

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at North Augusta Middle School, 725 Old Edgefield Road in the Cafeteria 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  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Dr. John Bradley  
Mr. Cameron Nuessle  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Barry Moulton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Sandra Shealey

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 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  
Ms. Cassie Cagle, Director of Special Programs  
Mrs. Kristy Cansler, Director of Federal Programs  
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.

Moment of Silence 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 January 14, 2020; were presented for approval. Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2020; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

##### - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mrs. Kristen Hill spoke in regards to Solar Panels at Gloverville Elementary School.
- Mr. Butch Godwin spoke in regards to Solar Panels at Gloverville Elementary School.
- Ms. Marsha Harris spoke in regards to Student Discipline and the Superintendent Search.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Board Members are invited to the Teacher Forum Meeting on February 3, 2020 at 4:30, at Aiken High School in the Media Center.
- Teacher Forum – Brunch with the School Board on February 8, 2020 at the Wilcox Inn.
- SCSBA Annual Convention – February 20-23, 2020 in Hilton Head, SC.
- Board Meeting Starting Time – Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to change the board meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning on February 11, 2020; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Kimbra Meek, Principal at North Augusta Middle School presented PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the school.
- A-2 ASPIRING PRINCIPAL'S ACADEMY UPDATE: Dr. Sal Minolfo presented PowerPoint Presentation in regards to the Aspiring Principal's Academy.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 7 FOR THE GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY ADDITION PROJECT: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 7 for Graniteville Elementary Addition Project from R.W. Allen Construction, LLC in the amount of \$89,668.00 and this amount will be deducted from the Fund 5 Reserve Contingency account.
- B-2 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2019 BLEACHER PROJECT @ KENNEDY MIDDLE & SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 for 2019 Bleacher Project from Haldeman-Homme credit in the amount of <\$19,305.00>.
- B-3 2020 REPLACEMENT OF EXTERIOR SIGNS @ GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY, NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE, REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY & WARRENVILLE ELEMENTARY: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$114,740.00 and enter into a contract with Signs Unlimited of South Carolina to replace exterior signs to LED at Gloverville Elementary, New Ellenton Middle, Redcliffe Elementary, Warrenville Elementary.

Mr. Crane MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

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

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Interim Superintendent Laurence announced the Ridge Spring High School students would begin moving into the new building on Wednesday, January 29. 4K Evening Program began classes on January 28. February 7, 2020 would be the District Job Shadow Day, and the District Recruitment Event is scheduled for February 8, 2020 at Aiken High School.

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. Contractual Issues: Update on a Contractual Matter – ABM; Employment Matters: Interim Assignment, Update on an Employment Matter, Discussion of Employment Matter Regarding Superintendent.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:07 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:15 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:20 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Employment Matters: Contractual Issues: Update on a Contractual Matter – ABM; Employment Matters: Interim Assignment, Update on an Employment Matter, Discussion of Employment Matter Regarding Superintendent.

#### CONTRACTUAL ISSUES

- Mr. Smith MOVED to direct the administration to remove the solar panels from Gloverville Elementary School; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; Mr. Smith MOVED to AMEND the motion to include sale of the solar panels if possible; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a 7-1 vote (Mr. Crane opposed).

#### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- Update on an Employment Matter; No Action Taken
- Discussion of Employment Matter Regarding Superintendent; No Action Taken

#### APPEALS

No Items This Meeting

#### LEGAL BRIEFING

No Items This Meeting

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: