

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2019

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 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. Jason Crane
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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
Mrs. Merry Glenne Piccolino, Director of Communications
Mrs. Julie Revelle, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director
of Middle School
Ms. Cassie Cagle, Director of Special Programs
Mrs. Kristy Cansler, Director of Federal Programs
Ms. Kate Olin, Director of Accountability & Assessment
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board of Education

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. Keith Liner.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Interim Superintendent Laurence swore in Dr. John Bradley, Mr. Cameron Nuessle, and Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson as newly elected Board Members.

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 November 12, 2019; were presented for approval. Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 12, 2019; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- **RECOGNITION AND AWARDS:**
 - Millbrook Elementary was recognized as a National ESEA Distinguished School
 - ACIRA Distinguished Literacy Teachers were recognized.

- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
 - Kenneth Bryum spoke in regards to Solar Panels at Gloverville Elementary
 - Tommy Hill spoke in regards to Solar Panels at Gloverville Elementary
 - Kristen Hill spoke in regards to Solar Panels at Gloverville Elementary

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Liner MOVED to Temporarily Suspend Policy BD until the January 14, 2020 meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Board Members are invited to the Teacher Forum Meeting on February 3, 2020 at 4:30, location to be announced.
- SCSBA Annual Convention – February 20-23, 2020 in Hilton Head, SC

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Ann Olson, 4K Coordinator at Freedman Early Learning Center presented PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the center.
- A-2 RESULTS OF FINANCIAL AUDIT, FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019: Mr. Tim Grow with Elliott Davis presented a power point presentation regarding Results of Financial Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-7 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-8 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 3 JAMES TAYLOR GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE III PROJECT FINAL ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the Final Construction Contract drawings and budget for the Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary School Addition Phase III Project, and allow the administration to proceed with advertising and the acceptance of construction bids.
- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2019 REPLACEMENTS OF BLEACHERS @ KENNEDY MIDDLE & SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$19,305.00> from Haldeman-Homme, Inc.
- B-4 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HVAC SERVICES OR PLUMBING SERVICES FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board allow the administration to enter into a contract with Bradley Plumbing & Heating, Inc. per RFP#102319 on a Time and Material Basis.

- B-5 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board allow the administration to enter into contract with G&G Electrical Contractors of North Augusta and West Electrical Contractors of Newberry, Inc. per RFP#102219 on a Time and Material Basis.
- B-6 BRIDGESTONE DONATION TO LANGLEY-BATH-CLEARWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL-FY20: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$1,500.00 donation to Langley-Bath-Clearwater Middle School and adjustments to the FY20 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-7 SUBMISSION TO GRANT APPLICATION BY THE BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS INSURANCE TRUST RISK CONTROL GRANT-FY20: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the South Carolina Schools Boards Insurance Trust Risk Control Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-8 NEWSRING CHURCH DONATION TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FY20: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$3,750.00 donation to Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY20 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-9 IORIO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATION TO AIKEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL –FY20: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$5,000.00 donation to Aiken Intermediate School and adjustments to the FY20 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-10 SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TITLE III IMMIGRANT GRANT – FY20: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the Title III Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-11 A.L.CORBETT PUBLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI DONATION TO A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL-FY20: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$1,200.00 donation to A.L. Corbett Middle School and adjustments to the FY20 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-11 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Smith 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 rehires 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: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve The Chief Officer of Administration recommendation that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY GCD PROFESSIONAL STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS AND POLICY GDD SUPPORT STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS, FINAL READING: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve changes to Policy GCD Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays and Policy GDD Support Staff Vacations and Holidays on second/final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY EFE COMPETITIVE FOOD SALES, FIRST READING; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve changes to Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-5 CHANGES TO POLICY JFAB NONRESIDENT STUDENTS, FINAL READING: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve changes to Policy JFAB Nonresident Students on Final Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 ELEMENTARY TIER 3 BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION PROGRAM; Dr. Bradley MOVED to authorize the administration to pursue planning for the program with the expectation of a formal funding request no later than February 11, 2020; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Interim Superintendent Laurence congratulated the RSM High Football Team State A Football 2019 Runner-Up, he announced that Merry Glenne Piccolino, Director of Communications will be a presenter at the 2020 National AASA Convention in February, he also recognized Chief Financial Officer Tray Traxler on the results of the 2018-2019 financial audit, the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated James Taylor Gymnasium would be held on December 19, at 4:00; and reemphasized the districts commitment to our students.

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, to wit. Employment Matters: Contractual Matter (1), Contractual Matter (2), and Interim Assignment (3); Appeal: Student Appeal (Area 3); Legal Matters: Legal advice on contractual agreement – ABM.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:55 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:15 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:52 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Employment Matters: Contractual Matter (1), Contractual Matter (2), and Interim Assignment (3); Appeal: Student Appeal (Area 3); Legal Matters: Legal advice on contractual agreement – ABM.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES

- No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- CONTRACTUAL MATTER (1); Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to direct the administration to make a formal complaints to the State Board of Education regarding Employee (1) breach of contract; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- CONTRACTUAL MATTER (2); Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the proposed reorganization; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- INTERIM ASSIGNMENT (3); Mr. Silas MOVED to accept the Interim Superintendent's recommendation for an interim administrative assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPEALS

STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 3)

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Smith MOVED to recommend the student be placed at the Center for Innovative Learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a 5-3 vote (Mr. Silas, Mr. Crane, Mr. Nuessle opposed).

LEGAL BRIEFING

- LEGAL ADVICE ON CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT- ABM

No Action Taken

Chairman Limer MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: