

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 14, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 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. Brian Silas
Mr. Jason Crane

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

Moment of Silence and Pledge were led by Vice-Chairman Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the agenda as submitted; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 23, 2020 were presented for approval. Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 23, 2020; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Corinne McGee, Mr. John Caswell, Mr. Ben Harm, and Mr. John Pettigrew spoke in regards to the District's Back to School Plan concerns in regards to the COVID19 Pandemic.

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: Employment Matters: Administrative Appointments (a.), (b.), and item (c.); Legal Briefing: Legal Advice Concerning Re-Opening of School.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:21 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:26 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 6:51 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Employment Matters: Administrative Appointment (a.), Administrative Appointment (b.), Item (c.); Legal Briefing: Legal Advice Concerning Re-Opening of School.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Administrative Appointment (a.)
Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mr. Sheldon Higgenbottom, Principal of Midland Valley High School SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Administrative Appointment (b.)
Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Dr. Corey Murphy, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION carried on a votes of 8-1 (Mr. Moulton opposed).

- Administrative Appointment (c.)
Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and extend the contract of the District's Nurse Supervisor from 205 days to 260 days for the 2020-2021 school year ; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- B-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION & RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- B-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- B-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- B-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- B-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- B-6 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- C-1 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2019 REMODELING OF RESTROOMS @ GREENDALE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$16,412.00>from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc.
- C-2 CARES ACT EMERGENCY OPERATING GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SUBMISSION FOR FREEDMAN EARLY LEARNING CENTER-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the CARES Act Emergency Operating Grants for Child Care Providers for \$15,000 and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- C-3 KEVIN & BRITTANY KISNER FOUNDATION DONATION TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$2,000.00 Kevin and Brittany Kisner Foundation Donation to Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- C-4 SUBMISSION OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS 2020-21 DISCRETIONARY SUBGRANT-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board Approve the submission of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant for \$45,000 and receipt of funds, it awarded.

C-5 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DUES: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize continuation of membership in the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve items C-1 through C-5 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

D-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Shealey 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 2019-2020; 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. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the students be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools. The parent/legal guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; 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 Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D-4 ADDITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GCC-R (3) (PROFESSIONAL STAFF) AND GDC-R (3) (SUPPORT STAFF), PROFESSIONAL LEAVE-INTERNSHIPS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the addition of Administrative Rules GCC-R (3) (Professional Staff) and GDC-R (3) (Support Staff), Professional Leave – Internships.

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D-5 BACK TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE PROPOSAL: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the back to school plan recommendations presented by the Superintendent and the Back to School Task Force Committee; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried by a vote of 8-1 (Mrs. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed)

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Mrs. Jeanie Glover, Chief Officer of Instructional Services presented update in regards to L.E.A.P. Days and the Head Start/Early Head Start Programs.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: