

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571

MCBOE Policy Workshop

February 23, 2021

Board Members Present: Chairperson- Ogleretta White, Vice Chairperson-Patricia Atkinson, Levant Davis, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Linda Neal.

Rev. Cynthia V. Brown (Zoom).

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Susan Pridgen.

Staff/Attorney/Presenters Present: Superintendent - Dr. Bethea, MCBOE Administrative Assistant – Dianne Hopper, Attorney Charles J. Boykin, SCSBA General Counsel and Director of Legal Services - Dr. Richardson and SCSBA Staff Attorney - Ms. Rasheeda Cleveland.

Chairperson-White stated for clarity that Attorney Boykin was present only for assistance if needed and no fee would be charged for his services.

Call to Order & Notification of Board Workshop: The Board workshop was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson-White. 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. Mrs. Hopper stated that the media was notified of the meeting and a copy of the agenda was also provided.

Invocation: A moment of silence.

Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present: Chairperson-White welcomed the staff to the February 23, 2021 workshop.

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

Policy B Revision Updates/Review: Dr. Tiffany Richardson and Mrs. Cleveland from the SCSBA Policy Division gave a brief update on the purpose of the workshop as it relates to reviewing the B Policies in reference to the responsibilities and role of the Board.

Ms. Cleveland gave a brief description and an example of Policies and Administrative Rules that related to the Board's responsibilities. Members were given the opportunity to discuss their concerns and comments as each policy was addressed and the process for edits and revisions. Board members thanked Dr. Richardson and Ms. Cleveland for their services in facilitating the revision policy.

Board members recessed for about ten minutes.

Executive Session: Chairperson-White requested an executive session for legal briefing, contractual matters and personnel. Vice-Chairperson Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal; and the vote was unanimous (Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Mr. Davis, Chairperson- White, Mrs. Foxworth and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson).

Open Session: Chairperson-White asked for a motion to exit executive session and re-enter open session. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth; and the vote was unanimous (Mrs. Neal, Chairperson- White, Vice Chairperson- Atkinson, Mrs. Foxworth, Rev. Brown and Mr. Davis).
Chairperson-White stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Mrs. Foxworth moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to go forward with GovDeals.Com for the sale of Southside Elementary School and Britton's Neck Elementary School; and the vote was unanimous (Chairperson- White, Vice Chairperson-Atkinson, Mrs. Neal, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown and Mrs. Foxworth).

Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth that we authorize the Board Chair to send a letter to Superintendent Bethea in conclusion of the Superintendent's annual evaluation for 2019-2020; and the vote was unanimous (Mrs. Neal, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Davis, Rev. Brown and Vice Chairperson-Atkinson).

Vice Chairperson-Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Foxworth to authorize the RFP for a facility study; and the vote was unanimous (Mr. Davis, Mrs. Foxworth, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Chairperson-White and Vice Chairperson- Atkinson).

Adjournment: Chairperson-White asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Vice Chairperson- Atkinson; and the vote was unanimous (Vice Chairperson- Atkinson, Rev. Brown, Mr. Davis, Chairperson-White, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Foxworth). Adjourned: 4:35