

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2018

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at Ridge Spring – Monetta High School, 10 JP Kneece Drive, Monetta, 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. Tad Barber, Chairman
Mr. Keith Liner, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jason Crane
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mr. Ahmed Samaha
Mr. Brian Silas
Mr. Dwight Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Sandra Shealey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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
for High School
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education/Superintendent

Chairman Barber called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Tray Traxler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Barber stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted. Mr. Smith MOVED to amend the agenda to add three items under Individual Board Members for consideration: two items regarding LMMS and one item regarding Area 3; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; Chairman Barber requested clarification for the item regarding Area 3. Mr. Smith stated he would be more specific when the item was considered. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 13, 2018; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 13, 2018; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Emilie DeGryse spoke regarding Be Smart.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Barber announced the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference will be held in Charleston on December 7 – 9, 2018.

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- Special Called Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the District Office for the purpose of SCSBA Orientation and Workshop.
- Special Called Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office for the purpose of Budget Workshop.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No updates this meeting
- A-2 Ms. Melanie Barton, Executive Director of South Carolina Education Oversight Committee presented a power point presentation on 2018 Accountability Legislation and Report Cards.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF JULY 31, 2018: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF AUGUST 31, 2018: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR LANGLEY BATH CLEARWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance

Grant application for Langley Bath Clearwater Middle School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-2 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR OAKWOOD WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Oakwood Windsor Elementary School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-3 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Jefferson Elementary School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for J.D. Lever Elementary School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-5 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR CLEARWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Clearwater Elementary School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-6 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Aiken Elementary School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-7 2019 REPLACEMENT OF BLEACHERS AT AIKEN MIDDLE, KENNEDY MIDDLE AND SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$112,425.00 with MasterCraft Renovation Systems to replace bleachers of Aiken Middle. Authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$43,392.65 with Halderman Homme, Inc. to replace bleachers at Kennedy Middle and \$96,126.58 at Silver Bluff High. This project budget will come from the athletic fund account.
- B-8 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FOR EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the SC Community Block Grant for Education and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-9 MTU USA DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the donation of the diesel engine to Aiken County Career and Technology Center.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve lists of classified personnel for school year 2018-2019; and classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the list of student requesting to be released from Aiken County Public Schools to attend the out-of-district schools.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY ADDITION (BYRD LEARNING CENTER BLC): Mr. Samaha MOVED to authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid plus Alternates #1, #2, #3 totaling \$5,938,100.00 and enter into a contract with R.W. Allen Construction, LLC for the Graniteville Elementary Addition (Byrd Learning Center BLC) with the funding coming from the Five-Year Facility Improvement Cyclic Maintenance Plan, total budget of \$7,338,100.00 to complete this project.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Smith discussed two items regarding LMMS that was presented to the former Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent: Goal posts from the old field on Cemetery Road be moved to the new school site; and new gym dedicated to Mr. Willis with lettering mounted on outside of gym doors. Superintendent Alford and Dr. Foster will bring back cost regarding both of these items.
- Mr. Smith MOVED to change the zoning for Trolley Run Station from Area 1 back to Area 3; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; Mr. Samaha MOVED to postpone the vote regarding Trolley Run Station; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION failed on a vote of 3 – 5 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Crane, Mr. Moulton and Mr. Silas opposed). After much discussion, Chairman Barber stated he would not bring the motion to the floor for a vote.

- Mr. Silas discussed reviewing a method for citizens to easily identify which board member represents their area of residence. Mrs. Piccolino commented that the process has been implemented and would continue to work to ensure the community concerns are addressed.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- PROBLEM SOLVING AND SCHOOL-BASED LEADERSHIP TEAMS: Dr. Brian Gaunt presented a power point presentation regarding Problem Solving and School-Based Leadership Teams.

Chairman Barber announced the Board would not have any items for consideration or discussion in Executive Session this meeting.

Mrs. English MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1-1 (Mr. Smith opposed and Mr. Crane abstained). The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: