

New Hanover County School Board Meeting 3/6/18

The meeting on 3/6/18 was a regular School Board meeting; but was very lengthy due to the school board going into closed session to discuss and then vote on the termination of a tenured teacher accused of sexual abuse. Other lengthy items included presentations by all 4 high schools on their signature programs, and a presentation on school safety following the shooting in Parkland, Florida.

All School Board members except for Lisa Estep were present.

The signature programs presented by the high schools were:

- Ashley High's Marine Science Academy (projected to involve over 100 students)
- Hoggard High's International Baccalaureate Program (involving about 130 students)
- Laney's STEM program with an emphasis on engineering and Biomedical (involving about 270 students)
- New Hanover High's Lyceum Academy (involving about 100 students)

The school safety presentation included information on the District's preparedness for events, partnerships in the community with law enforcement, mental health etc., building security features, and school mental health supports.

Next month's meeting will be on 4/3/18 at 5:30 pm at the BOE Center, 1805 S. 13th Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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