

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 28, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 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 (Presided via Zoom)
Mr. Jason Crane
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Jeanie Glover, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Chief Officer of Administration
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director of Elementary Schools
Dr. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director of Middle Schools
Mr. Bert Postell, Executive Director of High Schools
Mrs. Kristy Cansler, Director of Federal Programs
Mr. Mike Rosier, Communications Coordinator
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.

Pledge and Moment of Silence 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 Board Work Study, July 7, 2020 and the Regular Meeting on July 14, 2020, were presented for approval. Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting Board Work Study, July 7, 2020 and the Regular Meeting on July 14, 2020; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - No Requests This Meeting

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
 - No Items This Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 ACADEMIC RECOVERY CAMP UPDATE: Ms. Kim Livingston and Ms. Holly Vaughn presented PowerPoint presentation in regards to the District's Academic Recovery Camps.
- A-2 UPDATE ON COVID19 – DISTRICT EMPLOYEES: Mrs. Jennifer Hart and Mrs. Monica Mazzell presented update in regards to COVID19 and district employees.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MARCH 31, 2020: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF APRIL 30, 2020: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MAY 31, 2020: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 INNOVATIVE COURSE APPLICATION FOR INTRO TO BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the innovative course Intro to Barbering and Cosmetology.

B-2 AWARDING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT WITH HONORS WEIGHTING FOR HEALTH SCIENCE II, WELDING III, BAKING AND PASTRY, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION II: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board Approve the Honors weighting for the following CTE courses: Health Science II, Welding III, Baking and Pastry and Early Childcare Education II.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-2 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 2020-21; classified personnel for school year 2020-21; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021;classified supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2020-21: SECONDED by Ms, Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING POLICIES, FIRST READING: POLICY DJGA SALES CALLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, POLICY GBEC GIFTS TO ANS SOLICITATIONS BY STAFF, POLICY GBGC PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE, POLICY GCD PROFESSIONAL STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS, POLICY GDD SUPPORT STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS, POLICY ILB TEST/ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION AND SECURITY, POLICY JFABC ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS, POLICY JJE STUDENT FUND-RAISING ACCTIVITES, CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE RULES; POLICY GBK-R STAFF CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES/POLICY IHBH-R CHARTER SCHOOLS, POLICY JJA-R STUDENT ORGANIZATION; Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the above listed policies and the above listed administrative rules, first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 UPDATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IN POLICY CCA ORGANIZATION CHART: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve updates to Organizational Chart in Policy CCA Organization Chart; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 NEW POLICY GBAAA TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT, FIRST READING, REVISIONS TO POLICY GBAA SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GBAA-R SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT, FIRST READING; Mr. Silas MOVED to approve policy GBAAA Title IX Sexual Harassment on first reading, Approve Policy GBAA Sexual Discrimination and Harassment on first reading, and Administrative Rule GBAA-R Sexual Discrimination and Harassment on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-6 NEW POLICY JIA TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT, FIRST READING, REVISIONS TO POLICY JI STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES) AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TO POLICY JI STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES), FIRST READING; Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve Policy JIA Title IX Sexual Harassment on first reading, Approve Policy JI Student Rights and Responsibilities (Complaints and Grievances) on first reading, Approve Administrative Rule to Policy JI Students Rights and Responsibilities (Complaints and Grievances) on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-7 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2020: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, series 2020; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Laurence gave update in regards to district's back to school plans, he announced that 7100 students had registered for Aiken Innovate (virtual program) and discussed the preparations in regards to starting school on August 17, 2020. Chairman Liner MOVED to discuss the possibility of delaying school to a later date; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Chairman Liner MOVED to table previous motion until Wednesday, July 29, 2020 for a Special Called Meeting via Zoom at 6:30; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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: Contractual Issues Update on Contractual Issue, Employment Matters: Administrative Appointment and Administrative Memo.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:34 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:46 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:23 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Contractual Issues: Update on Contractual Issue, Employment Matters: Administrative Appointment and Administrative Memo.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES

- Mr. Silas MOVED to authorize the Administration to move forward with Option 2 on a list of proposed directions and authorizations for the Administration together with the conditions or qualifications as provided to the Superintendent for administrative authority and reference; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Administrative Appointment

Ms .Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Ms. Shadie Hall as Head Start Director; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Administrative Memo
 - No Action Taken

APPEALS:

- No Items This Meeting

LEGAL BRIEFING:

- No Items This Meeting

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: