

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEWBERRY COUNTY

These Board Highlights are provided to employees of the School District of Newberry County as an overview of the Board of Education meetings. They are not meant to be actual minutes of the meeting, but rather highlights of the meeting's actions.

Meeting Date – August 24, 2020

Establish Quorum/Approval of Agenda

A quorum was established with 7 members present.

The meeting was called to order with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Recognition of the Media (via livestream)

Special Recognition

The Department of Finance was recognized by the Association of School Business Officials International and the Government Finance Officers Association with Certificates of Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 27, 2020 Board Meeting were approved.

Action Items

Finance – Bond Resolution – the Board approved the bond resolution as presented.

Human Resources – The first reading of Policies GBAA – Sexual Harassment and Retaliation (Staff) and JIAA – Sexual Harassment and Retaliation (Students) were approved.

Certification of Delegates for the 2020 Delegate Assembly – Mrs. Lucy Anne Meetze, delegate; Mrs. Jessie Reeder, alternate.

Staff Reports

Finance – Mrs. Susan Dowd presented the following:

- Cash Flow Report with a balance of \$21.6 mil.
- Procurement Audit – no findings, which is the best finding that could be given
- COVID-19 Budget Update – expenditures and remaining funds presented

Human Resources – Dr. Carson Ware presented the following administrative rules:

- EAA-R – Student Transportation
- EB-R – Maintaining Healthy Environment
- KI-R – Visitors to School Facilities
- KI-E- Notice to Visitors to School Facilities
- GBAA-R – Sexual Harassment and Retaliation (Staff)
- GBAA-E1 – Sexual Harassment and Retaliation Complaint Form
- JIAA-R – Sexual Harassment and Retaliation (Students)
- JIAA-E1 – Sexual Harassment and Retaliation Complaint Form

- JE-R – Student Attendance

Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary presented the following:

- Newberry ONE eLearning Institute Update – 1,859 total students
 - 969 elementary school students with 40 teachers
 - 412 middle school students with 18 teachers
 - 478 high school students with 22 teachers
- Virtual Learning/Teaching Professional Development –
 - Summer professional development participation
- FAQs and Toolkits for Reopening –
 - Reminder those documents are available online and are updated on a regular basis

Operations – Mr. Kenneth Rawls presented the following:

- Technology Device Rollout and Support – 4,300 laptops, 1,500 iPads imaged and prepared for distribution; 160 teacher laptops distributed; 877 hotspots distributed
- Child Nutrition Update – meal distributions for hybrid students; Newberry ONE eLearning students may pick up meals on Wednesdays
- Cleaning Update – delayed by construction in a few buildings; disinfecting and cleaning are ongoing

Student Services – Dr. Timothy Hunter presented the following:

- Transportation Update – WCS- 144 am/pm riders on 4 buses; Newberry – 185 am/ 197 pm riders on 27 buses; Mid-Carolina- 143 am/ 179 pm riders on 21 buses

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Suber reported on the following:

- SCSBA School Law Conference – virtual conference. Board members had the opportunity to share from the conference.
- 2020-2021 School Opening – praised the staff for the opening during challenging times

Executive Session

The Board entered into executive session.

Return to Open Session

Action from Executive Session

- Accepted the administration's recommendation for hiring.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn at approximately 10:00 p.m.