

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM
719 North Main Street – Marion, South Carolina 29571

May 27, 2025

5:30 pm

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

Call to Order & Notification of Board Workshop: 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 May 27, 2025, Special Called Meeting.

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

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion to approve the May 27, 2025 agenda. Ms. White moved, seconded by Mr. Hill and the vote passed. (Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Atkinson, Ms. White, Mr. Dozier, and Mr. Hill).

2025-2026 Proposed Budget Workshop: Mrs. Angel Cooper presented the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. She shared the House and Senate projections for FY 2026. Mrs. Cooper gave a breakdown of local, state and transfer revenues. She gave an update on the salary study and competitive edge adjustment (Phase 3). The Board asked questions during this time. She shared the basis of budget for FY 2026 based on the Senate projections and gave a budget comparison of Budget 2024-25 and the Proposed Budget 2025-26. Mrs. Cooper explained the different function codes. The Board asked about increasing the base salary of the custodians, posting retiree positions, allowing students to take laptops home again and possibly offering some kind of incentive if the laptops are returned undamaged. Dr. Bethea explained that a sizeable amount was spent on laptop repairs.

Approval of 2025-26 FY Preliminary Budget – 1st Reading: Chairperson Foxworth requested an executive session.

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

Open Session: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion to come out of executive session. Mrs. Atkinson 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, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Hill, and Ms. White).

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

Approval of 2025-26 FY Preliminary Budget – 1st Reading: Chairperson Foxworth requested a motion to approve the 1st Reading of the 2025-2026 FY Preliminary Budget. Ms. White moved, seconded by Mr. Dozier to approve the request and the vote was unanimous.(Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Atkinson, and Ms. White)

Adjournment: Mrs. Foxworth requested a motion to adjourn. Ms. White moved, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson to approve this request; and the vote was unanimous (Mrs. Foxworth, Mr. Dozier, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Atkinson, and Ms. White). The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.