

**NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Administrative Building**  
**April 29, 2019**  
**Executive Session - 6:00 PM**  
**Public Board Meeting - 7:30 PM**

In accordance with the SC Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80(d), the following were notified of the time, place, date and agenda of this meeting:

- a. The Newberry Observer
- b. WKDK Radio Station
- c. Individuals Requesting Information

The following business was transacted:

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Jody Hamm, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM/APPROVE AGENDA**

A quorum was established with the following Board members in attendance: Mrs. Lucy Anne Meetze, Mr. Clyde Hill, Mr. Ike Bledsoe, Jr., Mrs. Jessie Reeder, Mr. Quin Cureton, Mrs. Gerdi Lake, and Mr. Jody Hamm.

Mr. Hamm requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Reeder seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Personnel Resignation(s)/Recommendation(s)
- B. Contractual Consideration(s)
- C. Legal Matter(s)

Mr. Hamm requested a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mrs. Reeder made a motion to enter into Executive Session and this motion was seconded by Mr. Bledsoe. The Board entered into Executive Session.

**IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:39 pm.

**V. INVOCATION**

Mrs. Lake gave the invocation.

**VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hamm.

**VII. WELCOME**

Mr. Hamm welcomed everyone on behalf of the Newberry County School District Board of Trustees.

**VIII. RECOGNITION OF THE MEDIA**

Mr. Hamm recognized the news media. He thanked the media for their attendance and coverage at Board meetings.

**IX. ACTION AS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to accept the Administration's recommendations for hiring. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Meetze and the vote was unanimous.

The Board received the following recommendations:

2019-2020 – Julie Kasik, Special Education, Newberry High School; Brande Fanara, Special Education, Boundary Street Elementary School; Janet Davenport, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Boundary Street Elementary School; Tina Wilkerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Boundary Street Elementary School; Laura Adams, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science, Mid-Carolina Middle School; Brooke G. Goad, Science, Mid-Carolina High School; Jeanne Willard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Whitmire Community School.

Received the following Resignations:

Bryce Duckett, Physical Education, Newberry Middle School; Riley Pagett, Band Director, Newberry High School.

**X. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The Board of Trustees recognized the following:

**Mid-Carolina Middle School**

2019 SC State Academic Team Champions

Madelyn Coker  
Katlyn Mae Crooks  
Ryan Crooks  
Jack Gantt  
Kendellin Haltiwanger  
Rachel Redd  
Serenity Richburg  
Micah Schafer  
Campbell Stuck  
Emma Stuck  
David Vanzadelhoff  
Maya Elena Williams

Coaches: Ms. Janna Richardson and Ms. Kristin Caughman

Third Place Density Lab Competition – South Carolina Science Olympiad

Jack Gantt  
Matthew Moyd

South Carolina Beta Club Council

Mrs. Deedee Westwood

## **Mid-Carolina High School**

### All State Chorus

Hailey Roach

## **Newberry County Career Center – SkillsUSA Competition**

### Mechatronics – Second Place – Silver Medal

Andrew Boland

Joseph Murray

### Promotional Bulletin Boards – Second Place – Silver Medal

Jesus Ramirez

Johnathan Tiahuechtl-Huerta

### Customer Service – Second Place- Silver Medal

Nicolette Still

### Cabinet Making – First Place – Gold Medal

Noah Longshore

## **XI. PUBLIC FORUM**

Ms. Kayla Dewelt spoke to the board in regards to prescription drug use and how it is reported at schools. Ms. Dewelt feels a policy should be established and followed.

Mr. Artie Livingston addressed the board regarding the MCHS track facility. Mr. Livingston stated that Mid-Carolina finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in girls and 2<sup>nd</sup> in boys in the Class AAA Region. Twenty athletes will be competing this Saturday in the Upper State Championship at Seneca High School. Mr. Livingston believes the students at Mid-Carolina High School have waited too long for a new facility and wants to know when construction will begin.

Mr. Drew Bunce also spoke in favor of a new Mid-Carolina Track and Field Facility. Mr. Bunce, an eleventh grade student, has been a member of the track team since seventh grade. He stated that he has been running on the same track from 28 years ago. During his time at Mid-Carolina, he stated only one track meet has been held at Mid-Carolina High School. Mr. Bunce provided pictures of the current track which showed sealant to repair existing cracks. Mr. Bunce explained without a proper track and field facility students experienced injuries and must travel to various schools to compete. Mr. Bunce asked the board to construct a new track and field facility for the athletes and the future of the Mid-Carolina High Track Team.

Mr. Suber presented the available answers to the questions presented at the March Board Meeting. Mr. Suber stated that the district is in favor of constructing a new track and field facility at Mid-Carolina High School and that it was a high priority capital project. At this time, the district does not have a specific timeline relating to the completion of a new track facility at MCHS.

**XII. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 25, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND APRIL 8, 2019 BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Mr. Hamm stated that without objection, the minutes of the March 25, 2019 Board Meeting and April 8, 2019 Budget Work Session would be approved. There were no objections.

**XIII. ACTION ITEMS**

A. District Strategic Plan – Office of Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary

Dr. Cary presented the District Strategic Plan. Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to accept the District's Strategic Plan with the caveat that it is not a spending plan and any money disbursed should be going through the normal process. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**XIV. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Finance – Mrs. Susan Dowd

1. Cash Flow

Mrs. Susan Dowd provided the Board with a cash flow summary by fund which included a total through March 31, 2019, as well as a current general fund budget report showing a balance of \$17,883,301.31 in the general fund, \$3,094,950.83 in Federal projects, \$3,073,751.31 in EIA funds, \$595,863.64 in other state restricted funds (i.e. educational lottery money), and a total in all categories of \$24,378,346.03.

Mrs. Susan Dowd provided the Board with a cash flow summary by fund, with a total through March 31, 2019, of \$692,736.69 for technology/construction funds.

Mrs. Dowd also reminded the board of the upcoming Budget Work Session on May 13, 2019.

B. Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary

1. AdvancEd Report

Dr. Cary presented the District's AdvancED report. In January, the AdvancED team visited the district and conducted a system-wide review. The School District of Newberry County received an overall score of 316.29, which is well above average. The District's accreditation was renewed for another five years.

**XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. SDNC Retirement Dinner – May 23<sup>rd</sup> at NMS – 6:00 pm

B. 2019 Graduations –

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Newberry Adult Education – at NHS – 7:00 pm

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Whitmire Community School – 7:00 pm

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Mid-Carolina High School – 7:00 pm

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Newberry High School – 7:00 pm

SDNC Administrative Retreat – June 27<sup>th</sup> at District Office – 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Mr. Suber made the Board aware of the events above.

**XVI. ADJOURN**

No further business was discussed. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Newberry County Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 20, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Administrative Building. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:32 pm.

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Secretary

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Board Recorder

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Date