

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and web location of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Jason Crane
Mr. Cameron Nuessle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Bradley called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge were led by Chairman Bradley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to add items B-17 and B-18 to the agenda; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 23, 2021 was presented for approval; Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 23, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. John Pettigrew spoke in favor of the district's return to five day a week instruction.

VIDEO RECOGNITION

- The Paul Knox Middle School Academic Team were recognized as District Champions
- The Paul Knox Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams were recognized as District Champions

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Dr. Gary Senn, with the USCA Ruth Patrick Science Center presented the Robert E. Alexander Administrator of the Year Award to Mrs. Micki Dove

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Dr. Patricia Hanks will be serving on the District's Strategic Planning Committee

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 UPDATES FROM THE DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION: Mrs. Jeanie Glover and members of the District's Instructional Leadership Team presented an update on Instructional Services.

A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2021-2022: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.

- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2021-2022: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools for the 2021-2022 school year and that the parent/guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee (\$1,000 family cap).

- B-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for Admission to the School District of Aiken County in August of 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

- B-4 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, 2021-2022:
Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

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- B-5 AWARD OF THE DAIRY ALLIANCE SCHOOL NUTRITION GRANT TO SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES – FY-23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the acceptance of the Dairy Alliance School Nutrition Equipment Grant Award, and receipt of funds and/ or goods.
- B-6 SUBMISSION OF THE FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 GRANT BY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES - FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant, and receipt of funds and/or goods, if awarded.
- B-7 PROPOSED UTILIZATION OF TITLE II FUNDS FOR RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the use of Title II funds designated for recruitment and retention for a recruitment incentive for Special Education Teachers.
- B-8 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION –EDUCATION ARTS TEACHER SUPPORT GRANT AWARD-AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the South Carolina Arts Commission School Education-Arts Teacher Support Grant award in the amount of \$1,200.00, and receipt of funds and adjustments to the FY21Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.
- B-9 SUBMISSION OF THE 2021-22 NITA M. LOWEY 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT APPLICATION BY BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the 2021-22 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-10 SUBMISSION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY ACT (AEFLA) PROGRAMS - ADULT EDUCATION COMPETITIVE SUBGRANT-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Programs – Adult Education Subgrant, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-11 SUBMISSION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY ACT (AEFLA) PROGRAMS-INTEGRATED ENGLISH LITERACY/CIVIC EDUCATION (IEL/CE) PROGRAM COMPETITIVE SUBGRANT-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the 2021-2025 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Programs-Integrated English Literacy/Civic Education (IEL/CE) Program Competitive Subgrant, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-12 SUBMISSION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY ACT (AEFLA) PROGRAMS - CORRECTIONS EDUCATION COMPETITIVE SUBGRANT-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the 2021-2025 Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Programs-Corrections Education Subgrant, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-13 ANONYMOUS DONATION TO SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES FOR HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$2500.00 donation from an anonymous donor to School Food Services for Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-14 AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM CRRSA ACT GRANT SUBMISSION – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission to the Office of Head Start CRRSA Act Additional COVID Funding Grant application and the receipt of funds.
- B-15 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with contract documents and final working drawings and specifications for this project.

- B-16 SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT (SVPP): Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the proposal to pursue the 2021 SVPP Grant.
- B-17 LETRS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM AT J.D.LEVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve J.D. Lever's participation in LETRS professional development in partnership with the SC Department of Education.
- B-18 COLLEGEBOARD SPRINGBOARD CURRICULUM PILOT PROGRAM IN ELA AND MATH IN GRADES 7 AND 8 AT KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the CollegeBoard Springboard Pilot Program in ELA and math in grades 7 and 8 at Kennedy Middle School with an initial evaluation using district benchmark, SCReady, and universal screener data in the spring of 2022.

Dr. Hanks MOVED to approve items B-1 and B-18 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-1 (Mrs. Shealey opposed)

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve list of certified personnel for school year 2021-22; certified personnel for school year 2020-21; certified retiree rehires for school year 2020-21; and classified personnel for school year 2020-21; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Moulton MOVED to authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2021-2022 school year of all certified personnel shown on the attached list (with the exception of employees who have given formal notice of retirement or of their intent to resign for relocation or other personal reasons before the start of the 2021-2022 school year) ; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-0-1(Mr. Nuessle abstained in regards to employee ID's 7602,7150,8712,8827)

- C-3 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Moulton MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendations and authorize the re-employment for the 2021-2022 school year of the certified employees shown on the attached list, subject to the conditions, stipulations, requirements, or qualifications set forth for the employees; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Moulton MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of one Induction Contract employee not be renewed for the 2020-21 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: Mr. Nuessle MOVED to approve the 2019-2024 District Strategic Plan Update 2 and District Waivers included; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 CURRICULUM TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST POSITION USING ESSER II FUNDS: Mr. Nuessle MOVED to approve the hire of a curriculum technology specialist using ESSER II funds and evaluate the use of general funds at the end of two years; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 2021-2022 BUDGET-FIRST READING: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the first reading of the 2021-2022 budget with any changes resulting from Board discussion; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- No Updates This Meeting

Chairman Bradley announced the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate: Contractual Matters - Discussion of Contractual Matter – Regarding Substitute Educational Staffing; Contract Consideration – review for approval of third part easement requests; Proposed Contract for sale of real property; Legal Briefing – Discussion of “B” Policies.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to enter into Executive Session for the purposes as stated; SECONDED BY Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:16 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:25 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:36 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters; Contractual Matters - Discussion of Contractual Matter – Regarding Substitute Educational Staffing; Contract Consideration – review for approval of third part easement requests; Proposed Contract for sale of real property; Legal Briefing – Discussion of “B” Policies.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

DISCUSSION OF CONTRACTUAL MATTER – REGARDING SUBSTITUTE EDUCATIONAL STAFFING

Mr. Moulton MOVED that the Board authorize the Procurement Department to award the contract for Substitute Educational Staffing to Kelly Education to provide substitute services for the District, beginning July 1, 2021, according to the terms set forth in RFP P2021-0001, and that we authorize the administration to enter into a contract with Kelly Education in accordance with the terms set forth in the RFP; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACT CONSIDERATION – REVIEW FOR APPROVAL OF THIRD PART EASEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Crane MOVED that the Board authorize the Chair and Superintendent to sign the Easement Agreement as reviewed and discussed this evening granting two separate easements in favor of an uphill land owner over designated areas of the Graniteville Elementary School subject to the conditions and Grantee warranties as spelled out therein and reviewed with the Board, as well as confirming the Dominion Energy easement are previously resolved administratively; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY – DETAILS FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Nuessle MOVED that the Chair and Superintendent execute the prepared contract and send it to the Purchasers as an open offer to be accepted no later than April 28, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

APPEALS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL BRIEFING

DISCUSSION OF “B” POLICIES

Chairman Bradley announced that the administration will bring “B” Policy revisions for first readings at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Crane MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED:

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**AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECUSAL FORM
(SC ETHICS ACT)**

Name: Cameron Nuessle Date: 4/20/2021

Action from which seeking recusal: Item C-2 Re-employment of Certified Personnel
for the 2021-2022 School Year for employees Id 7602, 7150, 8712, 8227
and 6628

Reason for recusal: These employees are my relatives either by
blood or marriage.

Signature: Cameron Nuessle Date: 4/20/2021