

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 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
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
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.

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 December 17, 2019; were presented for approval. Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2019; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Aiken Standard Community Christmas Card Donation in the amount \$5337 was given to Aiken County Public Schools.
- Aiken County Board of Education was recognized for their support to the students and staff.
- RECOGNITION AND AWARDS:
 - East Aiken School of the Arts and New Ellenton STEAM Magnet School were recognized as SC School of Excellence in Arts Education for 2019
 - Schofield Middle School Football Team was recognized as Middle School Champions for 2019
- ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: Mrs. Mahoney reviewed the procedures for the election of Board Officers and distributed ballots for electing a chairman. Mrs. Mahoney counted the votes and announced the appointment of Mr. Keith Liner as Chairman of the Board. Ballots were distributed for the election of the Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Mahoney counted the votes and announced the appointment of Mr. Dwight Smith as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - No Requests This Meeting

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Board Members are invited to the Teacher Forum Meeting on February 3, 2020 at 4:30, at Aiken High School
- Teacher Forum – Brunch with the School Board on February 8, 2020 at the Wilcox Inn
- School Board Work Session – January 25, 2020 8:00 – 12:00
 - Finance
 - Discipline
 - Board Collective Goals
 - Board Sub-Committees
 - SCSBA – Mr. Tom Price
- SCSBA Annual Convention – February 20-23, 2020 in Hilton Head, SC

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Karon Webb, Principal at Ridge Spring Monetta High School presented PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the school.
- A-2 TRANSPORTATION UPDATE: Dr. Foster presented PowerPoint Presentation in regards to the Transportation Department
- A-3 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-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION 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 RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: 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 PORTABLE CLASSROOM UNITS RELOCATION SERVICES, 2019 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the proposer on a per unit bases and enter into a contract with J.E. Oswalt & Sons, Inc. to relocate portable classroom units when needed annually.
- B-3 GMP #2 FOR RIDGE SPRING MONETTA ELEMENTARY ADDITION PHASE III PROJECT: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept GMP #2 for the Ridge Spring Monetta Elementary Addition Phase III Project in the amount of \$20,003,080.00 and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company.

- B-4 JOHN WAUGH DONATION TO OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY20: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$2,400.00 donation to Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School and adjustments to the FY20 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS/SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS DONATION TO NEW ELLENTON STEAM MAGNET SCHOOL – FY20: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$5,962.32 donation to New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet School and adjustments to the FY20 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the awards and expenditures.
- B-6 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY ADDITION & RENOVATIONS PROJECT: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid plus Alternates #1, #2, #3 totaling \$9,666,700.00 and enter into a contract with McKnight Construction., Inc. for the Millbrook Elementary Addition & Renovations Project with the funding coming from the Property Tax Bond approved in 2018 and the Fund Five Facilities Improvement Plan.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Crane 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;; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Silas 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 Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY EFE COMPETITIVE FOOD SALES, FINAL READING; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve changes to Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales on final reading; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Silas distributed correspondence in regards to North Aiken Elementary.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Interim Superintendent Laurence announced the Code of Conduct Committee will begin work on revisions for the 2020-2021 school year on January 28, the Alternative Placement Review Committee held their initial meeting earlier that afternoon, and the presentation for the Elementary Therapeutic Program will be February 11, 2020.

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); Appeal: Two Student Appeals (Area 1); Legal Matters: Legal advice on contractual agreement – ABM, and Board Policy IMD.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:40 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:45 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:50 p.m.

Mr. Crane MOVED to extend regular session past 11:00 p.m. and last no longer than 11:55 p.m.; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 10:55 p.m.

Executive session reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 11:50 p.m.

Chairman Limer announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Employment Matters: Employment Matter (1), Employment Matter (2), Appeal: Two Student Appeals (Area 1); Legal Matters: Legal advice on contractual agreement – ABM, and Board Policy IMD.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES

- No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- Employment MATTER (1), No Action Taken
- Employment MATTER (2); No Action Taken

APPEALS

STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 1)

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Dr. Bradley MOVED to recommend the student be placed in Virtual School for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a 6-3 vote (Mr. Silas, Mr. Crane, Mr. Moulton opposed).

STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 1)

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a 7-2 vote (Mr. Crane, and Ms. Rhinehart Jackson opposed).

LEGAL BRIEFING

- LEGAL ADVICE ON CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT- ABM
No Action Taken
- LEGAL ADVICE ON BOARD POLICY IBM
No Action Taken

Mr. Crane MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: