

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 7:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and place of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Keith Liner, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Jason Crane
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mr. Ahmed Samaha
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Jeanie Glover, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Julie Revelle, Executive Director
Of Elementary School
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director
of Middle Schools
Mr. Bert Postell, Executive Director
of High Schools
Mrs. Kristy Cansler, Director of Federal Programs

Chairman Liner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Tad Barber

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 16, 2019; were presented for approval. Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 16, 2019; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Earl Clinton spoke regarding Midland Valley High School Touchdown Club.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman Liner recognized board members Mr. Jason Crane, Mr. Brian Silas and Vice-Chair Mr. Dwight Smith for their participation in South Carolina School Board Association training.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 AIKEN SCHOLARS ACADEMY YEAR ONE REVIEW: Mrs. Martha Messick presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Aiken Scholars Academy.

- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 3 JAMES TAYLOR GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE SILVER BLUFF HIGH FOOTBALL STADIUM PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 REPORT OF SOLE SOURCE & EMERGENCY PURCHASE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 REPORT OF MINORITY PURCHASE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED, JUNE 30, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOUNDATION DONATION TO RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL- FY20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approved the \$5,000.00 donation to Ridge Spring-Monetta High School and adjustments to the FY20 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-2 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August of 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.

B-3 GMP #2 FOR THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION PROJECT FROM MCMILLIAN PAZDAN SMITH ARCHITECTURE: Superintendent Alford recommend the Board authorize the administration to accept GMP #2 for the building package from HG Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount of \$14,500,900.00 and Construction Document Budget for Midland Valley High Addition Project from McMillian Pazdan Smith Architecture.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2019-2020; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2019-2020; classified personnel for school year 2019-2020; classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2019-2020; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Administration and release the student from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND FINAL ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the Design Development and Final Architectural Contract Documents and budget for the North Augusta High Phase 3 Addition Project and allow the

administration to proceed with advertising and acceptance of construction bids;
SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Updates on Waterford Early Learning, Saturday School, and Camera Installation.

Saturday School:

Mr. Moulton MOVED, to have the State Department of Education conduct an audit on attendance records and make up dates; SECONDED by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Moulton MOVED to request the State Department of Education conduct an audit on attendance records and make up policies for high schools and fifty-two students at Midland Valley High School; SECONDED by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Moulton MOVED to withdraw his first motion; SECONDED by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith MOVED to include in the audit how many students had more than ten absences and the ranges of the absences at all high schools; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton. Mr. Smith WITHDREW motion; Mr. Moulton SECONDED; MOTION carried 6-2-1 (Mr. Barber, Mrs. English opposed Mr. Samaha abstained)

Waterford Early Learning:

Mr. Crane MOVED not to approve program at all and implement another program; SECONDED by Mr. Silas

Mr. Crane WITHDREW motion; SECONDED by Mr. Silas.

Mr. Crane MOVED to rescind motion from July 16, 2019 meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Barber MOVED to table the rescind motion until next board meeting so an attorney can be present; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Mr. Crane, Mr. Liner, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Silas Mr. Smith opposed).

Mr. Crane MOVED not to renew Waterford Early Learning Contract and select a state recommended program; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton.

Mr. Liner MOVED to amend the previous motion to not renew Waterford contract but keep it's Upstart Program; SECONDED by Mr. Crane. Mr. Crane MOVED to amend the motion to not renew Waterford, return time to classroom instruction, only implement Upstart Program and choose a program for evaluation; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mrs. English, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Shealey, Mr. Samaha opposed).

Mr. Samaha MOVED to extend time for meeting to go beyond 11:00 p.m.; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

Mr. Samaha MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Barber opposed). The regular session recessed at 10:49 p.m.

Executive session convened at 10:55 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 11:49 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issue: Consideration and Discussion Regarding Personnel Issue; Appeals: One Out-of-District Transfer Request and One Student Appeal.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No Items this meeting

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

Mr. Silas MOVED to allow the administration to proceed with personnel issue;
SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STUDENT APPEALS:

- OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 3): Mr. Samaha MOVED to allow the student to remain at Midland Valley High School through twelfth grade and waive tuition; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 4): Parent withdrew request.
- STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 5): Mr. Smith MOVED to allow student back in school on August 19, 2019, on strict probation, school will monitor grades and behavior and conduct random checks of book bag; SECONDED by Mr. Limer; MOTION carries on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Silas, Mr. Samaha opposed).

Mr. Crane MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Kristy Cansler

APPROVED: