

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 12, 2019

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at LBC Middle School Auditorium, 29 Lions Trail, Warrenton, 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. Jason Crane  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Sandra Shealey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Interim 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. Merry Glenne Piccolino, Director of Communications  
Ms. Julie Revelle, Executive Director  
of Elementary Schools  
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director  
of Elementary Schools  
Mrs. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director  
of Middle Schools  
Mr. Bert Postell, Executive Director  
of High Schools  
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent/Board of Education

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Bert Postell

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for the Regular Meeting on October 22, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 22, 2019; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-0-1 (Mr. Silas abstained)

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Schools receiving an "excellent" rating on the 2018-2019 District Report Card were recognized

#### OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Liner announced that the Special School Board Election will be December 10, 2019, and the next school board meeting will be December 17, 2019

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: Mr. Paul Spadaro, Principal of LBC Middle School, presented PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the school.
  
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 3 JAMES TAYLOR GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

- B-2 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM RESTROOMS: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the Administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$70,883.17> from Tyler Construction Group, Inc.
- B-3 SUBMISSION OF THE JOHN DEERE PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW) COMPUTER SCIENCE GRANT APPLICATION BY RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY21: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the John Deere Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Computer Science Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION BY MIDLAND VALLEY HGIH SCHOOL – FY21: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation (NRAEF) Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as presented: SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2019-20, certified retiree rehires for school year 2019-20, classified personnel for school year 2019-20, classified retiree rehires for school year 2019-20, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-20, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-20 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2019-20; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-2 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FIVE-YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the proposed Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY JFAB NONRESIDENT STUDENTS, FIRST READING: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve changes to Policy JFAB Nonresident Students on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY GCD PROFESSIONAL STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS AND POLICY GDD SUPPORT STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS – FIRST READING: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve changes to Policy GCD Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays and Policy GDD Support Staff Vacations and Holidays on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 PROPOSED ONE-TIME USE OF FUND BALANCE: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve one-time funds for employee Christmas bonuses; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 SALARY COMMITTEE UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Crane MOVED to accept the Salary Committee recommendations and approve the amended 2019-2020 Salary Schedule; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve proposed calendar option 4 for 2020-2021; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION failed on a vote of 0-5 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Silas, Mr. Crane opposed) Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve two days (April 1, 2021 and June 7, 2021) as weather days for the 2020-2021 school calendar; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Interim Superintendent Laurence thanked the staff of LBC Middle School for hosting tonight's meeting, Dr. Shawn Foster and Mr. Tray Traxler were recognized for their work and collaboration in regards to the district's current facilities project's and the Five-Year Facility Plan. Interim Superintendent Laurence also gave update on the Fall Meet and Greet held that afternoon at USC-Aiken for December 2019 School of Education graduates and announced that several graduates had signed TBA contracts to work for the district.

Mr. Crane MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:21 p.m. Executive session convened at 8:25 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:30 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Employment Matters; Contractual Matters; Legal Briefing: Legal advice on Board Policy JICDA (Code of Conduct)

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No Items this meeting

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Contractual Matters

Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve the recommended contractual matters: Removal of the interim tag from Interim Director of Maintenance and Operations and placement of the position on the Director II scale in the salary schedule; Elimination of the vacant Director of Maintenance position; Creation of the Lead Foreman supplement; Shift of the Director of Facilities Construction position from Director 1 to Director II; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STUDENT APPEALS:

- No Items this meeting

LEGAL BRIEFING:

- RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING BOARD POLICY JICDA (CODE OF CONDUCT)

No Action Taken

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: