

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday December 8, 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:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman
Mr. Jason Crane
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. Dwight Smith, Vice Chair

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: Chairman Bradley stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2020 were presented for approval; Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2020; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mrs. April Longe spoke in favor of the return to full time face to face instruction.
 - Ms. Cheri Watkins spoke in opposition of the return to full time face to face instruction, and expressed her support for the district's current hybrid learning model.
 - Mr. Terry Prosser spoke in favor of the district moving forward with the upcoming Spring Sports Schedule.
 - Mr. Peter Caldwell spoke in favor of the district remaining in the current hybrid learning model.
 - Ms. Karina McGee spoke in favor for the district's current hybrid learning model and against the return to face to face instruction.
 - Ms. Melanie Ball spoke in favor of the return to full time face to face instruction
 - Mr. Seve Adoguin spoke in regards to the district continuing the expired CARES ACT in regards to employee leave.
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- Aiken Standard Community Christmas Card Donation in the amount of \$6498.00 was given to Aiken County Public Schools.
 - Friendship Baptist Church Donation in the amount of \$6000.00 was given to Aiken County Public Schools

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Town Hall Meeting at Silver Bluff High School is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 in the auditorium.
- Chairman Bradley announced that the Board would need to have a workshop to discuss the Head Start Program, student achievement data, and the HR Recruitment and Hiring Process; Mr. Crane MOVED to hold the workshop on January 23, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented
- A-3 FINAL 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.
- A-5 FINAL 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 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2020: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-8 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF AIKEN DONATION TO THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$6,000.00 Friendship Baptist Church of Aiken donation to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-3 VOLUNTEER BOARD OF UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the Volunteer Board of University Health Care System Donation of \$2577.08 in salon materials, supplies, chemicals, furniture and fixtures to the Aiken County Career & Technology Center Cosmetology Program.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION BY THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS INSURANCE TRUST RISK CONTROL GRANT – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust Risk Control Grant and the receipts of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the updated list of policy council members and alternates.
- B-6 CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE RIDGE SPRING MONETTA HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITIONS – GMP #1: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve Change Order #2 for the Ridge Spring Monetta High Phase 2 Additions-GMP #1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of <\$785,493.48>.

- B-7 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 2 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount of \$231,024.00 for the Midland Valley High School Addition Project.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve list of certified personnel for school year 2020-21 and classified personnel for school year 2020-21; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES, FINAL READING: Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve changes to Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences and Policy GDC Support Staff Leaves and Absences on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GCC-R PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GDC-R SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve changes to Administrative Rule GCC-R Professional Staff Leaves and Absences and Administrative Rule GDC-R Support Staff Leaves and Absences; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 COVID-19 UPDATE: Mr. Postell presented update from the Back To School Advisory Committee; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to remain in the current hybrid model (4 days a week for elementary schools and A, B, schedule for middle and high students) until at least the interim with authority given to the Superintendent to assess as needed using the matrix on a school by school basis; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Chairman Bradley opposed).

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent Laurence thanked the District's COVID Tracking Team for their hard work this school year.

Chairman Bradley announced there were no items to discuss in Executive Session this meeting.

Mr. Crane MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: