allergic or afraid of the animal, then the child or animal will be removed from the class. Chairperson Legette

asked for a motion to approve this recommendation. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Davis, seconded by Mrs. Hennecey and the Board voted unanimously to give Second Reading Approval to this request. (Mrs. Ogleretta White, Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown, Mrs. Ritta Hennecey, Mrs. Lina Neal, Mr. Charles White and Chairperson Cynthia Legette).

Dr. Bethea gave an update on handouts from the Desk of the Superintendent. After a brief presentation, the Board asked for the total enrollment for the District and the current enrollment @ Success Academy at Palmetto Education Center.

OUT-OF- STATE TRAVEL: Johnakin Middle School 8th Grade Social Studies Classes in Washington, DC on April 12 through April 14, 2017. The Board reviewed the request for travel briefly and Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Rev. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve the Out-of-state travel. (Chairperson Cynthia Legette, Mrs. Ogleretta White, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown, Mr. Charles White, Mrs. Linda Neal, Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis and Mrs. Ritta Hennecey).

Student Transfer and Release: Dr. Bethea presented the request for students transfer and release for approval. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve this request. Motion by Rev. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve the Out-of-state travel. (Chairperson Cynthia Legette, Mrs. Ogleretta White, Rev. Cynthia Brown, Mr. Charles White, Mrs. Linda Neal, Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis and Mrs. Ritta Hennecey).

Conference / meeting Reminders: Chairperson Legette asked the Board members to review the list of scheduled meetings and contact Mrs. Hopper if you plan to attend any of the meetings.

Executive Session: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to go into executive session for personnel, contractual matters and legal briefing. Motion by Mrs. Hennecey, seconded by Rev. Brown; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Cynthia Legette, Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis, Mrs. Linda Neal, Mrs. Ogleretta White, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown, Mrs. Ritta Hennecey and Mr. Charles White).

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

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

Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mr. White to accept the recommendation as

presented by Human Resource's Director as discussed in executive session; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation (Mrs. Ogleretta White, Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown, Mrs. Ritta Hennecy, Mrs. Lina Neal, Mr. Charles White and Chairperson Cynthia Legette).

Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. White to approve the recommendation of Teacher's Contract termination and the Board voted unanimously to approve this Recommendation. (Chairperson Cynthia Legette, Mrs. Ogleretta White, Rev. Cynthia V. Brown, Mr. Charles White, Mrs. Linda Neal, Vice-Chairperson Levant Davis and Mrs. Ritta Hennecy).

The Board agreed on a Called Board Meeting on January 24, 2017 @ 10:00 am. Chairperson Legette asked that the media, newspaper and TV stations be contacted.

Adjournment: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mrs. Hennecy, seconded by Rev. Brown; and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. (Mrs. White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Hennecy, Mrs. Neal, Mr. White and Chairperson Legette).
Adjournment: 8:55 pm.