

NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Administrative Building
August 27, 2018
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. Jody Hamm, Mr. Hugh Gray and Mr. Lee Attaway.

Mr. Suber requested an agenda amendment to include the District Teacher of the Year and the Support Staff Employee of the Year Reception as item four of the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Hamm requested a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Attaway seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Mr. Hamm requested a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Attaway 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 7:44 pm.

V. INVOCATION

Mr. Attaway 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. Hamm asked if there was any action to be taken from the Executive Session.

Mr. Haney, on behalf of the Administration, made a recommendation to proceed with Lindler's Construction to assist with the utility project at the Newberry County Career Center.

Mrs. Meetze made a motion to accept the Administration's recommendation. Mr. Bledsoe seconded the motion. Mr. Attaway requested to abstain from the vote. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to accept the Administration's recommendations to hire below. Mr. Gray seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Accepted the administration's recommendation to hire the following: Shanek Cooper, Math, Mid-Carolina High School; Manuel Cuicas, Spanish, Newberry High School; Ricky Simon, Math, Newberry High School; Kaydene Dawkins, Math, Newberry High School.

Dr. Hunter, on behalf of the Administration, made a recommendation to award the purchase and installation of 68 Fleet Talk portable radios for our District school buses, and 17 Fleet Talk portable radios (1 at each school location) to Rock Communications for \$68,223.40. This amount, as discussed during our budget work sessions, will be funded from the District's Fund Balance.

Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the Administration's recommendation. Mr. Attaway seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

X. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the following:

Mid-Carolina Middle School – National Beta Club Convention

Ashlyn Kinard – 2nd place in Recycled Art

Mid-Carolina Middle School Academic Team – placed second at the National Academic Challenge

Katie Mae Crooks

Nicole Curtis

Jack Gantt

Sam Hawkins

Maya Williams

Mid-Carolina High School Band

MCHS Band had two members to be selected for the All State Band.

Judah Rendleman

Rachel Shealy

XI. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

XII. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 23, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Hamm stated that without objection, the minutes of the July 23, 2018 Board Meeting would be approved. There were no objections.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Bond Resolution – Mrs. Susan Dowd

Mrs. Dowd requested that the Board consider the Bond Resolution as presented. Mr. Attaway made a motion to accept the Bond Resolution and this motion was seconded by Mrs. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Policy I – Instruction - Dr. Lynn Cary

Dr. Cary presented Policy IKFC and Rule IKFC-R, Employability Credential, for second reading.

In addition, Dr. Cary presented Policy IKADD and Rule IKADD-R, Content and Credit Recovery, for first reading.

Dr. Cary requested to present IKA-R at the next board meeting. Upon further review, the Administration would like to address some issues before presenting this rule to the Board.

After discussion, Mr. Gray made a motion to accept Policy IKFC and Rule IKFC-R, Employability Credential, for second reading and to accept Policy IKADD and Rule IKADD-R, Content and Credit Recovery, for first reading. Mr. Attaway seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bledsoe requested clarification on the district's summer reading program. Dr. Cary reported that the district encourages all students to read over the summer and wants to reward those students. However, Honors and AP students are required to complete the summer reading and will be required to complete an assignment for a major grade.

B. 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 July 31, 2018, as well as a current general fund budget report showing a balance of \$13,560,822.85 in the general fund, \$1,818,276.64 in Federal projects, \$2,367,370.24 in EIA funds, \$478,178.97 in other state restricted funds, (i.e., educational lottery money), and a total in all categories of \$18,224,548.70.

Mrs. Susan Dowd provided the Board with a cash flow summary by fund, with a total through July 31, 2018, of \$1,013,739.53 for technology/construction funds.

XV. Superintendent's Report

1. SCSBA School Law Conference

Mr. Suber, Mrs. Reeder, Mr. Gray and Mr. Bledsoe reported on their attendance at the SCSBA School Law Conference on August 25 – 26, 2018.

Mr. Suber reported that Mary Beth Tinker, plaintiff in Tinker vs Des Moines Independent Community School District (1969), spoke to the group at the general session about the students' rights to protest and their freedom of speech while the district's responsibility was to maintain safety and order. Mr. Suber also commented that other districts attending the conference were impressed with the School District of Newberry's Social Media Policy.

Mrs. Reeder commented that Ms. Tinker stated that more love and stability is needed in the classroom and we should all learn from our children. In addition, Mrs. Reeder reported that Congress needs to work with school administrators when making changes to child nutrition programs. Mrs. Reeder commented that School Board members need to be involved but stay in their "lane". Mrs. Reeder also stated that we should all be very careful with social media.

Mr. Bledsoe gave the district credit for keeping the board members up to date. Several board members from other districts were not aware of several topics and policies discussed. In addition, Mr. Bledsoe shared that the district can limit exposure by limiting speech on social media. Mr. Bledsoe learned that school district boards have been given authorization to weigh-in on alcohol consumption near schools. He also learned about the retired educator certification program that may help the district in the future. Mr. Bledsoe shared that students should be allowed expression that does not interfere with instruction time.

Mr. Gray also commented on the district administration and staff keeping board members informed of policies and regulations. He was shocked to find that other district board members did not have the same communication. Ms. Tinker's presentation reinforces the fact that middle and high school students must learn how to express their views and values in a way that does not interfere with instructional requirements. Mr. Gray agrees with giving young people the appropriate opportunity to share their values at the appropriate time. Mr. Gray mentioned the alcohol consumption issue which may be a distance component that boards must approve. Mr. Gray will research this issue further.

2. 2018-2019 School Opening

Mr. Suber reported on the 2018-2019 school opening. Mr. Suber stated that the schools had an extremely smooth first week of school and he was impressed with the schools and the students. Mr. Suber thanked the board members who were able to visit schools. Several principals positively commented on the opening of school.

3. 2018-2019 Enrollment Figures

Mr. Suber reported on the 2018-2019 enrollment figures. The Day 5 enrollment equals 5,945 students. Last year's Day 5 enrollment totaled 6,012. The difference in the figures was attributed to the large 2018 graduating classes at Newberry High School and Mid-Carolina High School.

4. District Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year Reception

Mr. Suber reported that the District Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee

of the Year Reception will be held on October 18, 2018, at Newberry Middle School, 6:00 pm.

XVI. ADJOURN

No further business was discussed. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Newberry County Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Administrative Building. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:28 pm.

Secretary

Board Recorder

Date