

# A meeting of the Board of Education of Marion School District No. 3

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Kind of Meeting: Regular**

**Date: September 22, 2011**

**Place: District Administration Office**

**Time: 6:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Members Absent

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A. Jan Thomas, Jr.

Presiding Officer

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Rev. Jeffrey Richardson

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Steve A. Sutton

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Phillip M. Brick

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Darrylee Arms

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Brian Proffitt

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Daryel Jackson

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A regular meeting of the Marion School Board was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at the District Administration Office, with A. Jan Thomas, Jr., Rev. Jeffrey Richardson, Steve A. Sutton, Phillip Brick, Darrylee Arms, Brian Proffitt and Daryel Jackson in attendance. Also in attendance were Don Johnston, Superintendent; Alfred Hogan, Asst. Superintendent; Dr. Robin Catt, Director of Elementary Education; Hugh Inman, Director of Secondary Education; W. T. Duncan, Athletic/Facilities Director; Stephen Landers, MHS Principal; Chester McGee, Outgoing Board Member; Zach Pankey, MHS Student; Mr. and Mrs. Barry Pankey, Parents; Pat Magruder & Ferran Espin, Magruder Architects; Gary Meece, *Evening Times*; and Peggy Cozart, Secretary to Superintendent.

Don Johnston called the meeting to order.

Don Johnston conducted the election of the school board president.

Steve A. Sutton nominated A. Jan Thomas, Jr. for school board president. Darrylee Arms seconded the nomination. Mr. Thomas was elected president with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Thomas then asked for nominations for vice –president.

Darrylee Arms nominated Steve A. Sutton for vice-president. Rev. Jeffrey Richardson seconded the nomination, and Mr. Sutton was elected vice-president with a unanimous vote.

Rev. Jeffrey Richardson was nominated for secretary by Darrylee Arms. Steve A. Sutton seconded the nomination, and Rev. Richardson was elected secretary with a unanimous vote.

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Darrylee Arms nominated A. Jan Thomas, Jr. as disbursing officer and all other board members as alternates. Phillip Brick seconded the nomination. Mr. Thomas was elected disbursing officer with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Thomas welcomed Daryel Jackson, new board member, to the meeting.

The minutes of the regular board meeting on August 25, 2011 were approved with a motion from Daryel Jackson, second from Brian Proffitt and a unanimous vote.

The board reviewed the finance and enrollment reports. No action was required.

### Special Recognition:

Stephen Landers recognized Zach Pankey, MHS Senior, as a National Merit Semi-Finalist. Mr. Thomas presented Zach with a certificate recognizing his achievement.

Mr. Thomas presented a plaque to Chester McGee recognizing his years of service to the school boards of Turrell and Marion.

The board approved a request from the Marion Athletic Booster Club to hold their annual chili supper at the MHS cafeteria on October 28, 2011, with a motion from Steve A. Sutton, second from Phillip Brick, and a unanimous vote.

Sandy Malloy, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, requested a leave of absence on October 28. The board approved this request with a motion from Daryel Jackson, second from Brian Proffitt, and a unanimous vote.

Jeff Altemus reviewed the ARRA Projects, and the board gave final approval to the activities to be funded with ARRA money with a motion from Steve A. Sutton, second from Daryel Jackson and a unanimous vote. (Project list attached.)

Jeff Altemus reviewed the construction projects for 2011-2012, and Pat Magruder reviewed proposed designs for classroom additions at Marion Elementary.

Jeff Altemus reviewed the 2011-2012 budget. Daryel Jackson made a motion to approve the budget. Steve A. Sutton seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Altemus stated that the district had been contacted by First Assembly of God Church in West Memphis asking if the district would be interested in purchasing 25 acres adjacent to our 40 acres off Bill's Grill Road. The 25 acres are north of the railroad tracks, east of Highway 77, and on the southern boundary of our property. Steve A. Sutton made a motion to defer action on this item until the October board meeting. Phillip Brick seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, CONTINUED

### Resignations:

1. Patricia Rudd, Special Education Teacher, MES (August 29, 2011)
2. Keya Turner, Bus Driver (October 3, 2011)

### Transfer:

1. Janet Hallman, from 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher to Special Education Teacher, MES (replacing Patricia Rudd) Requirement: Must complete yearly requirements of ALP.
2. Cindy Shumate, from Instructional Asst., MIS, to Technology Learning Institute Clerk
3. Evelyn Simison, from Special Education Paraprofessional, MIS, to Instructional Paraprofessional, MIS (replacing Cindy Shumate)

### Employ:

1. Joshua Bradley, Bus Driver (half route) 9/12/2011

### Other:

1. Employ Mike Douglas to write newspaper articles under a temporary work agreement (\$25.00 per hour, max of 20 hours per week. If needed, hours may be extended by the superintendent.)

The personnel recommendations were approved as presented with a motion from Daryel Jackson, second from Steve A. Sutton and a 6-0 vote. (Mr. Richardson left the room during the discussion and vote on the personnel recommendations.)

Mr. Richardson returned to the meeting for the drawing for terms. Darrylee Arms requested and received a two-year term. The terms drawn were:

A. Jan Thomas, Jr.	5 years	Steve A. Sutton	3 years
Rev. Jeffrey Richardson	5 years	Phillip Brick	4 years
Brian Proffitt	1 year	Daryel Jackson	4 years

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Phillip Brick, second from Brian Proffitt and a unanimous vote.

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A. Jan Thomas, Jr.

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Rev. Jeffrey Richardson

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Date