

Minutes
MARLBORO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Marlboro County School Board
Monday – December 5, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. - Media Center

Present: **Ms. Lucy Parsons, Chair**
 Mrs. Barbara Ohanesian
 Mr. Jackie Branch
 Mr. Michael Coachman
 Rev. Artemus Woods
 Mr. Danny Driggers
 Mr. Robert Goff
 Ms. Nan Fleming
Absent: **Mrs. Janice Bright**

- A. Call to Order:** The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.
- B. Invocation:** The invocation was given by Mr. Branch
- C. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was amended as follows:

Mr. Goff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Driggers to delay the superintendent's evaluation until such time the attorney can be present. The vote was (4-2) with Mr. Branch, Mr. Driggers, Mr. Goff and Ms. Parsons in favor. Mr. Coachman abstained; Mr. Woods and Ms. Fleming were opposed. Mrs. Ohanesian was not present at the time and Mrs. Janice Bright was absent.

Dr. Tillar stated the board has not received information late from she or her her administration.

Mr. Driggers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goff to have a special meeting to finalize the superintendent's evaluation on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 pm. The vote was (5-2) with Mr. Coachman, Mr. Branch, Mr. Driggers, Ms. Parsons and Mr. Goff in favor, Mr. Woods was opposed; Mrs. Ohanesian was not present for the vote and Mrs. Bright was absent.

- D. Notification of News Media:** In accordance with the S.C. Code of laws, Section 30-40-80(d), as amended, the following were notified of the time, date, place and agenda for the meeting: Marlboro Herald-Advocate, WBSC, The Cheraw Chronicle, WCRE, WJSG-FM, Northland Cable, The Laurinburg Exchange, The Morning News, The Community Times, WEGX-FM, WLMC, WEWO/WAZZ and Chesterfield County Shopper.

E. Recognitions

Cleanliness Awards: Dr. Howell presented the cleanliness awards for the month of November to the District Office and Wallace Elementary/Middle School.

Special Recognitions: Dr. Tillar recognized Robert Goff, board member, who will rotate off the board this month and Lynn Tweed, executive administrative assistant who is retiring.

Holiday Greeting Card Winners: Dr. Howell announced the Christmas Greeting Card Winners for this year: The winners were given \$100. each, they were Samantha Vigoya – MCHS, Jamil Gillespie - SOD, Brianna Quick – SOD and Ashton Myers – WEMS. Honorable Mentions received \$25 each and they were Taylor Balling-MCHS, Hope Hardison-SOD, Kaovi Hicks-SOD, Kaitlin Locklear-MCHS and Diques Covington-MCHS.

Open Session:

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion by Mr. Branch, seconded by Rev. Woods the board unanimously approved the minutes for November 7 & 17, 2016

Individuals or Groups who wish to appear before the Board:

There was no one who wished to speak

Board Items from November:

Caution to Board regarding modification to Policy BDH: Ms. Nan Fleming presented information as caution to the Marlboro County School Board members, as a whole, as it relates to modifications to Board Policy Code BDH Board Consultants/Staff Assistants.

Second Reading of Policy BDH-Board Consultants/Staff Assistants: A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Driggers to approve second reading of Policy BDH-Board Consultants/Staff Assistants. As amended. The vote was approved (5-3) with Mr. Goff, Mr. Driggers, Mr. Branch, Ms. Parsons and Ms. Ohanesian in favor. Opposed were Mr. Coachman, Mr. Woods and Ms. Fleming. Mrs. Bright was absent

A motion was made by Mrs. Ohanesian, seconded by Mr. Driggers to amend the original motion to read the **board will have final approval on consultants hired for more than 60 days per school year as well as the specific purpose they are hired and for what period of time they will be hired.**

Ms. Ohanesian asked the superintendent to have legal to take a look at the amended policy BDH and bring back any suggestions.
The amended motion was approved (5-3) with Mr. Driggers, Ms. Ohanesian, Mr. Branch, Mr. Goff and Ms. Parsons in favor. Opposed were Mr. Coachman, Rev. Woods and Ms. Fleming. Mrs. Bright was absent.

Board Items for January:

Update on Blenheim Ball fields	Mr. Driggers
Update on Wallace Ball field	Mr. Coachman
Culinary Project Cost	Ms. Parsons

Administrative Services:

Update on Small Projects: Dr. McLeod reported the carpet will be replaced in McColl School during the Christmas break and the high school has cracked tile that will be repaired also during the Christmas break. The culinary has been put on hold due to no response to bids. Reported the contractors are working on goals getting lowered in Wallace and have not had any response to proposals for the Blenheim ball fields.

AMIkids Infinity Trip to Florida: Upon a motion by Mr. Coachman, seconded by Rev. Woods the board unanimously approved the request by Ms. Dease, principal of AMIkids Infinity School trip to an AMIkids Challenge Event in Hudson, Florida at the Work of Life Conference Center. The dates will be January 17-18, 2017. As with all AMIkids overnight trips, they have a 1:5 staff to student ratio and provide 24 hour awake supervision while at the event. All expenses will be covered by AMIKids Inc. Travel will be by chartered bus.

Finance

Financial Report as of November 16 2016: Mr. Wes Park, Chief Financial Officer gave a financial statement as of November 16, 2016. The District's cash and investment balances on hand for the four primary operating accounts were \$1,945,856. As of November 16, 2016 the District had expended \$10m138,872 of a \$32,047,689 budget or 31,64% of budget.

Presentation by Derrick, Stubbs and Stith, LLP, 2016 Annual Financial Audit: Mr. Tim Monahan with Derrick, Stubbs and Stith, LLP presented the 2016 audit report giving the district an unqualified or "clean" opinion based on its financial statements.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment

Analysis of District Test Data: Dr. John Lane, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment presented a PowerPoint on the district's test data, saying the district's results were "somewhat mixed" and reported plans for improvement in the future.

Online Testing Readiness Award: Mr. Jimmy Toole, director of Technology reported the school district will receive more than \$1.5 million from the S.C. Department of Education to help prepare for the eventual shift to online administrations of state mandated tests. The State Department of Education has directed all schools districts to be able to conduct assessment online. The date required for readiness is believed to be 2017-18 school year. The funding will be used to add new computer labs and upgrade existing labs in our schools. The funds will also be utilized to provide for computers, computer lab furniture, data and electrical wiring, network switches and associated costs.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Tillar reported:

- Spelling Bee will be held at the Blenheim School Auditorium January 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- End of second 9 weeks will end January 12, schools will hold student achievements and awards programs . A schedule will be sent out soon.
- January 20, 2017 reports will go home.
- January 16 the schools will be closed observing Martin Luther King Day.
- Dr. Tillar passed out folders to board members with various school information in it..

Approval of High School Petitions: Upon a motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Woods the board unanimously approved 3 high school petitions.

F.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Mr. Goff the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Barbara Ohanesian, Secretary

Lucy Parsons, Chairman

