

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 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
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice Chair
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jason Crane

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: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to have item B-2 moved to item C-5; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting Board Workshop on January 23, 2021 and Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 26, 2021 were presented for approval; Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting Board Workshop on January 23, 2021 and minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 26, 2021; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Landon Ball spoke in favor of the return to full time face to face instruction.
- Mr. John Pettigrew spoke in favor of the return to full time face to face instruction.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Assessment Presentations will be presented at the February 23, 2021 meeting and at the March 23, 2021 meeting.
- Accountability Report due to the Ethics Commission by March 30, 2021.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 SCHOOL COUNSELOR UPDATE: Ms. Sharon Worley, presented update on school counseling 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 GMP #2 FOR NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITIONS: DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING OLD GYM: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve GMP #2 Phase III Additions: Demolition of the existing old gym for \$880,546.00 with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve item B-1 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve list of certified personnel for school year 2020-21; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2020-2021; and classified personnel for school year 2020-21; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Shealey MOVED that the student be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools and that the parent/legal guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee (\$1,000 family cap); SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-4 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2021-2022: Mr. Smith MOVED that the student be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools for the 2021-2022 year and that the parent/guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee (\$1,000 family cap); SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 CONSIDERATION OF EXTENDING FFCRA PROVISIONS THROUGH ESSER II FUNDING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED that in light of the expiration on December 31, 2020, of the Employee Paid Sick Leave ACT (EPSLA) of the Families First Coronavirus Act (FFCRA), the District will continue to grant eligible employees emergency paid sick leave for up to two weeks for the employee's own COVID-related absence, consistent with the leave outlined by the EPSLA, and implemented by District protocol, at no cost to its employees, beginning January 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2021. This action only applies to eligible employees who have not exhausted their two weeks of emergency paid sick leave provided by the FFCRA prior to December 31, 2020; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 REVISION OF POLICY JICJ PAGING DEVICES, CELL PHONES, AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES, FIRST READING; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the revision of Policy JICJ Paging Devices, Cell Phones, and Other Personal Electronic Devices, First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent Laurence announced that it was Bus Driver Appreciation Week and he thanked all transportation department employees for their service.

- COVID19 Update: Superintendent Laurence announced that he would be meeting with the Back to School Advisory Committee on February 17, 2021, and that a decision will be announced at the February 23, 2021 school board meeting which instructional model the district will operate in beginning on March 1, 2021.

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: Legal Briefing: Legal Advice on Policy BCB, Legal Advice on Policy GCCAAB and Legal Advice on Pending Litigation.

Mr. Moulton MOVED to enter into Executive Session for the purposes as stated; SECONDED BY Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:53 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:00 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 7:46 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Legal Briefing: Legal Advice on Policy BCB, Legal Advice on Policy GCCAAB and Legal Advice on Pending Litigation.

LEGAL BRIEFING

LEGAL ADVICE ON POLICY BCB

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the revision of Policy BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest, First Reading; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL ADVICE ON POLICY GCCAAB

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the expanded use of Policy GCCAAB Shared Leave; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL ADVICE ON PENDING LITIGATION

- No Action Taken

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: