

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 – September 28, 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

Mid-Carolina High School – SC Beta Club Convention

Ashlyn Kinard - 1st Place in Visual Arts, Division I (Recyclable Art)

Bailey Gause – 1st Place in Visual Arts, Division 2 (Painting)

Tyler Shackelford – 1st Place in Speech, Division I

Emma Grace Connelly – 1st Place in Speech, Division 2

Rachel Redd – 2nd Place in Drawing, Division I

Terra Easterlin – 2nd Place in Drawing, Division 2

2nd place in 3D Design - Kendellin Haltiwanger, Ella Morales, and Elijah Covington

3rd Place in Service Learning Showcase - Emma Wicker, Ashlyn Kinard, Sarah Bryant, Emily Davis, Erica Davis, and Josie Blanchard

2nd Place in Quiz Bowl - Harrison Scott, Christopher Scott, Jeremy Hollowell, Terra Easterlin

MCHS was also received the Gold Key award for having a more than a 10% increase in convention attendance

MCHS Beta Club Sponsors are Taci Allen, Phyllis Chebbi, Kindred Durant, Nicole Frick, Tabitha Harmon, Lavenia Alexander, and Tiffani Lyles

Newberry High School- SC Beta Club Convention

Ethan Hawkins - 1st place in the Language Arts 12th Grade Academic Test

Acuziana Mejia Santiago - 2nd place in On-site painting Division II

Kaley Laprise - 3rd place in Recyclable Art Division I

Acuiziana Mejia Santiago and Denise Cobonn-Recinos - 3rd place in 2D Design

Group awards include a 1st Place in Robotics- Sydney Glasgow, Mohamed Hassan, Shevante Powell, and Kevus Tribble.

NHS Beta Sponsors and Chaperones are Allison Hall, Taylor Harmon, Leslie McDuffie, Hal Mooneyham, Hannah Rowe, Deidre Appleby, Brian Redd, Benjamin Washington.

Whitmire High School- SC Beta Club Convention

Grayson Brock – 1st Place in Division II Black & White Photography

Olivia Martin – 3rd Place in 9th Grade math Academic Testing

Group awards include 1st Place in the Portfolio Competition - Grayson Brock, Amelia Bruyere, Ashley Felker, Barrett Martin, Olivia Martin, Mikhail Moss-Jenkins, Alexis Sanders, and Hanna Wagner. Whitmire has won seven state awards in this category since it began competing in 2008.

Mrs. Laverne Brock received recognition at the Senior Beta Club Convention in Myrtle Beach for having served as the lead sponsor for the Whitmire Senior Beta Club for 30 years.

Darian Bookman- Mid-Carolina High School- AAA Boys South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association All-State Team.\

Coach Chad Cary- Newberry High School- head coach of the North Team at the North-South All-Star Game

Mid-Carolina Middle School has a state winner in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest. The group led by Project Lead the Way teacher Cecilia Kelly proposed a plan to address the problem of children and infants dying from hyperthermia when left unattended in locked vehicles. The team's solution was a sensor-alarm system that monitors CO2 levels and temperature and sets off high intensity LEDs. The team won \$15,000 toward technology and classroom materials for their design. Team members include Jack Gantt, Gage Gilliam, Rae Livingston, and Zoe Reid.

Amber Moore- Mid-Carolina Middle School- 2nd in the SC Career Development Association Poetry contest

Mid-Carolina Middle School was recently re-designated as a Schools to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. MCMS received their initial designation in 2017 and applied for re-designation.

Tricia Ulch – School Nurse Coordinator. Tricia was selected as the Dee Dee Chewning School Nurse Administrator of the Year

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 24, 2020 Board Meeting were approved.

Action Items

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

Staff Reports

Finance – Mrs. Susan Dowd presented the following:

- Cash Flow Report with a balance of \$18.2 mil.
- Budget Update – continue to operate on the continuing resolution that is currently in place. Potential for review in January by state legislators.

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

- Hiring and Turnover Profiles – 43 teachers hired; 11% turnover rate

Transportation – Dr. Timothy Hunter reported on the following:

- Buses continue to remain under 50% capacity and students are socially distanced.

Instruction – Dr. Lynn Cary presented the following:

- Hybrid Update – enrollment figures presented – 1,866 in PK-Grade 5; 2,023 in Grades 6-12. Total hybrid enrollment is 3,889 students.

- Newberry ONE Update – enrollment figures presented for Newberry ONE - 946 in PK-Grade 5; 946 in Grades 6-12. Total enrollment is 1,892 students.

School Health – Ms. Tricia Ulch reported on the following:

- DHEC Metrics – updates on COVID-19 Disease Activity in state, county, and school district

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Suber reported on the following:

- Board Retreat – October 22 at 8:30 am
- EOC Site Visit – held on September 24
- SDNC 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year, SSEOY, and Rookie Teacher of the Year – Congratulations to Sarah Livingston (PGES), Teacher of the Year; Shannon Berley (NHS), Support Staff Employee of the Year; Abby Nix (MCMS), Rookie Teacher of the Year; Cecelia Kelly (MCMS) Runner-up Teacher of the Year; Janet Davenport (MCHS), Runner-up Support Staff Employee of the Year
- Return-to-School Transition – Potential phased in options for four day in-person instruction were presented to the Board.

Executive Session

The Board entered into executive session.

Return to Open Session

Action from Executive Session

- Accepted the administration's recommendation to accept the base bid in the amount of \$2,417,500 from EdCon, Inc. to construct a new track facility on the campus of Mid-Carolina High School, and to also request permission to issue a notice to proceed.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn at approximately 9:30 p.m.