

MARENGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 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, Mr. John McAlpine, Mr. Chester Moore, and Mr. Rayvell Smith.

Members absent: none.

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. It carried unanimously.

Second Approval of April 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The motion for second approval of the April 25, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes was made by Mrs. Joiner and seconded by Mr. Smith. It carried unanimously.

I, Terry Norton, Interim Superintendent of Education of Marengo County Schools, do hereby make the following recommendations:

Business Matters

- Richard Johnson – Financial Update  
Mr. Richard Johnson, CSFO, gave the Board members a financial update. In the General Fund, the cash balance as of March 31, 2024, was \$3,591,602.42. The receipts were \$1,023,782.37 while the expenditures were \$1,310,586.17. This left an April 30, 2024, cash balance of \$3,304,798.62.
  
- Wendy Joiner – Instructional Update  
Mrs. Wendy Joiner, Instructional Leader, gave an update to the Board members. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the ACAP Summative Reading Subtest Scores were released. Ninety percent (64 out of 71) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students met the cut score and 96% (76 out of 79) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders met the cut score. Third grade students that did not meet the cut score will re-take the test on June 24, 2024. A. L. Johnson High School will serve as a lab for students to receive their Large Equipment Certification from Wallace Community College. Thermal scanners and weapons detection systems have been ordered for all schools

Unfinished Business

1. That the Board approve revised FILE: DIDC (Bid and Quotations) as presented to the Marengo County Board of Education on April 25, 2024.
  
2. That the Board approve revised FILE: IGE (Graduation Requirements) as presented to the Marengo County Board of Education on April 25, 2024.

Mr. Moore made the motion to approve items 1 and 2. A second came from Mrs. Joiner. It carried unanimously.

New Business

3. That the Financial Reports for April, 2024, be approved.
  
4. 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 April, 2024, be approved.
  
5. That the Board approve the 2024 Summer Learning Supplement Pay Scale.

6. That the following bid be approved (to be paid with Alabama Summer and Afterschool Program / ASAP Grant):

<u>Bid Number</u>	<u>Item(s)</u>
024-519	Literacy and Math Kits (Learning Mats) and Professional Development

To be accepted:

Learn Thru Movement Ithaca, New York	\$47,185.00
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No bids received from the following:

Action Based Learning  
Geyer Instructional Products  
Lakeshore Learning  
Moving Through Math

7. That the Board approve the solicitation of bids for gasoline / diesel, LP gas, copier paper, and milk for the 2024-2025 school year.

Personnel Recommendations

8. That the Board approve the Interim Superintendent's personnel recommendations as follows:

Non-Renewal of Certified Employees

Skyler Browder	A. L. Johnson High School	Teacher
Kadijah Brownridge	A. L. Johnson High School	Teacher
Edward Griffin	A. L. Johnson High School	Teacher
Anitra Tolbert (waiting for official Praxis scores)	A. L. Johnson High School	Teacher
Angel Moore	Marengo High School	Teacher
LaCosta Retic	Marengo High School	Teacher
Nakireyah Brothers	Sweet Water High School	Teacher
Lareina Clark	Sweet Water High School	Teacher
Sarah Meeks	Sweet Water High School	Teacher
Breanna Thompson	Sweet Water High School	Teacher

Non-Renewal of Support Employees

Geraldine Tucker	A. L. Johnson High School	Teacher Aide
Iesha McCarty	Marengo High School	Teacher Aide
Kymberli May	Sweet Water High School	Custodian
Julie Shubert	Sweet Water High School	PreK Aide
Angie Williams	Sweet Water High School	Child Nutrition
Ashley McCoy	Sweet Water High School	Child Nutrition

Resignation

DeWana Coopwood (effective May 24, 2024)	Sweet Water High School	ACCESS Aide
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Mrs. Joiner made the motion to approve items 3 through 8. A second came from Mr. Smith. It carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

- Spring Sports Update
  - Marilyn Miller (non-faculty) and Clifford Matthews, Marengo High School girls track coaches, were congratulated for coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Girls State Track Competition that was held in Cullman County.
  - Sweet Water High School softball team and Coach Ty Glass were congratulated for winning the Class 1A Area Tournament and making an appearance at the softball regional tournament.
  - Sweet Water High School varsity baseball team and Coach Dawson Turberville were congratulated for their Class 1A Runner-Up finish in the AHSAA State Championship.
- Tate Luker, Sweet Water High School Librarian, was recognized for his work on ordering and setting up a new book vending machine in the library.
- Schneider Electric Update  
Electrical infrastructure work is scheduled to begin next week. VoIP phone system is scheduled to be completed this summer.
- The Board discussed the possibility of adjusting the Summer Camp Schedule from a five-day week to a four-day week schedule. Mr. Norton was asked to relay the discussion with incoming Superintendent, Dr. Kalvin Eaton.

Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting of the Board

The date and time of the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. A special called Board meeting will be scheduled prior to this date.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 5:36 p.m. was made by Mr. McAlpine and seconded by Mr. Smith. It carried unanimously.