

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 – February 22, 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)

Special Recognition

Child Nutrition Department received a \$10,000 grant from the Carolina Panthers and GENYouth.

The District recognized the following employees who retired in 2020:

Ms. Alice Boozer – Computer Lab Monitor – Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School

Dr. Randolph Bowers – Teacher – Newberry High School

Ms. Linda Boyd – Child Nutrition – Gallman Elementary School

Ms. Ann Cannon – Instructional Assistant – Boundary Street Elementary School

Mr. Chuck Chappell – Maintenance – Facilities Maintenance

Ms. Angela Clark – Instructional Assistant – Newberry Middle School

Ms. Terri Cromer – Instructional Assistant – Whitmire Community School

Ms. Kathy Evans – Child Nutrition- Whitmire Community School

Mr. Todd Frazier – Assistant Principal – Whitmire Community school

Ms. Donna Hagen – Media Specialist – Whitmire Community School

Ms. Beverly Leslie – Director – Newberry County Career Center

Ms. Eleandor Minick – Child Nutrition – Newberry Elementary School

Ms. Kim Moore – Teacher – Mid-Carolina High School

Ms. Wendy Pollard – School Counselor – Newberry Alternative School

Ms. Susie Smith – School Counselor – Mid-Carolina High School

Ms. Tavy Stribble – Teacher – Newberry Middle School

Ms. Donna Surret – Teacher – Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 25, 2021 Board Meeting were approved.

Action Items

The Board approved the administration's recommendation on Local Board Approved Courses presented by Dr. Lynn Cary.

Staff Reports

Finance – Mrs. Susan Dowd

- Cash Flow Report with a balance of \$27.1 mil.

Operations – Mr. Kenneth Rawls

- Capital Project Timeline Updates – MCHS Track update projected completion April 2021.
- Technology/Internet Challenges – AT&T and Segra are working to identify the programming issues that are causing slow internet speeds in our district.
- Phone Access – long distance phone call access should be made available to all phones in the district, possibly via an access code.

Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary

- Learning Options Survey 2021-2022 – the survey to be sent to parents regarding their interest in a virtual option will be issued on March 1.
- High school and career center teachers were surveyed and 72% prefer the 4x4 schedule.

COVID-19 Update – Mrs. Tricia Ulch

- COVID-19 Metrics/ Tracking Numbers – most recent COVID-19 numbers were presented. District information can be found on the COVID Dashboard on the district website.
- Vaccine Update – over 500 have requested the vaccine.

Student Services – Dr. Tim Hunter

- Bus Capacity and Routing – working at 67% capacity. 5 bus drivers are currently out due to various reasons; 5 routes are having to be double-routed.

Human Resources – Dr. Carson Ware

- AR-IJNDB-R – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction – updated to reflect our new practices and to comply with the SC Public Records Act.
- SDNC Recruitment Fair – 15 attendees came to the Recruitment Fair.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Suber reported on the following:

- SCSBA Annual Convention – Board members shared information from sessions attended.
- Budget Planning with Principals – February 23 and 25 – FYI Only
- 2021-22 Budget Planning Calendar Review

Executive Session

The Board entered into executive session.

Return to Open Session

Action from Executive Session

- Approved the administration's recommendation for hiring.
- Approved the administration's recommendation to issue a Notice of Intent to award, to McMillon Pazdan Smith Architecture for a complete District Facility study and master plan consulting service report of the study's findings and assessments, and to issue a Notice to Proceed after the 10-day protest period is satisfied.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn at approximately 9:45 p.m.