

Berkeley County School Board Meeting

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Following are the highlights from the meeting:

- Senior staff reported on two of the five goals in the strategic plan using brief videos to highlight the progress the district has made in these areas.
 1. Deon Jackson reported on Goal 1 - School Climate, which includes safety. Most schools now have "storefronts" which preclude visitors from walking into to student areas of the school and stop them at the front office where they must go through a new visitor permit process. All schools will be so designed by August 2017. The district is using data to help project enrollment. An integrated project approach is being used on construction projects.
 2. Dr. Kevin O Gorman reported on progress towards Goal 2 - Academic Achievement. He mentioned the Rural Schools Initiative which has placed 6 reading interventionists and a social worker in the rural schools. He also mentioned the one on one computing initiative that has placed individual devices with 12,000 students. Teachers have received professional development in the areas of teaching writing and math, which data show as subject areas most in need of improvement.
- The district fired the accounting firm that produced the last audit which gave the District a 'clean report.' It was reported that fired financial director, Brantley Thomas is cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Current estimates of financial losses to the district include \$325,000.