

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 23, 2015

Establish Quorum/Approval of Agenda: A quorum was established with 7 members present.

Executive Session: The Board entered executive session.

On return to open session, the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Welcome and Recognition of the Media: Mr. Hamm welcomed visitors and the media.

Action from Executive Session:

Personnel Resignation(s)/ Recommendation(s):

Approved the administrative recommendations, and teachers and staff recommendations for the 2015-2106 school year as presented by Administration.

Approved the recommendation of non-renewal of certified professional staff as presented by Administration.

Received the following resignations: Anna Howard, Mid-Carolina High, English; Lauren Hagler, Whitmire Community, 3rd Grade; Morgan Rhodes, Newberry Middle, 7th Grade Math; Kristin Arneson, Newberry High, Science; Brittany Bolin, Newberry High, Science, Meredith Barfield, Pomaria-Garmany, 4th Grade; Benjamin Hafer, Newberry High, Math; Tammie Farr, Newberry Elementary 3rd Grade; David Coats, Mid-Carolina High, Social Studies; Brittany Allison, Mid-Carolina Middle, Chorus.

Received the following retirement: Dr. Cynthia Downs, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; Lynette Lever, Nurse, Pomaria-Garmany Elementary.

Accepted the administration's recommendation to hire the following: Tiffani Gaskin, Mid-Carolina High School, Math; Jessica Wheeler, Mid-Carolina High, Media Specialist.

Approved for Administration to enter into contract negotiations with McMillan, Pazdan and Smith, and Moseley Architects to assist with the Design Development and Construction Management as we make plans to move forward with future Capital Project.

Special Recognition:

Newberry High School

Leslie Facio – 3rd place in State Beta Club Convention Spanish Contest
Davon Powell (Sr. NHS): 113 lbs. 2A/1A State Wrestling Champion
Chris Wadsworth (Jr. NHS): 220 lbs. 2A/1A State Runner Up

Whitmire Community School

Kenny Page – Won the upper state and state championships in wrestling for the 138 lb. weight class. Also, selected to the 2015 North/South All-Star Wrestling Team.

Public Forum: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February 23, 2015 Board meeting were approved.

Action Items:

- A. Approved Draft 2 of the 2015-2016 School Calendar.
- B. Approved the fund balance request for up to \$156,000 to replace the outdated VBrick system in all schools with the purchase of Safari Montage. Approved the fund balance request for up to \$394,000 to purchase 4 classroom student mobile devices and 1 teacher mobile device for all grades 3- 5 classrooms.
- C. Approved First Reading of Policy IHCC Honors Program

Staff Reports:

- A. Finance – Ms. Susan Dowd
 - 1. Ms. Dowd presented the cash flow report with a balance of 18.4 ml.
 - 2. Ms. Dowd presented a Budget Update

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bennett mentioned May 13, 2015 for The Day at the Capital. Legislative Updates will be sent to the Board members as received. He reported on the new Teacher Evaluation System. Information and updates about the evaluation will be sent as well.

Adjournment: The Board voted to adjourn at approximately 8:45 p.m.