

**NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Administrative Building**  
**March 25, 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 6:05 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 as submitted. Mr. Bledsoe made the motion to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hamm discussed the process for community members to participate in the public forum.

**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 vote was unanimous. The Board entered into Executive Session.

**IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:34 pm.

**V. INVOCATION**

Mr. Bledsoe 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. Bledsoe made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendations for Administrators for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to accept the Administration's recommendations for Teacher/Staff on List A for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Reeder seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with the following exceptions: Mr. Bledsoe abstained from 14-32 and 14-33 of the Teacher/Staff recommendations; Mrs. Meetze abstained from 5-30 and 10-37 of the Teacher/Staff recommendations.

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

The Board received the following recommendations:

2019-2020 – Asia Cooper; English, Newberry Alternative School; Rodney Siau, Math, Mid-Carolina High School; Zachary Oswald, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Mid-Carolina Middle School; Carla Rivers, Guidance, Newberry Middle School; Anna Dusenbury, Media Specialist, Newberry Elementary School; Sandra Gable, Science, Newberry Middle School; Michelle Oswald, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School; Maria Obias, Math, Mid-Carolina High School; Crystal Collins, Science, Mid-Carolina High School; Tori Morris, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Little Mountain Elementary School; Susan Bowers, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Whitmire Community School.

The Board received the following resignations:

Amanda Edmonds, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Newberry Middle School; Amanda Tolbert, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Little Mountain Elementary School; Kaydene Dawkins, Math, Newberry High School; Shanek Cooper, Math, Mid-Carolina High School; Pamela Graham, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Newberry Elementary School; Vanessa Devore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Whitmire Community School; Kanakamary Nadarajan, Science, Mid-Carolina High School; Robert Fisher, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Whitmire Community School; Mattie Smith, English, Newberry High School.

Mrs. Reeder made a motion to approve an employee's request for leave in excess of 90 days. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bledsoe. The vote was unanimous.

**X. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The Board of Trustees recognized the following:

**Junior Scholars:** Journee Ballenger, McKenzee Chadwick, Clayton Cooley, Katy Mae Crooks, Giada Fanara, Davis Franklin, Cassidy Johnson, Olivia Martin, Ella Morales, Haley Patterson, Rachel Redd

## **Senior Beta Club State Winners**

### **Mid-Carolina High School**

Ashlyn Kinard – First Place – Visual Arts, Division I (Recyclable Art)  
Ashlyn Kinard – First Place - Best in Show, Visual Arts  
Bailey Gause – Second Place - Visual Arts, Division I (Painting)  
Tyler Shackelford – Second Place – Speech, Division I  
Drew Bunce – Second Place - Social Studies, Division II, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Emma Wicker, Ashlyn Kinard, Emily Davis, Erica Davis, and Josie Blanchard – First Place  
- Service Learning Showcase  
Club award: National Beta School of Merit

MCHS Beta Club Sponsors: Taci Allen, Phyllis Chebbi, Kindred Durant, Nicole Frick, Tabitha Harmon, Tyler Hook, and Tiffani Lyles

### **Newberry High School**

Zerolar Chapman, Ana Morales, Melanie Perez - First Place - Marketing and Communications  
Connor Shannon – Third Place - Onsite Art, Pencil, Division I  
Sydney Glasgow, Mohamed Hassan, Shevante Powell, Mattison Rumfelt – Third Place - Robotics

NHS Beta Club Sponsors: Allison Hall, Hal Mooneyham, Leslie McDuffie, Taylor Harmon, Hannah Faile

### **Whitmire Community School**

Grayson Brock - First Place – Photography, Division I  
Hanna Wagner - Third Place - Fiber Arts, Division I  
Chelsea Goggins, Ka'Isjah Hall, Deja Livingston, Jordyn Brooks – Third Place - Marketing and Communications

WCS Beta Club Sponsors: Laverne Brock, Susie Brown, Gwen Clark, Tangnakika Brooks, Mark Wheatly, Eddie Bledsoe

### **Newberry High School**

Nick Paul was selected to play in the SC Basketball Coaches' Association North/South All-Star Game. Mr. Paul was also selected as Player of the Year in Region AAA and selected to the All-State team.

Ms. Caitlin Hart, Physical Education Teacher at Newberry High School, was selected as Head Trainer at the South Carolina/North Carolina All-Star Basketball Game.

Mrs. Emily Saddler, Coordinator of Parenting/Family Literacy, received the 2019 Kevin Swick Family and School-Community Partnership Award at the South Carolina Early Childhood Association Conference in February.

**XI. PUBLIC FORUM**

Ms. Gwen Davenport spoke to the board in regards to the track program at Mid-Carolina High School. She requested the board consider building a new track and field facility at Mid-Carolina High School. This new facility would benefit the 80 members of the Track and Field Team, other Mid-Carolina teams and physical education students.

Mr. Artie Livingston asked those present who are supportive of the Mid-Carolina High School to stand. He requested the board consider building a new track and field facility at Mid-Carolina High School. He pointed out that Mid-Carolina High School cannot host a track meet for their region. In addition, he asked the board to provide an update at the open session of the April Board Meeting. He posed several questions for the Board and Administration to ponder.

**XII. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Hamm stated that without objection, the minutes of the February 25, 2019 Board Meeting would be approved as submitted. There were no objections.

**XIII. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Office of Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary**

1. Board Policy IHBF – Medical Homebound Instruction – Second Reading

Dr. Cary presented Board Policy IHBF as Second Reading for Board approval. Mr. Hill made a motion to accept Policy IHBF as presented for Second Reading. Mr. Bledsoe seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**B. Human Resources – Mrs. Pam Arrington**

1. Policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity – Second Reading
2. Policy GCE – Professional Staff Recruitment – Second Reading
3. Policy GCEC – Posting and Advertising of Professional Vacancies – Second Reading
4. Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring – Second Reading
5. Policy GDF – Support Staff Hiring – Second Reading

Mrs. Arrington presented Policies AC, GCE, GCEC, GCF and GDF as Second Reading for Board approval. Mrs. Meetze made a motion to accept these Policies as presented for Second Reading. Mr. Bledsoe seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**C. 2019-2020 School Calendar – Office of Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary**

Dr. Cary presented the 2019-2020 School Calendar drafts. The Administration recommended Draft 1 to the Board. Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 School Calendar Draft 1. Mrs. Reeder seconded the motion. The vote was 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

**D. Textbook Adoptions – 2019-2020 – Office of Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary**

Dr. Cary asked Ms. Katrina Singletary to present the textbook adoptions for 2019-2020. Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the textbook adoptions as presented for 2019-2020. Mr. Cureton 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 February 28, 2019, as well as a current general fund budget report showing a balance of \$18,683,684.98 in the general fund, \$3,254,607.60 in Federal projects, \$2,975,038.47 in EIA funds, \$554,802.08 in other state restricted funds (i.e. educational lottery money), and a total in all categories of \$25,198,612.07.

Mrs. Susan Dowd provided the Board with a cash flow summary by fund, with a total through February 28, 2019, of \$697,602.45 for technology/construction funds.

**XV. Superintendent's Report**

**A. SDNC Retirement Dinner**

Mr. Suber stated that the SDNC retirement dinner will be held on May 23<sup>th</sup> at Newberry Middle School at 6:00 pm.

**B. Graduation Schedules**

Mr. Suber explained that graduation schedules were included in the Board members' packets and announced the dates, times, and locations for graduations and baccalaureate services.

**C. 2DAC – Two Days at the Capitol**

Mr. Suber reminded the Board of the upcoming 2DAC event on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 8:45 am.

**XVI. ADJOURN**

No further business was discussed. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Newberry County Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 29, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the Administrative Building. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:19 pm.

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Secretary

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Board Recorder

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Date