

**Minutes**  
**MARLBORO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Marlboro County High School Media Center**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
**Monday August 5, 2013 6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Ms. Lucy Parsons, Chair  
Ms. Nan Fleming, Vice Chair  
Mr. Jackie Branch, Secretary  
Ms. Deborah Peterkin  
Mr. Robert Goff  
Mrs. Barbara Ohanesian  
Mr. Michael Coachman

**Absent:** Mrs. Valerie McClain  
Mrs. Janice Bright

- A. **Call to Order:** The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.
- B. **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.
- C. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by Mr. Branch
- D. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Goff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Branch to amend the original agenda by moving items 2012-2013 Testing Results and Testing Overview – Calculating the Results both under Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, to be presented after Administrative Services. The board unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Coachman, seconded by Ms. Peterkin the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

- E. **New Business**  
**Recognition**  
**FY 2012-13 Boardmanship Institute Recognition:** Dr. Helena Tillar, Superintendent recognized Mr. Jackie Branch for completing level 2 of leadership training through South Carolina School Board Association.

**Open Session:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Upon a motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Coachman the Board unanimously approved the minutes for Public Hearing June 24, Meeting June 24, June 27 & July 8, 2013.

**Individuals or Groups Who Wish to Appear Before the Board:**

Mr. Tim McNeil, shared concerns regarding the test scores and federal report card ratings. He also asked the board to make sure principals have the resources and staff they need and to make sure adequate funding is directed toward the classroom.

**“Marlboro Edge” Presentation:** Ms. Gloria Dudley, Director of the EDGE program gave a short presentation on the program, stating it got its start about three years ago with a task force created to find ways to improve the education of the county’s labor force.

**Update on the Marlboro Edge/Industrial Training Center:** Dr. Ron Bartley, president of Northeastern Technical College, updated the board on a proposed industrial training center for Marlboro County. He reported that this project is industry-driven, led by the county’s Economic Development Partnership. Part of the now vacant Bennettsville Elementary School building located on Lake Paul Wallace is being leased from the school district to use as the training center. Building renovations will take place in three phases and fund raising must be complete and funds in hand before renovations begin with NETC serving as the lessee. The renovations will be overseen by the State Engineer’s Office and state procurement rules would apply as well as local building codes.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with North Eastern Technical College (NETC)**  
Upon a motion by Mr. Coachman, seconded by Ms. Peterkin the board unanimously approved the memorandum of understanding so the project can move forward.

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

**Acceptable Use Policy (Technology):** Upon a motion by Mr. Coachman, seconded by Ms. Peterkin the board adopted 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the acceptable Use Policy.

**Testing Overview---Calculating the Results:** Mr. Titus Duran an education consultant gave an overview of ESEA Waiver grade system saying the federal grading system is a product of “a flawed system.” He stated there is such a discrepancy between the state and federal accountability systems that some schools and school districts in South Carolina have excellent state report cards, but “F” federal ratings.

**GEMS (GT) Update:** Ms. Teresa Battle, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment gave an update on the Gifted and Talented program on how the program will be structured in the upcoming school year.

**Finance**

**Financial Report as of July 16, 2013:** Wes Park, Chief Financial Officer presented the financial statement as of July 16, 2013. The District’s cash and investment balances on hand for the four primary operating accounts were \$5,616,077. The district has expended \$365,307 of a \$29,241,319 budget or 1.25% of budget.

**Adoption of Resolution to Authorize G.O. Bond Issuance:** Upon a motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Peterkin the board unanimously authorized the signature of the Board Chair and the Secretary of the Board for the resolution authorizing Issuance and Sale of tax exempt general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,070,000 through the South Carolina Association of Governmental Organizations Program.

**Human Resources**

**2013-2014 Board Meeting Schedule:** Upon a motion by Ms. Fleming seconded by Mr. Branch the Board approved the 2013-2014 Board Meeting Schedule.

**Adoption of Changes in Policy JJ Student Activities**

**Along with Policy JJ-R Student Activities (Activities Rule):** Upon a motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Fleming the Board adopted 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policy JJ Student Activities along with policy JJ-R Student Activities(Activities Rule)

**Administrative Services**

**Marlboro County High School Field House Repair:** Dr. McLeod gave an update on repairs that are being made at the MCHS Field House as a result of a water leak under the floor.

**Blenheim Sports Complex:** Dr. McLeod presented potential layouts for a sports complex at the new Blenheim School.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Tillar reported the district's summer programs served 552 students in grades K-8.

Also reported the district has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Clemson Center for Workforce Development and the Duke Energy Foundation. The grant will be used to purchase materials and pay for a field trip for participating students.

**F. Executive Session**

Upon a motion by Mr. Coachman, seconded by Mr. Goff the Board entered into executive session to discuss:

Personnel Matter: resignations and hiring

Property Matters – Wallace Project

Contractual Matters - Wallace

**Open Session**

Upon a motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by, Mr. Branch the Board reconvened in open session.

**Board Action Taken on Executive Session Items:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Ohanesian seconded by Mr. Goff the Board unanimously approve 4 elections and 2 resignations.

Elections

Adriana Wingard, School Psychologist, District Office

Juanita Harrington, Teacher, BEMS

Tiffany Lemon, Guidance, WEMS

Isabella Ocean, Teacher, MEMS

Resignations

Tina Mack, Guidance Counselor, BEMS

Stacey Walker, Teacher, MEMS

**G. Adjournment:** Upon a motion by Mr. Coachman the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Lucy Parsons, Chairman

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Jackie Branch, Secretary