

**OBSERVER REPORTING FORM – League of Women Voters, Lower Cape Fear**

**Organization** – Brunswick County Board of Education     **DATE** – Aug. 1, 2017

**Type of Meeting** - Regular                             **Start Time** – 6:30 PM                     **Adjourn Time** – ?? PM

**Meeting features**     **YES/NO**                     **Comments**

- Agenda posted prior to meeting**             Yes             Available on line
- Members of organization present** - Ed Lemon, Charles Miller, John Thompson, Ellen Milligan, and Catherine Cooke
- Staff present** - Leslie Tubb, Richard Green, and Deanne Meadows, Jessica Swencki, Sue Rutledge
- Media coverage – Brunswick Beacon and Southport Pilot**
- Opportunity for public comment**             Yes     No one spoke

**Presentations – both by Dr. Deanna Meadows**

- Lincoln Elementary Garden Update – more video of documentary
- Teacher Academy Welcome Video – 500 teachers are enrolled for one week (8/7-8/11) of professional training and planning – paid for by the BOE through special funds. The Board and Staff are very excited. This is the only program of its kind in the state. Numerous community entities (Chamber of Commerce, etc.) are involved - with many making special offers for BC teachers .

**Action Items** - Approved unanimously:

- MOU between BCS and BCC for Early College High School
- Maintenance & Repair Contract for HVAC. Sue Rutledge explained that it was the only bid that was submitted and she believes it to be a very good price. There was discussion of the fact that the company is located in North Myrtle Beach. Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Thompson expressed the hope that every effort is made to seek bids from local companies always. Ms. Rutledge and Ms. Swencki reviewed for the board the process of seeking bids and efforts that are and have been made to encourage local companies to bid. Ms. Rutledge said there are not many companies that provide this level of work.

**Announcements by Superintendent & Board Members**

-The August 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meetings will be moved to August 15<sup>th</sup> if the required topics cannot be covered during the Budget Work Session on August 8<sup>th</sup>.  
-Mr. Tubb encouraged attendance by board members and the public at the Community Engagement Process meetings concerning the Town Creek Middle School-Design Concept. There are 5 different dates coming up where the public is encouraged to participate with questions and comments. (See [www.bcswan.net](http://www.bcswan.net) for details.)

**Comments: The Teachers Academy is a unique experiment and appears to have enthusiastic support from the board and staff.**

**Observer** – Barbara Brandes                             **Date report submitted** – Aug. 2, 2017