MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571

July 15, 2025

Board Members Present: Mrs. Nadine Foxworth, Mrs. Patricia Atkinson, Ms. Ogleretta White, Mr. Derrick Weeks, Mr. Donnie Hill, Rev. Cynthia Brown, and Mr. Kevin Dozier.

Call to Order & Notification of Board Meeting: Mrs. Foxworth called the board meeting to order. Under the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, the local media was notified of the meeting's time, date, and place. Ms. Deciera Gause stated that the media was notified of the meeting, and a copy of the agenda was also provided.

Invocation: Rev. Marvin Hemingway gave the invocation.

Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present: Mrs. Foxworth welcomed everyone to the June 9, 2025, Marion County School Board Meeting.

Establishment of Quorum: Mrs. Foxworth verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion to approve the July 15, 2025 agenda. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill, and the vote passed. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Dozier, Mr. Hill and Rev. Brown).

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion to approve the June 9, 2025 monthly meeting minutes and the June 23, 2025 special called meeting minutes. Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Hill, and the vote passed. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Dozier, Mr. Hill and Rev. Brown)

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Finance Report: Mrs. Angel Cooper presented the June 2025 financials. This report was presented as information.

Facilities/Operations Report: Dr. Mark Bunch gave the Operations and Facilities updates. He provided recent projects and summer projects. The Board asked questions during this time.

Human Resources Report / Updates: Mrs. Stacy Wilbanks requested executive session for personnel actions.

Superintendent's Report / Update: Mrs. Alyssa Leibman, Chief Academic Officer, provided an academic update and plans for the school year.

Mrs. Karen Scruggs asked for 2nd Reading on Policy JLCG: Seizure Safe School; Policy JLCD: Assisting Students with Medication and AR JLCD-R: Assisting Students with Medication. Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion. Rev. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Weeks, and the vote passed. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Ms. White, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Hill, Rev. Brown, and Mr. Weeks).

Dr. Bethea gave a brief update of the recent happenings in MSCD and finalized her report with Departmental updates.

Review and Action: Dr. Bethea presented Student Transfers and Releases to the Board for approval. Mrs. Foxworth asked for a motion to approve the request. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Rev. Brown, and the vote passed. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Hill, Mr. Dozier, Mr. Weeks, and Rev. Brown) 1 recused – Ms. White.

No Public Participation

Agenda Items for Next Month / Calendar Reminders: Board members were allowed to express concerns or comments. Mrs. Foxworth asked for a potential date for the second meeting per month. No decision was made during this time. The Board asked questions during this time.

Executive Session: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion to go into executive session for Personnel. Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Dozier to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Hill, Ms. White, Rev. Brown and Mr. Weeks).

Open Session: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Weeks moved, seconded by Ms. White to come out of executive session back into open session; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Atkinson, Ms. White, Rev. Brown and Mr. Weeks).

Mrs. Foxworth stated that no action was taken in the executive session.

Mrs. Atkinson asked the board to consider having the second board meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, as long as it aligns with the superintendent's calendar. The board will decide by noon on July 21, 2025 if they agree with this decision.

Personnel: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion. Mrs. Atkinson moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the July 15, 2025 personnel actions except for staff member A1a pending the securing of an appropriate replacement, seconded by Ms. White, and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Mrs. Atkinson, Ms. White, Mr. Hill, Rev. Brown and Mr. Weeks).

Adjournment: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion. Ms. White moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dozier to approve this request; and the vote was unanimous (Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Mrs. Atkinson, Ms. White, Mr. Hill, Rev. Brown and Mr. Weeks). The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.