

**NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Administrative Building**  
**December 10, 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 6:00 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, Mrs. Gerdi Lake and Mr. Quin Cureton.

Mr. Suber requested an agenda amendment to include AdvancEd Overview as item two of the Instruction Staff Report. Mr. Hamm requested a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Reeder seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Mr. Hamm requested a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Hill 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 7:34 pm.

**V. INVOCATION**

Mr. Hamm 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. BOARD OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. Kyle Parker from Pope, Parker, Jenkins Attorneys, P. A. administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Clyde Hill who has served for 22 years, and newly elected Mrs. Gerdi Lake and Mr. Quin Cureton.

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

Mr. Hamm stated that no actions are necessary.

**XI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized the following:

**Mid-Carolina Middle School – Awards from the South Carolina State Fair**

Carsyn Hydrick – Best in Show - Photography  
Chauncey Hardrick – First Place – Baking

**Mid-Carolina High School – 3A State Cheer Champions**

Kirsten Bickley, Nadia Bookman, Taylor Boyd, Lylah Brooks, Hannah Cook, Taylor Derrick, Kirah Eigner, Dontasia Farrow, Jessica Franklin, Emma Fulmer, Hayleigh Fulmer, Kimberly Graham, Shealy Graham, Ashlyn Howe, Elizabeth Hunter, Dottie Jacobs, Delaney Martin, Gabriele Mason, Lexi Medlock, Anna Merchant, Caroline Nelson, Campbell Nolting, Ashtyn Perry, Brenna Perry, Madison Reta, Bailey Rivas, Alana Shealy, Amanda Summers, and Niyla Williams

**Coaches:** Sherry Bedenbaugh, Amber Goree, Mallory Green and Jessica Folk

**Boundary Street Elementary School - National Blue Ribbon Beacon Award**

**XII. PUBLIC FORUM**

Ms. Nikki Hutchinson addressed the board during the public forum concerning school safety measures.

**XIII. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2018 BOARD MINUTES**

Mr. Hamm stated that without objection, the minutes of the November 12, 2018 Board Minutes would be approved. There were no objections and the minutes were approved.

#### **XIV. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Finance – Mrs. Susan Dowd**

###### **1. Audit Report**

Mr. Andrew Coleman with Green Finney, LLP presented the District's Audit report. The District was given an unmodified opinion. Mrs. Reeder made a motion to accept the District's Audit report as presented. Mr. Bledsoe seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### **XV. 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 November 30, 2018, as well as a current general fund budget report showing a balance of \$8,568,060.86 in the general fund, \$2,427,213.31 in Federal projects, \$2,657,283.95 in EIA funds, \$408,108.37 in other state restricted funds (i.e. educational lottery money), and a total in all categories of \$13,791,245.43.

Mrs. Susan Dowd provided the Board with a cash flow summary by fund, with a total through November 30, 2018, of \$767,706.08 for technology/construction funds.

##### **B. Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary and Dr. Carson Ware**

###### **1. School Report Cards**

Dr. Carson Ware, Director of Accountability, Assessment, and Professional Development, presented the 2018 School Report Card Release from the South Carolina Department of Education.

###### **2. AdvancEd Overview**

Dr. Cary stated that the AdvancEd six-member team will visit the district from Sunday, January 13, 2018 through Wednesday, January 16, 2018. The team will conduct interviews with the Board Members on Monday, January 14, 2018. Thirty days after the visit, the AdvancEd team will provide a report to Mr. Suber.

#### **XVI. Superintendent's Report**

A. Mr. Suber reported that he along with several board members attended the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference in Charleston, SC on December 7-9, 2018. Mr. Hamm mentioned the discussion of the upcoming Legislative Session and the State surplus funds that he hopes will be used for education. Mrs. Reeder stated that flexible school starting date was discussed and expressed her appreciation to all teachers in our district. Mr. Hill stated that we should have a world class education in this state with better teacher recruitment. Retired teachers are still in the classroom due to the teacher shortage with a retirement earnings limitation. Mr. Hill also reported that school safety and the bus system was also discussed at the conference. Mrs. Meetze reported that our district teachers need a safe way to express themselves. In addition, the district needs to provide an avenue for teachers to share struggles and provide support. Mr. Bledsoe reported that 83% of teachers leave the profession for reasons other than pay and teachers are being asked to do so much more than teach. Mr. Bledsoe believes we need to do everything we can for teachers so that they can teach. Mr. Cureton reported that legislators are working to develop a safe school environment. Mr. Suber stated the state is experiencing a shortage of School Resource Officers and the district would like to see a SRO in each school. The Panic button technology has been absolutely wonderful for our district. The district must be proactive to improve school safety by conducting Crisis Response drills.

- B. Mr. Suber reported that the District Recruitment Fair will be held on February 2, 2018, at Mid-Carolina High School from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Mr. Suber invited all Board members to attend.
- C. Christmas Holidays will be observed from December 24, 2018 until January 4, 2019.
- D. January 7, 2019 is Teacher Planning and Preparation throughout the district.
- E. Mr. Suber reported that Boundary Street Elementary School will attend school on May 27, 2019 as a make-up day due to the electrical outage.
- F. Mr. Suber restated that the AdvancED visit will be January 13, 2019 through January 16, 2019, with Board member interviews on January 14, 2019.
- G. Mr. Suber reported that the district will observe a two-hour delay tomorrow, December 11<sup>th</sup>, due to possible inclement weather.

**XVII. ADJOURN**

No further business was discussed. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Newberry County Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Administrative Building. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:56 pm.

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Secretary

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Board Recorder

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Date