

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 16, 2019

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 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. Tad Barber  
Mr. Jason Crane  
Mrs. Rosemary English  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Mr. Ahmed Samaha  
Mrs. Sandra Shealey  
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, 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  
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director  
of Elementary School  
Mrs. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director  
of Middle Schools  
Mr. Bert Postell, Executive Director  
of High Schools  
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. Dwight Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Silas MOVED to add Advisory Council Appointments to Section D, Item 1; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2019; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-2 (Mr. Barber, and Mrs. Shealey abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Aiken Youth Bass Masters and North Augusta Fishing Team were recognized.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No items this meeting

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mrs. English presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

A-2 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- 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 GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE SILVER BLUFF HIGH FOOTBALL STADIUM PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-8 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MAY 31, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DUES: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize continuation of membership in the South Carolina School Boards Association.

- B-2 DETAILED LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES BIDS FOR AREA THREE: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid and to enter into a contract with Plantation Nurseries for Detailed Lawn Maintenance Services for Area Three as part of a lawn maintenance program.
- B-3 UTILITIES INSTALLATION EASEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF MONETTA: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board grant the easement and installation and authorize the Chair and Superintendent to execute the original easement document.
- B-4 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT (SBHS): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student presented for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.
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- B-7 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT (AHS): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student presented for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.
- B-8 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD COURSES FOR 2019-20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the additional Local School Board Courses for 2019-20.
- B-9 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE NEW NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH PHASES 2A & 2B: Superintendent Alford approve Change Order Number 1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of <\$1,259,840.57>.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2019-2020; certified retiree rehires for school year 2019-2020; classified personnel for school year 2018-2019; classified personnel for school year 2019-2020; classified retiree rehires for school year 2018-2019; classified retiree rehires for school year 2019-20; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-20; classified supplemental for school year 2019-20; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2019-2020: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the recommendations of the Chief Officer of Administration to release students from Aiken County Public Schools to attend the out-of-district schools as requested for the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 ADOPT POLICY JICG TOBACCO USE BY STUDENTS, FINAL READING: Mr. Silas MOVED to adopt Policy JICG Tobacco Use By students on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY GBED TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE, FINAL READING: Mr. Silas MOVED to adopt changes to Policy GBED Tobacco-Free Workplace on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-5 CHANGES TO POLICY ADC TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, FINAL READING: Mr. SILAS MOVED to adopt changes to Policy ADC Tobacco-Free School District on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 POWERSCHOOL PERFORMANCE MATTERS ASSESSMENT PLATFORM: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the transition of PowerSchool Performance Matters Assessment Platform for Benchmarking and Formative Assessment; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 WATERFORD EARLY LEARNING SYSTEM RENEWAL: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the one-year contract renewal of Waterford Early Learning; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Mr. Crane, Mr. Liner, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Silas, and Mr. Smith opposed). Mr. Crane MOVED to keep the Waterford program through December, 2019 pending completion of an external program evaluation; allow the administration to continue discussion with Waterford concerning contract, different components of their program and to research alternative early learning programs; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Silas, Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner and Mr. Moulton opposed).

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- ATTENDANCE MAKE UP: Presentation scheduled for the August 13, 2019 meeting.
- STUDENT DISCIPLINE: Mr. Silas MOVED to return to the Tribunal System; MOTION FAILED FOR A LACK OF SECOND; Chairman Liner announced that Discipline Committee will evaluate by October 1, 2019.
- ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to re-appoint the following member to the Area 3 Advisory Council; Mr. Tim Wilson; and to appoint Mrs. Paula Holly and Mr. Rodney Wayne as new members of the Area 3 Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Alford announced the ribbon cutting ceremony for Aiken Intermediate School will be August 6, at 1:00 p.m., the ribbon cutting ceremony for Graniteville Elementary will be August 10, at 10:00 a.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: Personnel Issues: four Administrative Appointments; Appeals: three Out-of-District Transfer appeals; and one Student Appeal.

Mr. Samaha MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:28 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:35 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:08 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: four Administrative Appointments; Appeals: three Out-of-District Transfer Requests and One Student Appeal.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

A.L.CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Michelle Kennedy, Assistant Principal; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Moulton opposed).

GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Monique Smalls, Assistant Principal; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSBEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Alexander Roberts, Assistant Principal; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Moulton opposed).

NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Noah Boudreau, Assistant Principal; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Moulton opposed).

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.



APPEALS:

- a. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 2): Mr. Samaha MOVED to allow the student to enroll in Aiken County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year with a 50% reduction of tuition; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 2): Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to enroll in Aiken County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year with tuition; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 2): Mr. Smith MOVED to allow the student to enroll in Aiken County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year with tuition waived; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- d. STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 1): Mr. Samaha MOVED to allow the student to return to school on August 19, 2019 on strict probation and that parent submit proper paperwork for school transfer request; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Smith and Mr. Moulton opposed)

Mr. Crane MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m...

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: