

### **New Hanover County School Board Meeting 2/6/18 and redistricting meeting 2/20/18**

*The meeting on 2/6/18 was a regular School Board meeting; the meeting on 2/20/18 was a special meeting to discuss high school redistricting. The main agenda item of interest to our Education Action Team was the presentation to the Board on high school redistricting options, the Board's discussion, and then the public comment. However all of this became moot when the Board decided at their special session on 2/20/18 to postpone any high school redistricting for a year to allow them more time to explore options. The current overcrowding at Laney will remain. Dr. Markley, Superintendent, did ask the Board to consider their legislative priorities for the 2018-2019 school year.*

All School Board members except for Janice Cavanaugh were present.

Legislative priorities that Dr. Markley suggested that the Board consider included adequate funding for the K-3 class size reduction mandate, restoration of funding flexibility, technology funding, school based certified positions for the implementation and management of MTSS, calendar flexibility, salary increases, charter school funding directly to the charter schools and not through the LEA's, sales tax exemption for LEA's, and greater emphasis on student growth in the A-F State grading formula.

Next month's meeting will be on 3/6/18 at 5:30 pm at the BOE Center, 1805 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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