

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 2019

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, 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. Keith Liner, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jason Crane
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mr. Ahmed Samaha

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, 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, 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
 of High School
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
 to Board of Education/Superintendent

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Keith 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 May 14, 2019 were presented for approval. Mrs. English MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2019; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Aiken County Science Fair Winners were recognized.
- Aiken County Fine Arts Winners were recognized.
- Schofield Middle School Amateur Radio Club was recognized.
- South Aiken High School Girls Soccer Team was recognizes as AAAA State Champions.
- Track and Field State Champions were recognized as follow: Class AAAA Long Jump – Tez'Waun Starlings from Midland Valley High School; and Class A Shot Put – Key'Asia Dunbar from Wagener-Salley High School.

- Aiken County Perfect Attendance students were recognized as follow: Aiyana Holland, Aiken High School; Antonio Hill, Silver Bluff High School; Kyler Jones and Thomas O'Banion, South Aiken High School.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - Melvin Marshall spoke regarding Substitutes.
 - Tamera Preacher spoke regarding Communications.
 - Bridget Elmshauser spoke regarding Dress Code.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
 - Chairman Liner reminded the Board of the following: Stars in Education is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the USCA Convocation Center; and Graduations Ceremonies are scheduled for Thursday, June 6th and Friday, June 7th.
 - Chairman Liner also discussed canceling the Board meeting scheduled for June 25th due to the finalizing of the budget on May 28, 2019. Mr. Smith MOVED to cancel the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for June 25, 2019; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mrs. English presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MARCH 31, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-4 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student presented for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August of 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.

B-2 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board declare items surplus and authorize the Administration to dispose of items by way of public auction, and to contract with an experienced auctioneer service to conduct the auction.

B-3 GMP #1 FOR THE FINAL SITE AND FIRE ALARM DOCUMENTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION RENOVATION PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept GMP #1 for the site and fire alarm package for the Midland Valley High Addition Renovation Project in the amount of \$3,309,092.00 and enter into a CM @ Risk contract with HG Reynolds Company, Inc.

B-4 AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1965 SCHOLARSHIP DONATION TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$2,000.00 donation from Aiken High School Class of 1965 to Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY19 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-5 AWARDING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT WITH HONORS WEIGHTING FOR THE acGATEWAY SUMMER PROGRAM: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve high school credit with Honors weighting for the acGateway Summer Program.
- B-6 MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS FOUNDATION INSTRUMENT DONATION TO SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL – FY20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the donation of the instruments from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Silver Bluff High School.
- B-7 MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS FOUNDATION INSTRUMENT DONATION TO NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE STEAM MAGNET SCHOOL – FY20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the donation of the instruments from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation to New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet School.
- B-8 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4 FOR THE GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 4 for Graniteville Elementary Addition Project from RW Allen Construction, LLC in the amount of \$103,202.00 and this amount will be deducted from Paving/resurfacing account.
- B-9 GMP #2 FOR AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 3 JAMES TAYLOR GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the GMP #2 for the Aiken High School Phase 3 James Taylor Gymnasium Renovation Project in the amount of \$5,755,183.00 and enter into a contract with HG Reynolds Company, Inc.

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

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2019-2020; certified retiree rehires for school year 2019-2020; classified personnel for school year 2018-2019; classified personnel for school year 2019-2020; and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-2020; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2019-2020: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the recommendations of the Chief Officer of Administration to release students from Aiken County Public Schools to attend the out-of-district schools as requested for the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FINAL READING: This item will be presented for final reading at the June 11th Board meeting.
- C-4 2019-202 BUDGET – SECOND/FINAL READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the second/final reading of the 2019-2020 budget with any changes resulting from Board discussion; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the recommended change to the school calendar for 2019-2020 so that teachers and staff are given more time to prepare for the start of school; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Silas recognized Mr. Kenneth Lott, Director of Aiken County Career and Technology Center; and Mr. Matthew Smith for their work in collaboration with Bridgestone regarding Safety Video.
- Chairman Liner updated the Board regarding Legal Service Committee. The committee will be bringing recommendations to the Board.
- Mr. Barber thanked Mrs. Martha Messick for the presentation to Aiken County Board of Realtors.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Dr. Salvatore Minolfo and staff presented a power presentation regarding Celebrating Belvedere Elementary School.

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: Personnel Issues: three Administrative Appointments; and Appeals: three Out-of-District transfer appeals.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:12 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:18 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:01 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: three Administrative Appointments; and three Out-of-District appeals.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOLS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mr. Berkeley Postell, Executive Director of High Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OAKWOOD WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mrs. Davina Truitt, Principal of Oakwood Windsor Elementary School; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Eliza Day, Principal of Paul Knox Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS

- a. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 4): Mr. Silas MOVED to allow the students to enroll in Aiken County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year with tuition waived; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 2): Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to enroll in Aiken County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year with tuition waived; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 1): Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to enroll in Aiken County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year with tuition waived; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mrs. English MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: