

NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Learning Center
December 16, 2013
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. The Whitmire News
- c. WKDK Radio Station
- d. 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: Mr. Jody Hamm, Mr. Hugh B. Gray, Jr., Mr. Ike Bledsoe, Jr., Mrs. Lucy Anne Meetze, Mr. Clyde Hill Mrs. Jessie Reeder and Mr. Lee Attaway.

Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Mrs. Reeder.

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 to discuss personnel resignation(s)/recommendation(s), contractual consideration(s), and personnel matter(s).

Mr. Bennett stated that the contractual considerations to be discussed would be on some District owned property and potential sale of that property. Also included in the contractual considerations were potential playground renovations at Boundary Street Elementary. The personnel matters include three (3) certified employees and one (1) non-certified employee.

Mr. Bledsoe made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Gray to enter into executive session to discuss personnel resignation(s)/recommendation(s), contractual consideration(s), and personnel matter(s).

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:38 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. Those present from the media were Tammy Kitchen and Natalie Netzel.

IX. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hamm asked if there was any action to be taken from the executive session.

Mr. Attaway made a motion to accept the Administration's recommendation for permission to enter into negotiations with the municipalities of Silverstreet and Whitmire regarding the disposal of surplus property at Silverstreet School and Old Whitmire High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and was passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bledsoe made a motion to accept the Administration's personnel resignation(s) and recommendation(s) which was seconded by Mrs. Meetze. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote. The Board received the resignation of Lana Geren, 5th grade at Whitmire Community School. They also approved the administrations' recommendation to hire Jonah Deuerling, Business Ed. at Newberry High School and Rebecca Matijevic, 5th grade at Whitmire Community School.

X. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized Bethany Cromer (Whitmire Community School) as the Region 1-A participant in the Girls Tennis Singles State Championship. Also recognized from Mid-Carolina High School were the following Varsity Cheerleaders who were AA Region II Champions and AA State Runner-up: Makenzie Cromer, Kara Dominick, Jessica Folk, Beth Fulmer, Sarah Harmon, Brittany Howe, Ally Koon, Kristin Rice, Brianna Bowers, Cadesha Davenport, Jamila Dewalt, Lexi Bass, Jessica Boozer, Carlee Collins, Emily Garner, Harper Graham, Summer Nolting, Summer Parkman, Jayden Peel, Morgan Remion, Tristan Rivas, Alexis Rodgers, Alleigh Berley, Riley Frazier, Cassie Frick, and Ashley Turner. Sherry Bedenbaugh is Head Coach and Amber Goree is Assistant Coach. They competed in 5 preliminary competitions with 5 first place finishes - Wildcat Invitational, Forest Acres Cup, Viking Invitational, Lake Murray Invitational, and Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic. The cheerleaders won the Class AA Division II Region Championship by defeating Ninety-Six and Batesburg-Leesville at the State Qualifying Competition. They qualified 4th out of 18 teams. The MCHS Varsity Cheerleaders placed 1st Runner-Up in the Class AA State Competitive Cheerleading Championship on November 23 at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia. There were 16 teams competing for the title.

XI. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments from the public.

XII. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2013 BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND DECEMBER 4, 2013 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Hamm stated that without objection, the minutes of the November 18, 2013 Board meeting minutes and the December 4, 2013 Board meeting minutes would be approved as submitted. There was no objection.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Human Resources – Mrs. Pam Arrington

Mrs. Pam Arrington presented for Board approval Second Reading of School Board Policy Changes as follows: Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences and Policy GDC Support Staff Leaves and Absences.

Mr. Hill motioned to approve the second reading of Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences and Policy GDC Support Leaves and Absences, which was seconded by Mr. Bledsoe. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

B. Finance – Mrs. Susan Dowd

1. Audit

Mr. Kevin Madden, with Greene, Finney, and Horton presented the 2013 Financial Audit. The District was issued an unmodified opinion which is the best opinion that can be received.

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 November 30, 2013 as well as a current general fund budget report showing a balance of \$4,432,361.89 in the general fund, \$442,931.85 in other state restricted funds, (i.e., educational lottery money) and a total in all categories of \$9,104,599.22.

Mrs. Dowd provided the Board with a cash flow summary by fund, with a total through November 30, 2013 of \$3,129,288.34 for technology/construction funds.

B. Operations – Mr. Jim Suber

1. Construction Update – Administrative Building

Mr. Jim Suber presented a construction update on the District Administrative Office.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. State Report Card Review

Dr. Cynthia Downs reported on the 2012-2013 South Carolina Annual School District Report Card Summary. The District received an Excellent rating in Absolute and an Excellent rating in Growth.

B. Legislative Advocacy Conference

Board Members shared information that they had received while attending the Legislative Advocacy Conference.

C. AdvandED External Review Report

Mr. Bennett presented the AdvandED External Review Report. He thanked the staff for their hard work in preparation for the review.

XVI. ADJOURN

No further business was discussed. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Newberry County Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Learning Center. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Secretary

Board Recorder

Date