

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, via ZOOM for Meetings, 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:

Mr. Keith Liner, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jason Crane

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, 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, Chief Officer of Administration
Mrs. Merry Glenne Piccolino, Director of Communications
Ms. Julie Revelle, Executive Director for Elementary Schools
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director for Elementary Schools
Ms. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director for Middle Schools
Mr. Bert Postell, Executive Director for High Schools
Mrs. Kristy Cansler, Director of Federal Programs
Ms. Kate Olin, Director of Assessment and Accountability
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Liner called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

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

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: Contractual Matters: Update on Sale of Property; Employment Matters: Administrative Appointments; Legal Briefing: Legal Update.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:05 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:15 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Contractual Issues: Update on Sale of Property; Employment Matters: Administrative Appointment (a.), Administrative Appointment (b.), Administrative Appointment (c.), Administrative Appointment (d.); Legal Briefing: Legal Update.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS:

- Update on Sale of Property
NO ACTION TAKEN

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Administrative Appointment (a.)
Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Dr. Sal Minolfo, Director of Administration; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 7-1 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed)

- Administrative Appointment (b.)

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Ms. Michelle Kennedy, Principal at A.L. Corbett Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Administrative Appointment (c.)

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mr. Casey Rogers, Principal at LBC Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Administrative Appointment (d.)

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mr. Rasheem Neloms, Principal at Wagener-Salley High School; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPEALS:

- No Items This Meeting

LEGAL BRIEFING:

- Update on Legal Matter

NO ACTION TAKEN

Moment of Silence was led by Chairman Liner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 21, 2020 were presented for approval. Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 21, 2020; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
 - Chairman Liner announced signs would be made available from SCSBA in support of the Class of 2020 for school board members to post on front lawns.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- B-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- B-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- B-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- B-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- C-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.

- C-2 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD COURSES FOR 2020-2021: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the Local School Board Courses for 2020-2021.
- C-3 LANGUAGE IMMERSION MATHEMATICS: K-5: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendations of the teachers and administrators of our elementary language immersions programs.
- C-4 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE REMODELING OF RESTROOMS: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with First Class Construction in the amount of \$433,996.00 for the North Augusta Middle Remodeling of Restrooms Project with Aiken County Public Schools, and transfer funds as a one-time transfer for North Augusta Middle restroom project.
- C-5 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES) GRANT FUNDING: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the administration to move forward with applying for CARES Act funding for the use of technology to implement a 1:1 digital learning initiative for students in grades 6-12.

Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve items C-1 through C-5 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- D-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2020-2021; classified personnel for school year 2019-2020; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D-2 ADDITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GCC-R (2) (PROFESSIONAL STAFF) AND GDC-R (2) (SUPPORT STAFF), COVID-19 RELATED LEAVE: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the temporary addition of Administrative Rules GCC-R (2) (Professional Staff) and GDC-R (2) (Support Staff), COVID-19 Related Leave; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- D-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Ms. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- D-4 REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT-FIRST READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the first reading the proposed Code of Student Conduct revisions for each level as presented by the administration ; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- D-5 REVISED PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021: Mr. Smith MOVED that the Board approve proposed calendar option 4 (Revision 1) for the 2020-2021 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed).
- D-6 2020-2021 BUDGET – FIRST READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED that the Board approve the first reading of the 2020-2021 budget, and that the budget hearing/public input be held at a Special Called Meeting on June 2, 2020 at 6:00 and that the second reading of the budget take place at the June 9, 2020 regular meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mrs. Shealey abstained).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Crane thanked everyone for the get well wishes on his recovery from surgery, and Mr. Perry Smith, Principal at Jackson STEAM Middle for filling in for him at a recent community event.

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OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Laurence gave update on 2020 graduation ceremonies and transition to the 2020-2021 school year.
- In-person Board Meetings will resume again with the May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: