

Dorchester School District Two (D-2) Board Meeting;

March 12, 2018

Observer: Vicki Westberg

Meeting Highlights

Meeting called to order 6:02 PM.

There were no public comments.

Minutes from previous meetings were approved.

D-2 Adult Education program was recognized for receiving several state and local awards for excellence. Director Mona Pottle made a presentation outlining and showcasing successes across the wide range of population groups served by each department.

Winners of the state-wide Palmetto's Finest awards will air on March 20th, 1:45 – 2:15pm. Alston MS and Pye Elem have been nominated. Ten D-2 schools are past winners.

School calendar for 2018/2019 was approved with built-in make-up days for inclement weather.

Board members Tanya Robinson and Justin Farnsworth described their experiences at the recent "2DAC" trip to Columbia. They reported that there was a great deal of "talk" about future consolidation of school districts. They were able to speak directly to 5 legislators:

1. Request was made for the state to meet its overdue legal requirement for \$3018 per student from the current \$2425. This shortage combined with the mandate for teacher pay increases with no provision for funding leaves the district short about \$1.2 million.
2. Provisions for funding to be included as part of any new mandates for school safety and security.
3. Legislators to request input from School boards before promoting legislation that may have unintended consequences.
4. Funding for school mental health counselors.

The 2018-2019 budget workshop is March 30th, Public input April 11th. Results will be posted on the website.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:42 PM.