

BOARD BRIEFS



A Monthly Review of the Actions and Highlights of the Newton County Board of Education Meetings November 2007



District 1
Mr. Johnny Smith



District 2
Mr. Rickie Corley



District 1
Mrs. Cathy Dobbs



District 4
Mr. Almond Turner



District 5
Dr. C.C. Bates

November 13, 2007 Work Session

The Newton County Board of Education took action on the following items:

Resolution Validating Proceedings for GO Bonds: The Board of Education unanimously approved the adoption of the resolution authorizing commencement of validation proceedings for its general obligation bonds and other related purposes.

Amendments to Project Adventure Challenge Program Application: The Board of Education unanimously approved the requested amendments to the application of the Project Adventure Challenge Program.

Personnel Recommendations: The Board of Education unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendations that were discussed in executive session.

November 27, 2007 Regular Session

The Newton County Board of Education Recognized the Following:

Snapping Shoals EMC:



The Board of Education recognized Snapping Shoals EMC for their long standing support of the Newton County School System. Snapping Shoals partners with various schools, provides mentors for students, and recently donated \$14,988.00 in mini-grants to various teachers for projects in their schools. Pictured from left to right are Mr. Terry Clark, Vice-President of Snapping Shoals; Mr. Johnny Smith, Chair, Newton County Board of Education; and Mr. Randall Meadows, CEO, Snapping Shoals.

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Newton High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC:

The Newton High School JROTC recently earned national distinction as a Naval Honor Unit for the sixth consecutive year. This award places the unit in the top 15% of the 225 Marine Corps Junior ROTC programs in the nation.



Pictured from left to right: Mr. Johnny Smith, Chair, Newton County Board of Education; Lt. Col. Rick Stanford; Cadet Colonel Courtney Hicks; Cadet Major Kevin Uhlig; Cadet Major Kristi Pierce; Cadet Major Andrew Nolley; Cadet Major Amy Sumpter; Gunnery Sergeant Sherman Smith

The Newton County Board of Education took action on the following items:

Donation of Acreage for Right of Way on Salem Road: The Newton County Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing the school board to donate 1.790 acres of land to the Georgia Department of Transportation for constructing three access lanes along the southern right of way of GA 162 (Salem Road) .

Resolution for Class Size Waivers: The Board approved a Class Size Waiver resolution authorizing the submittal to the State Board of Education a Class Size Waiver Application for any eligible class that goes over the maximum class size by one student.

Extended Use of Facilities at West Newton Elementary: The Board approved the request for extended use of the cafeteria for worship services each Sunday morning at West Newton Elementary School by Community Fellowship Baptist Church.

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Revision of Section 125 Plan: The board approved the revision of the Section 125 Plan to include Optional Dependent Dental/Optical/Hearing Coverage and Cancer Benefits.

Uniform Bids for Selected Employees: The board approved the bid for an annual renewable contract for uniform rentals to Unifirst Corporation. The company was the low bidder at \$19,060.60 and is currently the system's provider of uniforms.

Bid for Data Video and Voice Connectivity: The board unanimously approved a bid by Infinity Network Solutions for \$351,585.97 to provide data, video, voice and wireless cabling and networking equipment for the new elementary school #13, which is currently under construction on Salem Road.

2008 Legislative Priorities: The board approved the school system's 2008 Legislative Priorities. The board will present the list of priorities to our local legislators at the December 11, 2007 work session/monthly meeting.

Personnel Recommendations: The Board of Education unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendations that were discussed in executive session.

For a complete listing of presentations and actions of the Newton County Board of Education, check the Board of Education meeting minutes, which are posted online at <http://www.newtoncountyschools.org/boe-minutes.html> or contact the Newton County School System Public Relations Department at 770-784-2908.