

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and web location of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Jason Crane
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Bradley 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 Bradley.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – Budget Workshop on April 13, 2021 was presented for approval; Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting-Budget Workshop on April, 13, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 20, 2021 was presented for approval; Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 20, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; Motion carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mr. Silas abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Goodwyn Mills and Cawood (GMC) presented Aiken County Public Schools with the AIASC Citation Award – Adaptive Reuse for the Graniteville Elementary School Additions and Renovations Project.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

- Mr. Jason Whinghter spoke in regards to the District's student enrollment numbers for next school year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Doug Busbee and Ms. Brenna Nunn spoke against reducing the number of agriculture teacher positions at Wagener – Salley High for the 2021-2022 school year.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Midland Valley High School Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the new Cafeteria.
- Chairman Bradley recognized Aiken Standard Reporter Blakeley Barteel for her reporting of Aiken County Schools.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF JANUARY 31, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MARCH 31, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Mr. Crane MOVED to ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2021-2022: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.

- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2021-2022: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools for the 2021-2022 school year and that the parent/guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee (\$1,000 family cap).

- B-4 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for Admission to the School District of Aiken County in August of 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

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- B-10 LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL SCHOOL ALUMNI – EDDY FERGUSON DONATION TO THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$4000.00 Leavelle McCampbell School Alumni – Eddy Ferguson Donation to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of donation and expenditures.
- B-11 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) 2021-2022 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2021-2022 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-12 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) 2020-2021 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2021-2022 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-13 SUBMISSION OF THE USDA FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM GRANT-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-14 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE 2020 REMODELING OF NORTH AUGUST MIDDLE RESTROOMS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order Number 1 for 2020 Remodeling of North Augusta Middle Restrooms from First Class Construction credit in the amount of <\$30,281.52>.
- B-15 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order #1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount of \$175,680.00 for the Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary School Addition Project.
- B-16 REPLACEMENT OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM CONVERSION AT WARRENVILLE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept the low base and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the total amount of \$232,000.00, with funding coming from the 2021-2022 Facility Code Upgrades account
- B-17 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2021 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS INSPECTIONS, TESTING, REPAIRS, SECURITY SYSTEM REPAIRS, INTERCOM SYSTEMS REPAIRS, DATA SYSTEMS, ACCESS CONTROLS, CAMERA SYSTEMS AND INSTALLS FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to allow the administration to enter into a contract with all of the following firms on an annual basis ranked as stated about for various Maintenance service and small system installs over the next 5 years.

B-18 LIVE-STREAMING SERVICES, ON-SITE EQUIPMENT, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, AND DEDICATED WEB PAGES FOR ALL CLASS OF 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS, THROUGH INTERACTIVE DISPLAY SOLUTIONS, INC:

Superintendent Laurence recommended the live-streaming of our Class of 2021 High School Graduations be provided by Interactive Display Solutions, Inc.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve items B-2 and B-18 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve list of certified personnel for school year 2021-22; certified retiree rehires for school year 2021-22; certified personnel for school year 2020-21; classified personnel for school year 2021-2022; classified personnel for school year 2020-21; classified retirees rehires for school year 2020-2021; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-2022 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2021-2022; SECONDED by Mr. Smith: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BELIEFS STATEMENTS AND MISSION STATEMENT: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve Aiken County Public School District's Beliefs Statements and Mission Statement; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING POLICIES, FIRST READING – Policy BB SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS, POLICY BBA BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES, POLICY BBAA BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES, POLICY BC BOARD MEMBER CONDUCT, POLICY BCA BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS, POLICY BDE BOARD COMMITTEES, POLICY BHC BOARD STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve on first reading Policy BB School Board Legal Status, Policy BBA Board Powers and Duties, Policy BBAA Board Member Authority and Responsibilities, Policy BC Board Member Conduct, Policy BCA Board Member Code of Ethics, Policy BDE Board Committees, Policy BHC Board Staff Communications; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PLAN THROUGH ESSER II FUNDING: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve utilization of ESSER II funds to provide an Employee Assistance Plan; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 PROPOSED REVISION TO ESSER II SUMMER PROGRAM PAY: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the proposed \$5 per hour increase in ESSER II summer pay, New rates, if approved, would be: Lead teachers \$45 per hour, Teachers/counselors \$42 per hour, School nurses/OTs/PTs \$35 per hour, Bus drivers \$20 per hour, aides (who also bus monitor) \$20 per hour, Bus monitor only \$16 per hour, School food service manager \$21 per hour, School food service operator \$18 per hour; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT, FIRST READING: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed Code of Student Conduct for each level as presented by the administration; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent Laurence gave brief update in regards to Aiken Innovate for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The District's Math Master's Cohorts were recognized with a video presentation.

Chairman Bradley 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: Appeals-Student Appeal Area 3; Employment Matters-Administrative Appointment –a., Administrative Appointment-b., Consideration of Contractual Matter-c.; Contractual Matter-Property Matter-Area 4.

Mr. Smith MOVED to enter into Executive Session for the purposes as stated; SECONDED BY Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:38 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:50 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:38 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters; Appeals-Student Appeal Area 3; Employment Matters-Administrative Appointment –a., Administrative Appointment-b., Consideration of Contractual Matter-c.; Contractual Matter-Property Matter-Area 4.

APPEALS

STUDENT APPEAL - AREA 3

Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT-a.

Mr. Smith MOVED to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal at Mossy Creek Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT-b.

Mr. Crane MOVED to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal at Greendale Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT-c.

No Action Taken

CONTRACTUAL MATTER

PROPERTY MATTER-AREA 4

Mrs. Shealey MOVED that Whereas the Aiken County Board of Education is the owner of that certain real property and improvements known as the Salley(Sardis) School Site, and Whereas this property is not needed for present education programs of the Consolidated School district of Aiken County, and has not been used for such purposes for many years but has been used within the Salley Community on lease in the past for community purposes and for the Head Start Program at one time, and Whereas this property has been in the District's surplus inventory for years and can be better utilized within the community of location for related town or community purposes and has been previously been designated as surplus, but formal authentication of thereof is not presently available and the Board, by this Resolution, intends to reiterate and declare the Salley/Sardis property surplus, Now Therefore, be it and it hereby is, declared that such surplus designation is by this instrument reconfirmed; and be it, and it hereby is, further resolved that if the construction of such improvements on or about 1954 was done utilizing state funds, then the District through its governing Board of Education, as its Trustees, respectfully requests that the State Board of Education approve this Sections 59-19-190 request for the Board to sell or assign such property to the Town of Salley per its offer to Purchase now pending and the Board will utilized any realized therefrom for its capital budge purposes; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFING

No Items This Meeting

Mr. Crane MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: