

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday October 13, 2020, 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:

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. Jason Crane
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Dr. Corey Murphy, 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
Ms. Julie Revelle, Executive Director for Elementary Schools
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director for Elementary Schools
Dr. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director for Middle Schools
Mr. Bert Postell, Executive Director for High Schools
Mr. Mike Rosier, Communications Coordinator
Ms. Kate Olin, Director of Accountability and Assessment
Mrs. Kristy Cansler, Federal Programs Director
Ms. Micki Dove, Director of Curriculum Support
Ms. LaToya Wiley, Special Programs Director
Mr. Carl White, Student Services Director
Dr. Sal Minolfo, Director of Administration
Ms. Stephanie Behrendt, Communications Facilitator
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 Regular Meeting on September 22, 2020, and the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on October 3, 2020, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 22, 2020, and the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on October 3, 2020; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Amy Stone, a teacher at Aiken High School spoke in regards to the return to full time instruction.
- Ms. Erin Odum, a student at Aiken High School spoke in regards to the return to full time instruction.
- Ms. Kiara McCarroll spoke in regards to standardized testing.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 COVID-19 UPDATE: Mr. Laurence gave an update in regards to the weekly report of COVID-19 illnesses in schools.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDIT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2019 FLOORING @ A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE/BUSBEE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$19,940.00> from Merit Flooring.
- B-2 DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION DONATION TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL- FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$2,000.00 General Dollar Literacy Foundation Donation to Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-3 DOLLAR GENEAL LITERACY FOUNDATION DONATION TO REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$3,850.00 Dollar General Literacy Foundation Donation to Redcliffe Elementary School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-4 FRANK AND DOROTHY HECKENDORN DONATION TO NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$1,000.00 Frank and Dorothy Heckendorn Donation to North Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-5 NAPLETON INFINITI OF AUGUSTA DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$5,000.00 Napleton Infiniti of Augusta Donation to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION – SCHOOL ARTS MATERIALS (SAM) GRANT AWARD – NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE STEAM MAGENT SCHOOL - FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Arts Commission School Arts Materials (SAM) Grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.
- B-7 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION-SCHOOL ARTS MATERIALS (SAM) GRANT AWARD - SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL - FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Arts Commission School Arts Materials (SAM) Grant in the amount of \$7,305.00, and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.
- B-8 AMENDMENTS TO THE HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START GRANT: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the amendment for the use of funds for the Head Start/Early Head Start Program.

Mrs. Silas MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey;
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2020-2021; certified retiree rehires for school year 2020-2021; ; classified personnel for school year 2020-2021; classified retiree rehires for school year 2020-2021; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021 SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approved the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district school; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools, and the parent/legal guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee; SECONDED by Mr. Silas MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 SUSPENSION OF POLIXY IKAA FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Nuessle MOVED to table this item until the October 27, 2020 meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR COVID-RELATED PPE ITEMS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve \$250,000 for the purchase of additional desk partitions and other PPE items; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Nuessle MOVED to survey district employees in their level of interest in COVID-19 testing and give the district the ability to access and deliver tests in regards to survey results; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Nuessle MOVED to give schools clear direction in regards to the wearing of face coverings and that the refusal to do so would be a Level One Infraction; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; Mr. Nuessle MOVED to amend the previous motion to include give schools clear direction to follow the Code of Conduct as stated in regards to defiance and insubordination as related to the wearing of face coverings; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM BOARD LIASION TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES:

Communications Committee Meeting - Thursday, October 15 at 4:30

Salary Study Committee Meeting – Friday, October 23, at 8:30

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Mr. Laurence updated the Board in regards to a North Aiken Elementary student that was killed over the weekend

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: Continued discussion of contract for In-House Counsel.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:45 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:50 p.m.

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Regular session resumed at 8:35 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Contractual Matters: Continued discussion of contract for In-House Counsel.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS:

- No Action Taken

Mr. Silas MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: