

## **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 – March 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**

2020 Retiree - Ms. Suzanne Dippel – Teacher – Mid-Carolina Middle School

Zach Hornsby – MCHS Wrestler - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state wrestling tournament for his weight class. Coached by Carlos Hernandez.

2020 Senior Beta Club Convention

Newberry High School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Onsite Painting Division II – Azucena Mejia-Santiago

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish Test – Liliana Rojas-Aldrete

3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Service Learning Showcase – Jaliyah Sims

3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Service Learning Showcase – Ahmirah Wilmore

NHS Beta Club Sponsors – Allison Hall, Taylor Harmon, Leslie McDuffie, Hal Mooneyham, Hannah Rowe

Mid-Carolina High School

1<sup>st</sup> Place Creative Writing, Division I – Hannah Hamilton

1<sup>st</sup> Place Language Arts, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Hannah Hamilton

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Math, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jack Gantt

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Math, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Rachel Redd

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Portfolio – Emma Wicker, Ashlyn Kinard, Taylor Derrick, Elyse Fellers, Bethany Day, Sarah Bryant, Emily Davis, Erica Davis, Emma Bundrick, Jessica Franklin, Macie Russell, Lacy Dodson, Katelynn Wimberly

1<sup>st</sup> Place Spanish, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Perla Lopez

3<sup>rd</sup> Place 3D Design – Ella Morales, Hannah Perkins, Bryn Thurman, Josie Shepherd, Cassidy Johnson, Ella Schaeffer

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Color Photography, Division I – Bethany Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Fiber Arts, Division I – Maya Williams

1<sup>st</sup> Place Sculpture, Division I – John Berry

1<sup>st</sup> Place Fiber Arts, Division II – Bailey Gause

1<sup>st</sup> Place Recyclable Art, Division II – Ashlyn Kinard

Best of Show, Division II – Bailey Gause – this award is only given to one student out of all the students that participated in visual arts and represents the project that judges think is the overall best.

MCHS Beta Club Sponsors – Taci Allen, Kindred Durant, Nicole Frick, Valerie Haltiwanger, Tabitha Harmon, Tiffani Lyles

Whitmire Community School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Color Photography, Division II – Grayson Brock

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Speech, Division II – Alexis Sanders

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Fiber Arts, Division II – Hanna Wagner

Beta Club Sponsor – LaVerne Brock

2020 SC Junior Beta Convention

Mid-Carolina Middle School

SC Jr. Beta President- Zoe Reid

1st place Campaign Skit- Brayden Banks, Logann Brooks, Madison Brown, Will Hawkins, Alana Stockman, Camryn Shealy

1st place- Marketing and Communication- Zoe Frick, Kursten Long, Alana Stockman, Carter Vinson

1st place- 3-D Design- Alyssa Chapin and Lexi Dixon

1st place- Service Learning- Arie Longshore and Gabi Riddle

1st place- Black and White photo- Kylie Ringer

1st place- Mixed Media- Camryn Shealy

1st place- Recycled Art- Eliza Dixon

2nd place- Apparel Design- Addie Bowers, Ava Long, Ava Jackson, Emma Metts

2nd place- Poetry- Savannah Perez

2nd place- Portfolio- Kynley Mack, Dakota Perry and Julianne Wicker

3rd place- Creative Writing- Ava Pullen

3rd place- Speech- Hannah Quattlebaum

3rd place- Drawing- Eliza Dixon

MCHS Jr. Beta Sponsors - Mrs. Kelly Hawkins, Mrs. Lori Frampton, Ms. Abby Nix, Ms. Kristin Caughman, Mr. Patrick Connelly, Mrs. Cecilia Kelly, Mrs. Kerry Stribble, Mrs. Melissa Livingston, Mrs. Wendy Shealy, Mr. Les Arkin, Ms. Courtney Hentz, Mrs. Candice Dixon, Principal Deedee Westwood

Whitmire Community School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Recyclable Art – Chloe Hix

WCS Jr. Beta Sponsors – Becca Egan. Ms. Egan is also the state sponsor this year.

The following students are being recognized by the Office of Instruction as Junior Scholars. To qualify to become a Junior Scholar an eighth-grade student must take the PSAT and score 50 or higher in math, verbal and/or writing. Seventh grade students can also qualify to become a Junior Scholar if they are identified by the DUKE Tip program and are also invited to attend the “State” or “Grand” recognition or both as a seventh grader sponsored by Duke University’s Talent Identification Program (TIP). Seventh grade students are recognized by our district during their eighth-grade year.

MCMS- Ryan Crooks, Eliza Dixon, Kassidy Harrison, Emma Metts, Jackson Miller, Lane Muller, Lillian Stuck

NMS – Randall Berry, Hunter Cheek Rice, Aidan Coyle, William McDonald, Avary Rice

WCS - Lauren Biddle, Karleigh Biddle, Ashby Birmingham

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the February 22, 2021, Board Meeting were approved.

### **Action Items**

The Board did not approve the administration's recommendation to continue Newberry ONE eLearning Institute for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Board made and approved the motion to not offer Newberry ONE in 2021-2022 and not offer a virtual option for parents.

The Board discussed the option to return to five days of face to face instruction and determined that the district would not return to five days of instruction this school year.

### **Staff Reports**

Finance – Mrs. Susan Dowd

- Cash Flow Report with a balance of \$27.5 mil.
- Budget planning dates are April 19 and May 17 @ 6:00 pm; First reading is May 24 at the regular Board meeting; Public Hearing is June 7 @ 7:00 pm; Second reading is June 28 at regular Board meeting

Operations – Mr. Kenneth Rawls

- Construction update – MC Track Project

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 – 371 employees received the vaccine. 550 employees have received at least dose of the vaccine.

Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary

- Summer School – June 11- July 7 – 4 days per week. July 5 will be a holiday.
- 2021-2022 School Calendar – First Reading – open for feedback from students, parents, and employees

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Suber reported on the following:

- SCSBA Virtual Advocacy Day – March 17, 2021
- Graduation Schedules/ Prom Planning
  - Graduation Schedule
    - WCS – June 10 @ 7:00 pm in gymnasium
    - MCHS – June 11 @ 9 am at Lon Armstrong Stadium
    - NHS – June 12 @ 9 am at Mike Ware Field.
    - Rain out dates
      - MCHS- June 12 @ 5:00 pm
      - NHS- June 13 @ 5:00 pm
- Virtual Learning Day for all students – April 1

### **Executive Session**

The Board entered into executive session.

## **Return to Open Session**

### **Action from Executive Session**

- Approved the Administrative Recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year as presented by the Superintendent.
- Approved the 2021-2022 Teacher/Staff Recommendations on List A as presented by Administration.
- Approved the 2021-2022 Teacher/Staff Recommendations on List B as presented by Administration.

### **Adjournment**

The Board voted to adjourn at approximately 10:00 p.m.