

MARENGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2024

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. Freddie Charleston, President.

Establishment of a quorum.

Members present: Mr. Freddie Charleston, Mrs. Lynda Joiner, and Mr. Rayvell Smith.

Members absent: Mr. John McAlpine and Mr. Chester Moore.

The invocation was given by Mr. Charleston.

Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Joiner. The motion passed unanimously.

Second Approval of Previous Meetings

The motion for second approval of the May 21, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes, the May 30, 2024, Called Board Meeting Minutes, and the June 6, 2024, Called Board Meeting Minutes (with the following correction to Item 5) was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Joiner:

That the Board approve paying \$20,000 to Nya Harris and Tiffany Johnson Cole, Ms. Harris' attorney, as settlement for the accident that occurred on August 21, 2019, in which Loretta Kennedy, substitute bus driver, failed to yield the right of way.

The motion carried unanimously.

I, Calvin Eaton, Superintendent of Education of Marengo County Schools, do hereby make the following recommendations:

Business Matters

- Bob Young – Frazer Lanier  
(discussion of \$750,000 line of credit)
- Wendy Joiner – Instructional Leader  
(update on Summer Learning and ACAP Scores)
- Richard Johnson – CSFO  
(update on May, 2024, Finance Report and FY 2024 Budget Amendment)

Amendment to the Agenda to include Item A / Approval of Resolution

An amendment was made to the agenda to include item A.

- A. That the Board adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of an up to \$750,000 warrant anticipation note (Series 2024 Warrants) of the County Board of Education of Marengo County, Alabama, in financing for capital improvements.

The motion to approve item A as made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Joiner. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

1. That the Board approve the purchase of a new vehicle for the Superintendent.
2. That the Board approve contracting with Boardman Carr Law Firm to update the Policy Manual and Student Code of Conduct Handbook.
3. That the Board pay Terry Norton a \$500 supplement for serving as Interim Superintendent from May 1, 2024, through May 22, 2024.

New Business

4. That the Financial Reports for May, 2024, be approved.

5. That the General, Federal, Capital Projects, Accounts Payable, and Payroll account bank statements as reconciled by Chief Financial Officer and reviewed by the Superintendent for May, 2024, be approved.
6. That the Superintendent be authorized to make application for Title I Funds, Title II Part A Funds, Title IV Part A Funds, Vocational Federal Funds, IDEA Part-B School Program Funds, IDEA Part-B Preschool Program Funds, Title VI-B Rural, At-Risk State Funds, ARP Part B, ARP Preschool, and LETRS for Fiscal Year 2025.
7. That the recommended State Department of Education 2024-2025 Federal Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced meals in the food service program be adopted for the 2024-2025 school year.
8. That the following food service and meal price schedule be adopted for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

	Students			Adults	
	Paid	Reduced	Extra Meals	Employees	Outside the School System
Breakfast	2.00	.30	2.00	3.15	3.50
Lunch	2.75	.40	2.75	4.65	5.75

A la Carte Item (Milk): \$0.50

9. That the Board approve Child Nutrition Program Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for 2024-2025.
10. That the following bids be approved:

<u>Bid Number</u>	<u>Item(s)</u>
024-520	LP Gas

To be accepted:

Suburban Propane  
Montgomery, Alabama

1.87 per gallon firm

No bids received from:

Ferrell Gas  
Thompson Gas

(Item 10, continued)

Bid Number    Item(s)

024-521        Gasoline and Diesel

To be accepted:

Pruett Oil Company Uniontown, Alabama	2.4478	per gallon low grade gasoline, option 2, up to 10% Ethanol (escalator provision)
	2.5412	per gallon diesel (escalator provision)

Other bid received:

Pruett Oil Company	2.849	per gallon low grade gasoline, option 1 (escalator provision)
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No bids received from:

Dozier Oil Company  
Parr's Inc.

024-522        Copier Paper  
(225 cases of 8 ½ x 11)

To be accepted:

Contract Paper Group Cuyahoga Fall, Ohio	\$7,553.25
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Other bids received:

Newell Paper Company	8,730.00
Strickland Companies	8,959.00

No bids received from:

Colony Office Products  
Dade Paper

11. That the Child Nutrition Program bid for milk be approved for a one-year extension under Bid No. 023-517. There was a clause in this original bid that was awarded to Prairie Farms Dairy of Hammond, Louisiana, that stipulated an option for renewal without having to re-bid at the same prices as indicated below:

.3923	½ pint homogenized flavored milk (chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla)
.3923	½ pint homogenized unflavored milk
.66	½ pint shelf-stable flavored milk
.66	½ pint shelf-stable unflavored milk

12. That the Board approve a 2024-2025 contract for Occupational Therapy Services and Physical Therapy Services (August, 2023, to May, 2025) with Helping Hands Therapy of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The occupational therapy services and the physical therapy services will be provided at \$70.00 per hour, if provided at any of the schools. This contract includes evaluations / assessments, therapeutic interventions / treatment sessions, participation in the development of IEPs, parent / teacher training as needed, and technical assistance.
13. That the Board approve membership in the Alabama Association of School Boards.
14. That the Board approve participation in the Alabama Association of School Boards Policy Pipeline.
15. That the Board approve membership in the School Superintendents of Alabama.
16. That the Board approve the staff addition of a 10-month Instructional Specialist.
17. That the Board approve the staff addition of a 12-month Staff Accountant.
18. That the Board approve a service contract agreement for strategic planning with Scott Educational Consulting LLC.
19. That the Board approve the 2024-2025 Work Session and Board Meeting schedule.
20. That the Board approve the 2024-2025 payroll calendar for certified and classified employees.

Personnel Recommendations

21. That the Board approve the Superintendent’s personnel recommendations as follows:

Employment of Certified Employees

Jennifer Busby	A. L. Johnson High School	English Language Arts Teacher
Josh Patrick	A. L. Johnson High School	General Social Science Teacher
Anitra Tolbert	A. L. Johnson High School	Elementary Teacher
Peyton Clark	Sweet Water High School	Elementary Teacher

Employment of Support Employees

Dorthea Carter	A. L. Johnson High School	Special Education Aide
Charlette Young	Marengo High School	Child Nutrition Program Worker
Madalyn Langley	Sweet Water High School	PreK Auxiliary Aide

TEAMS Contracts

Camille White	A. L. Johnson High School	Science Teacher
Sherri Davis	Sweet Water High School	Math Teacher
Tony Echols	Sweet Water High School	Science Teacher
Jill Hamilton	Sweet Water High School	Science Teacher

The motion to approve items 1 through 21 was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Joiner. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

- State Examiners of Public Accounts (Exit Conference) – Monday, June 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.
- Business Industry and College Meeting on June 24, 2024, in the central office
- Back-to-School Institute at Wallace Community College on August 1, 2024

Date and Time of Work Session and Next Regular Meeting of the Board

The date and time of the work session is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

The date and time of the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Joiner. It carried unanimously.