

REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

A regular meeting of the Marion County Board of Education was held April 9, 2019 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
Mr. Charles E. White
Mrs. Patricia Atkinson
Mrs. Ogleretta White
Mrs. Linda Neal

Board Members Absence: Rev. Cynthia V. Brown

Call to Order: Chairperson Legette called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Invocation was given by Vice – Chairman Davis.

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 April 9, 2019 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. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Davis to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mr. C. White).

Approval of Minutes: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting March 19, 2019. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes (Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mrs. Neal).

Staff / Student Recognitions: Dr. Bethea, along with the Board recognized several students and staff during the meeting for their accomplishments. The Board thanked them as they took their Board walk.

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Finance: Finance Report March 2019: Mrs. Duncan presented the finance report in the absence of Mr. Causey. She stated that the finance report was previously sent in the board packet. Our year to date revenue was \$23,987,434 compared to last year

around this time it was \$27,043,146. The year to date expenditures were \$23,072,201 compared to last year's 23,644,343. At this time our revenue is over the expenditures. We are waiting on information from the State before presenting the 1st Reading for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget for our May meeting. Vehicle taxes continue to trickle in, most of our other taxes have been collected. After the presentation, the Board thanked Mrs. Duncan for the report.

Facilities/Operations Report – Mr. Leon Sturkey: Mr. Sturkey presented the Operation's report. He stated that the RFP for summer was published on March 13th and bids were received on April 12th at 11:30 AM. Painting will be at Marion High School, Easterling Primary School and McCormick Elementary School. The paint projects must be completed by August 12th 2019.

Mr. Sturkey stated that on April 4th the request for Qualification for Architectural services was posted on SCBO and the district website. The deadline to receive questions concerning the request is April 11th, 2019, and the deadline for submission of the RFQ is at 11:00 am on April 25th

Mr. Sturkey stated that he would need to discuss the generators for cafeterias and the Rains Centenary School in executive session.

Clear Bag Policy: Mr. Sturkey stated that in order to provide a safe and secure environment for our students, staff, parents, community members, officials, opposing teams and their fans, Marion County Schools will implement a Clear Bag Policy for all athletic events effective August 2019. Dr. Bethea asked for 1st Reading approval of the Clear Bag Policy at Athletic Events. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve this motion. Mr. C. While moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mr. C. White).

Human Resources Report / Updates - Mrs. Paula Grant: Dr. Bethea stated that executive session was needed for personnel.

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Bethea presented her monthly updates to the Board from the various Administrative Departments. See Attachment.

Out-of-State and Over-Night Travel: Dr. Bethea presented the following Out-of-District and Over-night travel request for approval. She stated that it would be an incentive field trip for students and the number of chaperones needed were also listed as required

Out-of-State Travel: Mullins High School Band – NC A&T State University Music Blowout @ NC A&T State University, Greensboro, NC. April 27, 2019

Out-of-State Travel: Mullins High School SAT/ACT Students @ Carowinds – Charlotte, N.C. May 3, 2019 (Student SAT/ACT Incentive)

Out-of-State Travel: Creek Bridge FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) @ Carowinds – Charlotte, N.C. April 26, 2019

Over-night Travel: Palmetto Middle School - Distinguished Gentlemen Leadership Retreat @ Myrtle Beach State Park, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina – May 31 – June 2, 2019.

Out-of- State Travel: ACT State USA National Competition @ Louisville, Kentucky – June 23 – 30, 2019

Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to officially approve these travel requests from Dr. Bethea. Motion by Mrs. Neal, seconded by Mrs. O. White to officially approve these request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. Atkinson, Chairperson Legette, Vice-Chairman Davis, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Neal and Mr. C. White).

Review and Action: Student Transfer and Release: Dr. Bethea presented the student transfer and release for Board approval. The Board had a brief discussion concerning the number of students transferring out of the District and their reasons for leaving. Chairman Legette stated that they needed to discuss this with the Attorney. Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to approve the recommendation from Dr. Bethea. Mr. C. White moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White to approve Student Transfer and Release request as presented; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Mrs. Neal, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White and Mrs. Atkinson).

Dates to Remember - Conference / Meeting Reminders/ Board Comments:

Chairperson Legette reminded the Board of the upcoming events and meetings. The next regular Board meeting will be held May 21, 2019 @ 6:00 pm. Spring Break will be April 15-19, 2019. On April 10, 2019, the South Carolina School Board will host 2DAC School-Board-Strong training.

Board members discussed several School District concerns such as bus driver shortage, their funding source, more programs needed at the Academy for Career & Technology, the number of employees needed for 2019-2020 school year, the three year visitation of school uniforms and their cost and property that is not being utilized. There was a brief discussion in reference to these concerns and the Administration was asked to check.

Executive Session: Chairperson Legette asked for a motion to go into executive session for Personnel and legal updates. Motion by Mrs. Neal, seconded by Mrs. O. White to approve this request; and the Board voted unanimously to approve. (Vice-Chairperson Davis, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette and Mrs. Neal).

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

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

Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Davis that we accept the Administration's hiring recommendation as given; and the Board voted unanimously to approve this request (Mr. C. White, Mrs. O. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Neal and Vice-Chairperson Davis).

Mrs. Neal moved, seconded by Mrs. O. White that we accept the lowest bidder for the installation of food service generators, and to include in the contract that change orders cannot exceed 10% of the total bid; as recommended; and the Board voted

unanimously to approve this request (Mr. C. White, Chairperson Legette, Mrs. O. White, Mrs. Atkinson, Vice-Chairperson Davis and Mrs. Neal).

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