Summary of Brunswick County School Board Meeting - April 5, 2016

Presentations

1. Rhonda Benton discussed ideas to make the transition to middle school easier for students, parents, and staff. Ideas included middle school teachers writing a note to prospective students and having 6th graders send incoming 5th graders a letter, as well as, creating notebooks in 5th grade to be “rediscovered” next year in 6th grade. Also, each middle school will create a video to be shown to new students and their parents before school starts.
2. Laura Sokol-Scott, teacher of the year, announced accomplishments submitted by various classes in the district. She also announced NCAE effort to have teachers contact their legislators with invitations to visit classrooms between April 18-22.
3. Jessica Swencki, Brunswick County Community Involvement Contact, presented another Powerful Partner Spotlight of ATMC and BEMC programs. Both cooperations have been very active with STEM programs from the beginning. The BEMC Grant Program has provided over $30,000 to Brunswick and Columbus Counties yearly.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Items

All listed committee and consent items were approved unanimously.

Action Items \*\*\*\*\*

A resolution regarding Public Education in North Carolina presented by the **LWVLCF** was endorsed unanimously after some changes and discussion. Superintendent, Leonard Tubb, announced several small changes in wording that clarified the source of some of the statements. Following a motion to endorse the resolution, Shirley Babson objected to the last statement concerning the school calendar. As the Board had previously submitted this item in a separate resolution to the legislature it was decided to eliminate it in order to pass the other three resolutions unanimously.

Other Discussion and Announcements

* Mr. Tubb announced that professional training will start soon for the Day Treatment Center personnel.
* The May 3rd board meeting will be held at the Stone Chimney Reception Hall. A reception will begin at 5:30 and the board meeting will begin at 6:30.

The Board Moved to Closed Session.

Submitted by LWVLCF Observer, Barbara Brandes - April 28, 2016