

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:00 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. Jason Crane
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Brian Silas
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Merry Glenne Piccolino, Director of Communications
Mrs. Julie Reville, Executive Director
of Elementary Schools
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director
of Elementary Schools
Ms. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director
of Middle Schools
Mr. Bert Postell, Executive Director
of High Schools
Ms. Kate Olin, Director of Accountability & Assessment
Ms. Stephanie Behrendt, Communications Facilitator
Mrs. Beth Taylor, Special Education, Interim Director
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Liner 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 Liner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Liner stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on February 18, 2020 and the Regular Meeting on February 25, 20; were presented for approval. Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on February 18, 2020, and the Regular Meeting on February 25, 2020; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS:
 - Schofield Middle School Boys Basketball Team was recognized as Middle School Champions for 2019-2020

- 2020 Scripps Spelling Bee:
 - Student Participants were recognized

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - Mr. Michael Hollis spoke in regards to classified employee concerns

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Teacher Forum Meeting March 30, at 4:30 – Warrenton Elementary
- Dr. Bradley MOVED to give Twelve month employees March 23, 2020 as a day off, contingent on the day not being used as a weather make up day; SECONDED by Chairman Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1(Mr. Nuessle opposed)
- Ethics Commission Report due by March 30

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: Clearwater Elementary School postponed until a later date
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTIONS STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the

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 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 & 2 FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 3 JAMES TAYLOR RENOVATION: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 & Change Order Number 2 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount of \$215,768.00.
- B-3 RUBBER TRACK-RESURFACING PROJECT @ MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH & NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with this project and enter into a contract with ATC Site Construction for the 2020-2021 Track for Midland Valley High & North Augusta High for \$380,846.50 and the funds will come from the Athletic Facility Account.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) 2020-21 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2020-21 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 SUBMISSION OF THE 2020-21 NINA M. LOWEY 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT APPLICATION BY LEAVELL MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the 2020-21 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-6 NONRESIDENT TUITION FEES: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve annual nonresident tuition at a rate of \$750 for an initial student and \$250 for a subsequent student in the same family, limiting the maximum annual family nonresident tuition at \$1,000.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2019-2020; certified personnel for school year 2020-2021; classified personnel for school year 2019-2020; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve The Chief Officer of Administration recommendations that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY GDB SUPPORT STAFF EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION, FINAL READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve changes to Policy GDB Staff Employment and Compensation on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY GCQC/GCQD RESIGNATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF FINAL READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve changes to Policy GCQC/GCQD Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Crane discussed meeting with Public Education Partner's (PEP) Chairman.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Laurence gave COVID-19 update
- NAHS Girls Basketball Team 4th straight State Championship
- Superintendent Laurence gave update on events during Read Across America Week

Chairman Liner announced the Board will need to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board may choose: Employment Matters: Internal Auditor Update; Appeals: Student Appeal Area 5; Legal Briefing: Update on Legal Matters.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:30 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:40 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Employment Matters: Internal Auditor Update; Appeals: Student Appeal Area 5; Legal Briefing: Update on Legal Matters.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Internal Auditor Update – No Action Taken

APPEALS:

- Student Appeal (Area 5)

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to recommend the student be placed at the Center for Innovative Learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFING:

- Update on Legal Matters – No Action Taken

Mr. Moulton MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: