

## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEWBERRY COUNTY**

*These Board Highlights are provided to employees of the School District of Newberry County as an overview of the Board of Education meetings. They are not meant to be actual minutes of the meeting, but rather highlights of the meeting's actions.*

**Meeting Date – January 25, 2021**

### **Establish Quorum/Approval of Agenda**

A quorum was established with 7 members present.

The meeting was called to order with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Welcome and Recognition of the Media (via livestream)**

#### **Election of Board Officers**

The following officers were voted upon for 2021:

Chair – Lucy Anne Meetze; Vice-Chair – Jessie Reeder; Secretary – Clyde Hill

Appointed offices – Claims Liaison – Quin Cureton; Legislative Liaison – Jody Hamm

### **Special Recognition/ Board Appreciation**

The Board Chair read the South Carolina School Boards Association's Ethical Principles and Mr. Suber read a proclamation from the Governor as part of Board Recognition Month.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the December 14, 2020 Board Meeting were approved.

### **Staff Reports**

Finance – Mrs. Susan Dowd

- Cash Flow Report with a balance of \$19.6 mil.
- Minority Business Report/Emergency Procurements Report – information from 2020 regarding business with minority businesses and emergency procurements were presented.
- Budget Calendar meeting dates for the 2021-2022 were given and reviewed with the Board.
- ESSER II Funding received from the state - \$6.9 mil.

COVID-19 Updates – Mrs. Tricia Ulch

- COVID-19 metrics and tracking numbers, along with the COVID-19 Dashboard found on the district website were shared.
- Quarantine protocol was reviewed, including the reduced quarantine options.
- Vaccination dissemination was discussed. Unknown as to when Phase 1b will begin.

Transportation – Dr. Timothy Hunter

- Bus capacity/ seating charts/ mask requirements were presented to the Board.
- Attendance/Truancy concerns were expressed by the Board.

Operations – Mr. Kenneth Rawls

- Disinfecting protocols were reviewed, including the use of the fogging machines.

- Updated the plexiglass delivery and installation progress.
- M-C Track construction progress was shared.

Human Resources – Dr. Carson Ware

- Accreditation Report was presented with all schools receiving an all clear/accredited status.
- COVID-19 Related Leave will continue to cover employees for COVID-19 related absences.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Suber reported on the following:

- Districtwide Focus
  - Mask compliance (students and staff)
  - Social distancing
  - Cleaning/ disinfection
- District Recruitment Fair – February 20, 2021 at MCHS from 9:00-11:00 am

### **Executive Session**

The Board entered into executive session.

### **Return to Open Session**

### **Action from Executive Session**

- None

### **Adjournment**

The Board voted to adjourn at approximately 9:20 p.m.