

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at the 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. Jason Crane
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas

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. Jennifer Hart, Director of Human Resources
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 to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Brian Silas

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 September 5, 2019, and minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2019; were presented for approval. Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on September 5, 2019 and minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2019; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Emilie DeGryce spoke in regards of the Be Smart Gun Safety Program

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman Liner welcomed Interim Superintendent, King Laurence, and announced that the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference is scheduled for December 6-8, 2019 in Charleston.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 ABM UPDATE: Dr. Tim Yarborough, Director of Operations, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding energy services provider ABM.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 SCHEMATIC PLANS FOR THE AIKEN COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY PROJECT: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Aiken County Career & Technology Project as presented by Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC).
- B-2 APPROVAL TO MAKE CONTRACT AWARD FOR DISTRICT-WIDE PRESSURE WASHING SERVICES: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the Procurement Department to award the contract for the District-wide Pressure Washing Services (BV2020-0001) to the top three vendors determined to be most advantageous to the District.
- B-3 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending September 30, 2019.
- B-4 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Interim Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board 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.

Mr. Smith 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. Silas MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2019-2020; certified retiree rehires for school year 2019-20; classified personnel 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. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Administration and release the student from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Interim Superintendent Laurence Recognized District and School Leadership Teams
- Update on \$90,000,000 Bond Referendum Oversight Committee
- Interim Superintendent Laurence announced that one school will be highlighted at each of the upcoming school board meetings
- Students Are the District's Focus

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:02 p.m.
Executive session convened at 8:10 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:08 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Appeals: Out-of-District Transfer Request (Area 2); Legal Briefing: Receipt of legal advice regarding Board Member resignation; Legal advice regarding FOIA requests; Consideration of final proposed details of contractual agreement to receive land donation and details on pending sale of property.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No Items this meeting

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- No Items this meeting

STUDENT APPEALS:

- a. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 2): Mr. Smith MOVED to amend the decision from the July 16, 2019 meeting and allow the student to remain in Aiken County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year with a reduction in tuition; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFING:

- RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Mr. Moulton MOVED to accept Resignation of Mrs. Rosemary English effective September 13, 2019 and direct Board Chair to contact the Election Commission to notify them of this resignation; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING FOIA REQUEST
No Action Taken

- CONSIDERATION OF FINAL PROPOSED DETAILS OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE LAND DONATION AND DETAILS ON PENDING SALE OF PROPERTY

Mr. Silas MOVED that the Board approve the Affidavit of Authentication to be signed by the Chair and Supt. King Laurence in order to facilitate the sale and closing of the Property described to the Board upon the terms and conditions as outlined in the document shared with the Board during discussion this evening and to approve the authorization of that sale as outlined in the February 12 contract, as extended for its closing date through Nov. 9, 2019; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Crane MOVED that the Board authorize the Chair and Superintendent to execute the documents described to the Board this evening that are associated with accepting and receiving the donation of the Tract for the Highland Springs project, including a contingency-related Reconveyance Agreement and an Easement Agreement; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: