

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 8 2021, 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:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman  
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Jason Crane  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Mr. Cameron Nuessle  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mrs. Sandra Shealey  
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant  
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Bradley called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge was led by Chairman Bradley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Bradley stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Dr. Teresa L. Pope spoke in favor of African American History being taught in district schools.
- Perjetta K. Hightower spoke in favor of the approval of three courses that were tabled at the May 25, 2021 school board meeting.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson thanked the speakers that spoke during the public participation portion of tonight's meeting and stated that she hoped that the board would continue to move in the right direction.

#### SLIDE SHOW RECOGNITION

- Teachers from various schools were recognized as 2020-2021 mini grant recipients from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC
- Students from North Augusta Elementary and New Ellenton STEAM Middle were recognized as the 2020-2021 Battle of the Books Winners.
- Students from various schools we're recipients of State Honors Band recognition.

#### OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Bradley announced a Special Called Meeting will be held on June 15, 2021 to begin review of Instructional Policies and policy concerning Area Advisory Councils.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-2 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August of 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.
- B-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August of 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.
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- B-5 SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON COMPETITIVENESS DONATION TO THE JACKSON STEM MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$2,000.00 South Carolina Council on Competitiveness Donation to Jackson STEM Magnet Middle School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
  
- B-6 SUBMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVPP) GRANT APPLICATION – AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
  
- B-7 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2020 RUBBER TRACK RESURFACING AT MIDLAND VALLEY AND NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH: Superintendent Laurence recommended the authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$16,690.00> from ATC Site Construction.
  
- B-8 2021 PAINTING OF BYRD ELEMENTARY, CLEARWATER ELEMENTARY, EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE, AND PAUL KNOX MIDDLE: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept the bids and enter into a contract with Glory Painting, LLC for \$70,200.00. Authorize the administration to accept the bids and enter into a contract with CertaPro Painters of the CSRA for \$273,753.00. Funding will come form the 2021-2022 Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan Painting Budget.
  
- B-9 NEW ELLENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS TO NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE STEAM MAGNET SCHOOL AND GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the donation of Bleeding Control Kits from New Ellenton Fire Department for New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet School and Greendale Elementary School.

- B-10 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the Administration to dispose of items considered electronic waste (E-waster), and approve the procurement of a qualified E-waste vendor utilizing Request for Quote (RFQ) sourcing method, awarding to the highest bidder.
- B-11 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the funding flexibility for the quarter and year ending June 30, 2021.
- B-12 PROPOSED AMERICAN RESCUE (ARP) SUMMER PAY – HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Head Start and Early Head Start ARP-funded summer rates.

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve items B-1-B-5 and B-8-B-12 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Crane MOVED to approve items B-6 and B-7 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2021-22, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2021-22, classified personnel for school year 2021-22, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2021-22, classified personnel for school year 2020-21, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22 and classified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Laurence announced that District Graduation Ceremonies will be taking place on June 10 & 11, 2021. The District's Drive Up Retiree Celebration will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 and that the Stars of Public Education winners for the 2020-2021 school year were announced last Thursday, June 3, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bradley announced the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposed of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate: Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment -a., Administrative Appointment -b. and Legal Briefing – Legal Advice Concerning Policy BE, Legal Advice Concerning Policy BCB.

Mr. Silas MOVED to enter into Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 6:38 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:50 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:37 p.m.

Chairman Bradley while in Executive Session the board considered or received information on the following matters: Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment -a., Administrative Appointment -b. and Legal Briefing – Legal Advice Concerning Policy BE, Legal Advice Concerning Policy BCB.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – a.

Mr. Crane MOVED to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal at Silver Bluff High School; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – b.

Dr. Hanks MOVED to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the top candidate as Principal of Hammond Hill Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Moulton abstained)

LEGAL BRIEFING

LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING POLICY BE

No Action Taken

LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING POLICY BCB

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve on First Reading changes to Policy BCB; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: