

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 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. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jason Crane

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 Director
Ms. Kate Olin, Director of Accountability and Assessment
Mrs. Kristy Cansler, Federal Programs Director
Ms. Micki Dove, Director of Curriculum Support
Ms. LaToya Wiley, Director of Special Education
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 September 8, 2020, and Special Called Meeting on September 11, 2020 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 8, 2020 and Special Called Meeting on September 11, 2020; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Silas abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Michelle Stevens spoke in regards to the District's Back to School Plan.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

- SCSBA Legislative Conference & Annual Delegate Assembly on 12/4/20, an alternate is needed to attend if necessary
- Chairman Liner will be participating as a panelist for the SCSBA Beyond The Basics Virtual Workshop scheduled for October 8, 2020

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A-1 COVID-19 UPDATE: Mr. Bert Postell presented update in regards to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 ACADEMY SPORTS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT DONATION-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the Physical Education equipment and gift card donations for the five designated schools.
- B-2 THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD FOR AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant in the amount of \$9,600,000 for Aiken Elementary School, and receipt of funds and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.
- B-3 THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD TO BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant in the amount of \$8,500.00 for Belvedere Elementary 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 TEXTBOOK ADOPTION FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (CATE) COURSE WELDING: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board adopt ***NCCER Core Curriculum Introductory Craft Skills, 5th Edition, Revised*** by Pearson K12 Learning LLC.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas 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; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2020-2021; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Nuessle abstained).
- C-2 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Dr. Bradley MOVED to 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; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 LEGAL SERVICES: Dr. Bradley MOVED for the Board of Education to explore the possibility of adding an in house attorney; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Nuessle read email in regards to the USDA Free Lunch Program.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Laurence gave update on the district's fall athletic programs.

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: Superintendent Contractual Matter; Mr. Silas MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:54 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:05 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 7:51 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Contractual Issues: Superintendent Contractual Matter.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No Action Taken

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: