

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at Silver Bluff High School Auditorium, 64 DeSoto 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. Jason Crane
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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
Mr. King Laurence, Chief Officer of Administration
Ms. Julie Revelle, Executive Director
Of Elementary School
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director
of Middle Schools
Mr. Bert Postell, Executive Director
of High Schools
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant

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. Barry Moulton

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 August 27, 2019; were presented for approval. Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 27, 2019; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rev. Paul Bush, Rev. Brendolyn Boseman, Mrs. Tara Reeder, Ms. Jane Paige Thompson, Mrs. Ellen Priest, Mr. Eugene White, Ms. Marsha Harris, Ms. Debbie Nix, Ms. Debbie Dixon, Mr. Moses Mims, Ms. Donna Moore-Wesby, Ms. Shannon Chandler, Ms. Sarah Young, Ms. Betty Ryberg, Rep. Bill Clyburn, and Mr. Scott Singer spoke in regards to the Superintendent's Resignation and Vacancy.

Mr. Robert Curtis spoke in regards to South Aiken High School Parking Lot Safety

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman Liner spoke in regards to the September 5, 2019 Special Called Board Meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMS UPDATE: Mrs. Jeanie Glover, Chief Officer of Instruction presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Extended Day Programs.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH PHASE 2B ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 FINAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS OFR THE SILVER BLUFF HIGH FOOTBALL STADIUM PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS FOR FY 19-20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve contracts for related services.
- B-2 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed the construction documents phase which is the final drawings and specifications for this project.
- B-3 GMP #1 FOR NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept

GMP #1 and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. for \$16,305,245.00 for the North Augusta High School Phase III Additions.

B-4 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE III PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Design Development narrative, plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary School Addition Phase III Project as presented by LS3P Architects.

B-5 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 5 FOR THE GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 5 for Graniteville Elementary Addition Project from RW Allen Construction, LLC in the amount of \$24,976.00 and this amount will be deducted from our contingency account.

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

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2019-2020; classified personnel for school year 2019-20; classified retiree rehires for school year 2019-20; and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2019-20; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No Items This Meeting

Regular session resumed at 10:30 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: Administrative Appointment and Receipt of Legal/Contractual Advice on Interim Superintendent; Legal Briefing: Receipt of legal advice regarding Board Member resignations and Receipt of legal advice regarding filling vacant Board Member positions.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No Items this meeting

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mr. Don Pencille Director of Technology; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mrs. English opposed)

- RECEIPT OF LEGAL/CONTRACTUAL ADVICE ON INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Moulton MOVED that the Board Name King Laurence as Interim Superintendent of Aiken County Public School District, effective September 14, 2018. Mr. Laurence will serve at the pleasure of the Board with all powers conferred to a South Carolina Superintendent by State law, State Board of Education regulation, and District policy. Mr. Laurence shall receive a monthly salary supplement of \$5000.00, as well as a monthly automobile allowance consistent with the District's practice; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mrs. English opposed).

STUDENT APPEALS:

- a. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 2): Postponed until the September 24, 2019 meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFING:

- RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATIONS
- RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING FILLING VACANT BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS

Mr. Silas MOVED to accept Resignations of Mr. Barber and Mr. Samaha effective September 10, 2019 and declare their seats vacant. Direct Board Chair to contact the Election Commission to notify them of vacancies to be filled by Special Election; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mrs. English opposed).

Mrs. English announced she will resign her board seat effective September 13, 2019.

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: