

**Minutes of the Marion County Board of Education was held November 30, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in 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 Hennecey  
Mrs. Linda Neal  
Mr. Charles E. White  
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. 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:** Chairperson Legette welcomed the staff and visitors to the November 30, 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. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Hennecey to approve the agenda; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Hennecey, Mr. White, Rev. Cynthia Brown, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. White).

**2017 Audit Overview:** Mr. Mike Dowling, a representative from the Finney, Greene, Horton, LLP, Auditing Firm; gave a brief overview of the audit. He stated that the overall audit would be presented at a later date and at that time their findings if any would be discussed and suggested recommendations would also be made. The Board discussed it briefly and asked that the Audit Report be placed on January's agenda.

**ChildSmile Dental:** Ms. Chandra Parsley gave a yearly update on their Dental Prevention Program. She stated that they have partnered with MouthWatch on a screening and tele-dentistry pilot project and is looking to expand its network of pilot programs using intraoral imaging and tele-dentistry in groundbreaking ways. Teledent will play a significant role in improving pediatric oral health in communities throughout America. We screened approximately 501 students which more than doubles last year's rate of student participation. McCormick's student participation rate soared from 24% for the 2015-16 school term to nearly 42%. Our biggest delight is the drastic increased in returned consent forms from Mullins High School (17 forms returned last year., 98 forms this year) and Palmetto Middle School (30 forms returned last year, 128

forms this year) students. We are very pleased with the sealant retention rate. We were able to provide a fall and spring dental session for each public school in Mullins. We successfully introduced the utilization of intra oral imaging during our dental sessions at the primary grade levels (4k-2). Made some adjustments to the 2016-2017 parental consent forms so that it is user friendly and easier for parents and caregivers to understand. Scheduled a fall and spring dental session at each Mullins school to provide participants access to 2 dental screenings each school year at the recommended 6-month interval. Our goal with this scheduling models is to prevent advanced dental decay by early detection and early treatment. No child should have to experience preventable dental pain. It is our hope that these images will compel more parents to comply with our dental referrals and recommendation. Ms. Parsley thanked the Board for allowing ChildSmiles Dental to serve the School District. Chairperson Legette thanked Ms. Parsley for their services and stated that they would make a decision at the end of the meeting concerning the Dental Services for the Schools.

**Curriculum and Instruction - 2018-19 Marion County School District Calendar:**

Ms. Melonie Gordon presented the calendar for the Board's approval. After a brief discussion, Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve this request. Motion by Rev. Brown, seconded by Mrs. White; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request. (Mrs. Ogleretta White, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. Ritta Hennecey, Mrs. Linda Neal, Mr. Charles White, Chairperson Cynthia H. Legette and Rev. Cynthia V. Brown).

**Superintendent's Update:** Dr. Bethea presented a brief update on the District.

**Review and Action: Out-of-State Travel:** Dr. Bethea presented the following Out-of-State 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.

**OUT-OF- STATE TRAVEL:** Marion High School Varsity Wrestling in Lumberton, North Carolina on December 9, 2017.

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

**Public Participation:** None.

**Student Transfer and Release:** Dr. Bethea asked that the student transfer and release be delayed for discussion in executive session.

**Conference / meeting Reminders:** Chairperson Legette asked the Board members to

review the Legislative and Advocacy Conference in Hilton Head, South Carolina on December 1-3, 2017. Please let Mrs. Hopper know whether they will be attending.

**Executive Session:** Chairperson Legette 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. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. O. White, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairman Davis, Mrs. Henneycy and Mr. C. White).

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

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

Mrs. White moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to terminate Employee A and send to the State Department of Education as discussed in executive session; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation (Mrs. Henneycy, Mrs. O. White, Rev. Brown, Vice-Chairman Davis, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White and Chairperson Legette).

Mrs. White moved, seconded by Mr. White to approve Student Transfer and Release request as discussed in executive session; and the Board voted 6 for and 1 against. (Rev. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White and Mrs. Henneycy). 1 against - Vice-Chairperson Davis

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