

# MARION COUNTY SCHOOL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING PRESENTATION MINUTES

## MCSD Central Services Office

101 North Main Street – Mullins, South Carolina 29574

November 14, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson-Patricia Atkinson, Vice Chairperson-Nadine Foxworth, Mrs. Ogleretta White, Mrs. Susan Pridgen, Rev. Brown and Mr. Kevin Dozier.

**Call to Order & Notification of Board Workshop:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Atkinson. In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, the local media was notified of the time, date and place of the meeting. Ms. Deciera Gause stated that the media was notified of the meeting and a copy of the agenda was also provided.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Rev. Cynthia Brown.

**Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present:** Chairperson Atkinson welcomed to the November 14, 2023 Special Called Meeting Presentation.

**Establishment of Quorum:** Chairperson Atkinson verified that a quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chairperson Atkinson asked for approval of the agenda. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Ms. White to approve the November 14, 2023 agenda; and the vote passed. (Chairperson Atkinson, Vice-Chairperson Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen, Rev. Brown, Ms. White and Mr. Dozier).

**Bond Attorney – Financing Options:** Mr. Benjamin Zeigler, Bond Attorney of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, presented financing options for major school projects. He shared information on counties in which education capital improvements sales and use tax may be imposed based upon certain factors. He also shared the step by step process towards a referendum. Mr. Zeigler discussed the attorney cost would be paid out of the bond proceeds. The Board asked questions and made comments during this time. Mr. Zeigler shared copies of the legislation.

**Executive Session:** Chairperson Atkinson a motion to move into executive session. Mrs. Pridgen moved, no second. The motion failed.

Ms. White made a motion to move forward with the information and hire Attorney Ben Zeigler for the pre-filing to the legislators for a capital sales tax, seconded by Rev. Brown. The Board asked questions to get clarity on the differences between capital sales tax and GO Bonds. Dr. Bethea, Rev. Brown and Ms. White provide information to clarify the differences. The Board voted and the motion passed. (Vice Chairperson Foxworth, Rev. Brown, Mr. Dozier, Mrs. Pridgen, Ms. White)

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Atkinson asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairperson Foxworth moved, seconded by Ms. White to approve this request; and the vote was unanimous (Chairperson Atkinson, Vice Chairperson Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Mrs. Pridgen, Ms. White and Rev. Brown). The meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.