

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2019

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 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
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mr. Ahmed Samaha
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jason Crane

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. King Laurence, Chief Officer of Administration
Mrs. Jeanie Glover, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Julie Revelle, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director
of Middle School
Mr. Alvin Pressley, Executive Director
of High School
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 Mrs. Sandra Shealey

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 February 26, 2019; will be brought back for approval on March 26, 2019.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Mr. Tom Scott, Director of South Carolina Cyber Foundation was recognized by the district for his work with SC Cyber
- Academic Team District Champions from North Augusta Middle School Team was recognized
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - John Piretti spoke in regards to transportation concerns
 - Seve Adigun spoke in regards to transportation concerns
 - Paul Hickman spoke in regards to transportation concerns

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Liner discussed the following: Board Member Ethics Forms are due to South Carolina School Boards Association by March 29, 2019.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No update this meeting.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 2B ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS & ADDITION PROJECT: The Board Reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL 2B 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.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 RESCHEDULE BUDGET WORK STUDY: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve rescheduling budget work study to April 16, 2019.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-2 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2019-2020; certified personnel for school year 2018-2019; classified personnel for school year 2018-2019, and non-employee supplemental personnel for School Year 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2019-2020: Mr. Silas 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 Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 REQUEST FROM AN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM SEEKING APPROVAL TO PLACE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN DISTRICT SCHOOLS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation to recognize Youth for Understanding USA (YFU USA) as eligible to request placements of foreign exchange students in Aiken district schools; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$90,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019A: Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve the recommendation to approve the resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of \$90,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, series 2019A; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION RENOVATION PROJECT: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the recommendation to approve the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented; and authorize the Architect to proceed with contract documents and final working drawings and specifications for this project; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 SCHOOL BUS MOBILE RADIOS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation to authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid of \$176,320.00 for the purchase and installation of radios for school buses; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM RESTROOMS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation to authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$796,000.00 and enter into a contract with Tyler Construction Group, Inc. for the Silver Bluff High School Football Stadium Restrooms with the funding coming from the Athletic account for Year 2019-2020; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-8 A RESOLUTION FOR PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH ENTERING INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACTOR ABM AND SEEK FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT; Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation to approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to enter into contract negotiations with ABM and seek funding for the project; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION carried on a 6-2 vote (Mr. Silas and Mr. Smith opposed).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Chairman Liner discussed updates from various committees. Salary Study Committee will meet on March 29, 2019. An update on the following committees were received: Communications Committee and Facilities Committee.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT: Dr. Andrew Cox presented a power point presentation regarding Technology Department

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: Administrative Appointment.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:43 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:53 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:17 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Administrative Appointment.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Dr. Ryan Ashley, Principal of Kennedy Middle School. SECONDED by; Mr. Samaha; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- No items this meeting.

APPEALS

- No items this meeting

Mrs. English MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: