

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday October 27, 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
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 Special Called Meeting on October 6, 2020, and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 13, 2020, were presented for approval; Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on October 6, 2020, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 13, 2020; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests This Meeting

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.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2020 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY, NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY & REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$19,144.64> from Carpet Creations

B-2 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY ADDITION & RENOVATIONS PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the base bid totaling \$11,290,000 with Alternate #1 \$3,950,600 and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Construction Co., Inc. with a total of \$15,240,600 for the Hammond Hill Elementary Addition & Renovations Project. The additional \$5,140.60 will come from the 8% Five Year Facility Improvement Plan.

B-3 SUBMISSION OF THE NO KID HUNGRY GRANT: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the No Kid Hungry Grant and receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-4 AMENDMENT 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.

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-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 2020-2021; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; 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.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Liner MOVED to reappoint Ms. Rebecca Wall and Ms. Michelle Burns to the Area Two Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM BOARD LIAISON TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES:

Communications Committee Meeting – Mr. Crane gave update on meeting held on October 15, 2020.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Mr. Laurence congratulated the winners of the Stars of Public Education for the 2019-2020 school year and provided update in regards to the COVID-19 testing for employee's survey results. He also announced that flu shot clinics will be taking place at various school district sites on Friday, October 30, 2020.

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: Discussion of Employment Matter and Discussion of Employment Matter

Dr. Bradley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:42 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:50 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:48 p.m.

- C-3 Request for Approval for Home Instruction: Dr. Bradley MOVED to ratify the approval by the Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services for the program of home instruction for the students indicated on the attached list; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY BDG BOARD ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES, FIRST READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve changes to BDG Board Attorney/Legal Service on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET CALENDAR: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the proposed 2021-2022 budget calendar as shown in the attachment; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #1; GENERAL FUND 2020-2021: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve Budget Adjustment #1; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-2 (Mr. Moulton and Mr. Nuessle abstained); Mr. Liner MOVED to select members of the Salary Study Committee to meet with the county legislative delegation prior to the start of the 2021-2022 legislative session to discuss teacher step increase delays until the 2021-2022 school year; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 REQUEST FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW VIRTUAL SERVER INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the purchase of the new virtual server infrastructure using funds approved in the Five Year Facilities Plan; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-8 SUSPENSION OF A PORTION OF POLICY IKAA FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Silas MOVED to suspend the portions of Policy IKAA requiring semester examinations for the 2020-2021 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-9 2020-2021 Goals: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the Superintendent's goals as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Employment Matters: Discussion of Employment Matter and Discussion of Employment Matter.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Discussion of Employment Matter - No Action Taken
- Discussion of Employment Matter – No Action Taken

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: