

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

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:00 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
Mr. Barry Moulton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Interim 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
Mrs. Julie Revelle, Executive Director
of Elementary Schools
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director of Elementary Schools
Ms. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director of Middle Schools
Mr. Berkley Postell, Executive Director of High Schools
Mrs. Kristy Cansler, Director of Federal Programs
Ms. Kate Olin, Director of Accountability & Assessment
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.

Pledge and Moment of Silence 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 January 25, 2020, and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 28, 2020, were presented for approval. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on January 25, 2020, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 28, 2020; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - Mr. Gayle Gulick spoke in regards to the Superintendent Search
 - Mr. Roger Rollins spoke in regards of concerns at the schools and the removal of religion in schools

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Superintendent Search Community Input Meetings
 - February 12, 2020 at Midland Valley High School 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 - February 13, 2020 at Aiken High School 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- SCSBA Annual Convention – February 20-23, 2020 in Hilton Head, SC

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Cynthia Hewitt, Principal at Aiken Elementary School and Mr. Leroy Walker Assistant Principal at Aiken Elementary School presented PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the school.
- A-2 HORSE CREEK ACADEMY UPDATE: Dr. Anne Marie Taylor, Director at Horse Creek Academy presented yearly update regarding the school.
- A-3 FINAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 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-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 MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION 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 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITIONS-GMP #4 PHASE 3 DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CLASSROOM BUILDING: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve Change #1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of <\$79,313.65>.
- B-3 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGETS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY ADDITION RENOVATION PROJECT: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with the contract documents and the final working drawings for this project.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT (EEDA) PREPARING COLLEGE- AND CAREER READY GRADUATES COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION – FY21: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates Competitive Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 NUTRIEN PCS ADMINISTRATION (USA), INC. DONATION TO BELVEDERE ELEMENTAR - FY20: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$1,300.00 donation from Nutrien PCS Administration (USA), Inc. to Belvedere Elementary School and adjustments to the FY20 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

B-6 NEW SPRING CHURCH DONATION TO SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY20:
Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$3,750.00 donation to Schofield Middle School and adjustments to the FY20 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-7 SUBMISSION OF THE SUMMER READING CAMP COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the Summer Reading Camp Community Partnership Grant and the receipt of funds, it awarded.

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve lists of classified personnel for school year 2019-2020; classified personnel for school year 2020-2021; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Dr. Bradley 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. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 ELEMENTARY TIER 3 BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION PROGRAM; Dr. Bradley MOVED to postpone approval of the Elementary Tier 3 Behavior Intervention Program for the 2020-2021 school year, and the authorization to employ a Program Director until the February 25, 2020 meeting and that a job description with qualifications for the director position be presented to the board by the administration for consideration; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT:

- Interim Superintendent Laurence thanked MOSAIC Committee Member's for their work on the committee, and the district's Senior Leadership staff for their response in regards to the early dismissal on February 6, 2020.
- Millbrook Groundbreaking Ceremony was held Tuesday afternoon, February 11, 2020.
- RSM Elementary Groundbreaking Ceremony and the High School Dedication is scheduled for February 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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: Employment Matter (1), Employment Matter (2); Appeals: Student Appeal (Area 3).

Mr. Silas MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:56 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:05 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:55 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Employment Matters: Employment Matter (1), Employment Matter (2), Appeals: Student Appeal (Area 3).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES

- No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- Employment MATTER (1); Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the recommendation to change the Freedman Early Learning Center Coordinator position to Director I level; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Employment MATTER (2); Dr. Bradley MOVED to consolidate the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education/Superintendent and the Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/Board of Education into one position, and that the position's salary on the district's salary schedule be reviewed by the District Salary Study Committee; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPEALS

STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 3)

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the expulsion of the student for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFING

- No Items This Meeting

Mr. Crane MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: