

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM
719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571
December 10, 2024

Board Members Present: Mrs. Nadine Foxworth, Mrs. Patricia Atkinson, Ms. Ogleretta White, Rev. Cynthia Brown, Mr. Derrick Weeks 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: Dr. Mark Bunch gave the invocation.

Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present: Mrs. Foxworth welcomed everyone to the December 10, 2024, 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 December 10, 2024 agenda. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Ms. White and the vote passed. (Mrs. Foxworth, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Atkinson, Ms. White and Mr. Hill).

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion to approve the November 12, 2024 Special Called Workshop minutes, November 19, 2024 monthly meeting minutes and November 21, 2024 Special Called meeting minutes. Ms. White moved, seconded by Mr. Hill and the vote passed. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Atkinson, Ms. White, and Mr. Hill) 1 abstain – Rev. Brown.

Marion County School District Special Presentations: Dr. Bethea and Mrs. Susanne Elvington recognized the MSCD Proud Award Recipient.

Reports from Administration / Review and Action Items:

Finance Report: Mrs. Angel Cooper presented the November 2024 financials. This report was presented as information. No executive session was requested.

Facilities/Operations Report: Mr. Jason Jordan presented the Operations and Facilities update. Mr. Jordan briefed the Board on all facility projects in the district (completed and in progress). He requested a Special Called Workshop for the TRANE Energy Grant Project for January 21, 2025 at 4:30. Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion to approve the Special Called Workshop for the TRANE Energy Grant Project. Mrs. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill and the vote passed. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Atkinson, Ms. White and Mr. Weeks). The Board asked question during this time. An executive session was requested for contractual matters.

Human Resources Report / Updates – Mrs. Stacy Wilbanks presented the personnel actions. An executive session was requested for personnel actions.

Superintendent's Report / Update: Dr. Bethea asked Dr. Holcombe to present the Turnaround School Plans that will be sent to the SDE. The Board asked questions during this time. Dr. Bethea continued with RESET updates: met with the Office of School Transformation to discuss district

support and resources and submitting the Turnaround School Plans for approval; writing and math initiatives have started

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. Mr. Weeks moved, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson and the vote passed. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Dozier, Mr. Hill, Ms. White and Mr. Weeks)

No Public Participation

Agenda Items for Next Month / Calendar Reminders: Board members were allowed to express concerns or comments. Ms. White gave an update from the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly.

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

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

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

Personnel: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion. Mrs. Atkinson move to accept the Superintendents' recommendations for the December 10, 2024 Personnel Actions, seconded by Ms. White and the vote passed. Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Mrs. Atkinson, Ms. White, and Mr. Weeks).

Personnel: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion. Mrs. Atkinson move that the employment contract for the 2024-2025 school year for Employee A be voided based on the failure of Employee A to maintain a valid educator certificate as required by the contract, seconded by Mr. Dozier and the vote passed. Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Mrs. Atkinson, Ms. White, 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 and Mr. Weeks). The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.