

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 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:

Mr. Keith Liner, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mr. Jason Crane

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Jeanie Glover, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Chief Officer of Administration
Ms. Julie Revelle, Executive Director for Elementary Schools
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director for Elementary Schools
Mr. Bert Postell, Executive Director for High Schools
Mr. Mike Rosier, Communications Coordinator
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Liner 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 Liner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Liner stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on July 21, 2020, the Regular Meeting on July 28, 2020, and the Special Called Meeting on July 29, 2020, were presented for approval. Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on July 21, 2020; the Regular Meeting on July 28, 2020 and the Special Called Meeting on July 29, 2020; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests This Meeting

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

- SCSBA School Law Conference will be held virtually August 21-22, 2020.
- Chairman Liner welcomed Dr. Corey Murphy, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services to the District.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 COVID-19 RELATED LEAVE: Mrs. Jennifer Hart presented power point presentation in regards to employee leave and the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDIT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: 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.

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- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 REPORT OF MINORITY PURCHASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-8 REPORT OF SOLE SOURCE & EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE AIKEN HIGH PHASE 3 JAMES TAYLOR GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve Change Order #1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of <\$206,482.88>
- B-2 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount of \$378,150.00 for the Midland Valley High School Addition Project.
- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount of \$207,577.00 for the North Augusta High School Phase 3 Addition Project.

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- B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START GRANT FOR AIKEN AND BARNWELL COUNTIES-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the updated grant proposal of the Head Start and Early Head Start Grant for \$3,587,850.00 and receipt of funds.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2020-2021; certified retiree rehires for school year 2020-2021; ; classified personnel for school year 2020-2021; classified retiree rehires for school year 2020-2021; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021 SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING POLICIES, SECOND READING: POLICY DJGA SALES CALLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, POLICY GBEC GIFTS TO ANS SOLICITATIONS BY STAFF,POLICY GBGC PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE,POLICY GCD PROFESSIONAL STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS, POLICY GDD SUPPORT STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS, POLICY ILB TEST/ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION AND SECURITY, POLICY JFABC ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS, POLICY JJE STUDENT FUND-RAISING ACCTIVITES, CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE RULES; POLICY GBK-R STAFF CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES/POLICY IHBH-R CHARTER SCHOOLS, POLICY JJA-R STUDENT ORGANIZATION; Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the above listed policies and the above listed administrative rules, second reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 NEW POLICY GBAAA TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT, SECOND READING, REVISIONS TO POLICY GBAA SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GBAA-R SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT, SECOND READING; Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve policy GBAAA Title IX Sexual Harassment on second reading, Approve Policy GBAA Sexual Discrimination and Harassment on second reading, and Administrative Rule GBAA-R Sexual Discrimination and Harassment on second reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 NEW POLICY JIA TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT, SECOND READING, REVISIONS TO POLICY JI STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES) AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TO POLICY JI STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES), SECOND READING; Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve Policy JIA Title IX Sexual Harassment on second reading, Approve Policy JI Student Rights and Responsibilities (Complaints and Grievances) on first reading, Approve Administrative Rule to Policy JI Students Rights and Responsibilities (Complaints and Grievances) on second reading; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-6 CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE JLCC-R COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASE: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve changes to the Administrative Rule JLCC-R Communicable/Infectious Disease; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 ADDITION OF TEMPORARY POLICY ADD FACE COVERING, FIRST READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the addition of Temporary Policy ADD Face Covering, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-8 CALENDAR REVISION TO DESIGNATE THREE WEATHER MAKE-UP DAYS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the revised calendar, including the designated make-up days for weather-related closings; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-9 SUSPENSION OF PORTIONS OF POLICIES GCD AND GDD STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to temporarily suspend the references to Labor Day, and the day before Thanksgiving as holidays in Policies GCD and GDD for the 2020-21 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Laurence thanked administrators and staff for their hard work in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Chairman Liner 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: Employment Matters: Administrative Appointments (a.), (b.); Legal Briefing: Update on Policies: BBA, BBAA, BC, BCA, BDD, BEDF, BHC, BEDI, GCFB.

Mr. Crane MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:01 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:05 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:20 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Employment Matters: Administrative Appointment (a.), Administrative Appointment (b.); Legal Briefing: Update on Policies: BBA, BBAA, BC, BCA, BDD, BEDF, BHC, BEDI, GCFB.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Administrative Appointment (a.)
Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal of North Augusta High School SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Administrative Appointment (b.)
Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal of A.L. Corbett Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-6 (Dr. Bradley, Mr. Silas, Mrs. Shealey, Mr. Smith, Mr. Crane, Mr. Moulton opposed).

LEGAL BRIEFING:

No Action Taken

Mr. Silas MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: