

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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  
Ms. Kate Olin, Director of Accountability and Assessment  
Mrs. Kristy Cansler, Federal Programs Director  
Ms. Micki Dove, Director of Curriculum Support  
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 Regular Meeting on August 25, 2020, were presented for approval. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 25, 2020; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

##### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests This Meeting

##### OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Town Hall Meeting at Wagener-Salley High School, Tuesday, September 15, 2020

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDIT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS 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 ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 FINAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS/BUDGET FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the final construction contract drawings and budget for the Hammond Hill Elementary School project and allow the administration proceed with advertising and the acceptance of construction bids.
- B-2 AWARD OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (SCDE) INNOVATIVE ARTS WORKS GRANT TO AIKEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education Innovative Arts Work Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Aiken Intermediate School, the receipt of funds and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.
- B-3 AWARD OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (SCDE) INNOVATIVE ARTS WORKS GRANT TO PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education Innovative Arts Work Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Paul Knox Middle School, the receipt of funds and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.

- B-4 CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT DONATION FOR AREA 3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTERS-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$3,000.00 Central Carolina Community Foundation Grant donation to Area 3 Elementary School Libraries and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of donation and expenditures.
  
- B-5 MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH DONATION TO RSM MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$1,200.00 Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Donation to RSM Middle School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
  
- B-6 ROTARY CLUB OF AIKEN FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT DONATION TO BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approved the \$1,500,00 Rotary Club of Aiken Foundation Community Service Grant Donation to Byrd Elementary School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
  
- B-7 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION-ARTS IN BASIC CURRICULUM GRANT AWARD-EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Arts Commission ABC Arts in Education Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 and receipt of funds and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.
  
- B-8 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION-ARTS IN BASIC CURRICULUM GRANT AWARD-NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE STEAM MAGNET SCHOOL-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Arts Commission ABC Arts in Education Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00, and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.

B-9 SUBMISSION OF THE JOHN DEERE PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW) COMPUTER SCIENCE GRANT APPLICATION BY RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL-FY22: 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.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Bradley 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; classified retiree rehires for school year 2020-2021; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021 SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools, and the parent/legal guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 ADDITION OF POLICY GBGAA ACCOMODATION FOR BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy GBGAA Accommodation for Breastfeeding Mothers, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-4 CONSIDERATION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL COMPUTER TECHNICIANS; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the creation of four instead of two computer technician positions; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson read email from parent thanking the district's technology department for their help with Aiken Innovate.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Mrs. Glover presented PowerPoint presentation in regards to Edmentum/Reading Eggs
- Superintendent Laurence gave update's on the first week of school and the Back to School Advisory Committee

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: Administrative Appointments (a.), (b.); Legal Briefing: Legal Advice on Board Attorney Relations.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:53 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:00 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:23 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Employment Matters: Administrative Appointment (a.), Administrative Appointment (b.); Legal Briefing: Legal Advice on Board Attorney Relations.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Administrative Appointment (a.)

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint the top candidate as Director of Special Programs; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Administrative Appointment (b.)

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint the top candidate as Director of Communications and Community Partnerships; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFING:

No Action Taken

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: