

**NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Administrative Building**  
**January 28, 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 6:00 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, Mr. Quin Cureton, and Mrs. Gerdi Lake.

Mr. Suber requested an agenda amendment to include SC Leader In Me Symposium as item F in the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Hamm requested a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Meetze seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Personnel Resignation(s)/Recommendation(s)
- B. Contractual Consideration(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 7:34 pm.

**V. INVOCATION**

Mrs. Reeder 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. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Mr. Suber presided over the Election of Board Officers. Mr. Bledsoe nominated Mr. Jody Hamm to serve as the Board Chairman for 2019. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Clyde Hill nominated Mr. Ike Bledsoe to serve as the Board Vice Chairman for 2019. The vote was unanimous. Mrs. Reeder nominated Mr. Clyde Hill to serve as the Board Secretary for 2019. The vote was unanimous.

The Board Officers for 2019 are as follows: Mr. Jody Hamm, Chairman; Mr. Ike Bledsoe, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Clyde Hill, Secretary. Mr. Hamm appointed Mrs. Lucy Anne Meetze, Legislative Liaison and Mr. Clyde Hill as Claims Liaison.

**X. 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. Bledsoe made a motion to accept the Administration's recommendation for hiring. Mrs. Reeder seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Board received the following recommendations:

2018-2019 - Katie Arciero, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School  
2019-2020 - Chandler Keith, Math, Newberry High School

The Board received the following Retirement(s):

Kim Miles, Special Education, Newberry Middle School; Emmett Sullivan, Math, Mid-Carolina High School; Timothy Lyden, Principal, Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School; Cindy Roy, Physical Education, Prosperity-Rikard Elementary; and Deborah Anderson, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Little Mountain Elementary School.

The Board received the following Resignations:

Emily Aldrete, Biology, Newberry High School; Amy Sarver, Resource, Newberry High School; Jennifer Narvarte, Science, Newberry Alternative School; Lacey Hallman, School Counselor, Newberry Middle School; Alexis Nystrom, Science, Whitmire Community School.

**XI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION/BOARD APPRECIATION**

The Board of Trustees recognized the following:

Mr. Kobe Sligh from Newberry High School was recognized for his participation in the North South All-Star football game on December 15, 2018, at Coastal Carolina University. Mr. Sligh was selected to play defensive tackle.

Mr. Donald Addis from Whitmire Community School was recognized as the South Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association's Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Lee Attaway was recognized for 20 years of loyal and dedicated service to the School District of Newberry County Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Lucy Anne Meetze was recognized for 15 years of service to the School District of Newberry County Board of Trustees and received her 15 year pin from the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Mr. Suber stated that January is School Board Appreciation month and thanked each Board member for their dedication to our school district. He also read a proclamation from the Governor. All board members signed the Ethical Principles Pledge poster provided by the South Carolina School Boards Association.

**XII. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no public comments.

**XIII. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Hamm stated that without objection, the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Board Meeting would be approved. There were no objections.

**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 December 31, 2018, as well as a current general fund budget report showing a balance of \$14,597,510.62 in the general fund, \$2,245,577.80 in Federal projects, \$2,722,741.36 in EIA funds, \$449,616.70 in other state restricted funds (i.e. educational lottery money), and a total in all categories of \$19,746,025.42.

Mrs. Susan Dowd provided the Board with a cash flow summary by fund, with a total through December 31, 2018, of \$743,929.78 for technology/construction funds.

**2. Minority Business Report**

Mrs. Susan Dowd presented the Minority Business Report (FY 2018-2019).

**3. Budget Calendar (2019-2020)**

Mrs. Susan Dowd presented the Budget Calendar Draft for 2019-2020.

**B. Operations – Mr. Joey Haney**

**1. Kendell Road Construction Update**

Mr. Joey Haney and Mr. Bill Laughlin from Moseley Architects gave the board an update on the Kendell Road Complex for the Office of Facilities Management, Bright Beginnings and Adult Education.

**C. Human Resources – Mrs. Pamela Arrington**

**1. Recruitment Initiative**

Mrs. Pamela Arrington reported that as of July 1, 2018, the district became eligible to participate in the Rural Recruitment Initiative Grant for the 2018-2019 school year. This grant has been used for recruitment expenses and website upgrades developed by Splash Omnimedia. The School District of Newberry County has an established microsite called [teachatnewberry.com](http://teachatnewberry.com) dedicated to recruitment and will also be advertising through several social media platforms. Mrs. Arrington demonstrated various applications of the microsite.

**XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Mr. Suber reported that February 18, 2019, will be a Make Up Day due to Hurricane Michael.

B. May 27, 2019 is a make-up day for Boundary Street Elementary School due to an electrical outage.

- C. Mr. Suber reported that Mid-Carolina Middle School is a Palmetto's Finest Finalist. The winner will be announced on March 19, 2019.
- D. The School District of Newberry County Recruitment Fair will be held this Saturday, February 3, 2019, at the Mid-Carolina High School Cafeteria from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
- E. Mr. Suber stated that the School District of Newberry County Strategic Planning meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, at the District Office.
- F. Little Mountain Elementary School is a South Carolina Leader in Me Symposium School. The school will participate in this symposium on February 28, 2019, 9:30 am to 11:30 am, in Columbia, SC.

**XVI. ADJOURN**

No further business was discussed. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Newberry County Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the Administrative Building. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:17 pm.

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Secretary

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Board Recorder

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Date