

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JULY 21, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Special Called Meeting Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:00 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
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Jason Crane
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Jeanie Glover, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Director of Human Resource
Mrs. Merry Glenne Piccolino, Director of Communications
Mrs. Julie Revelle, Executive Director
of Elementary Schools
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director
of Elementary Schools
Mrs. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director
of Middle Schools
Ms. LaToya Wiley, Interim Director of Special Programs
Mr. Mike Rosier, Communications Coordinator
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Liner called the special called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Pledge was led by Chairman Liner

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Janice Bledsoe, Ms. Samantha Cheatham, Mr. Scott Patterson, Ms. Tiffany Benwird, Mr. John Pettigrew, Mr. Kevin Ayers, Ms. Elizabeth Caldwell and Mr. John Ross spoke in regards to the District's Back to School Plans that was approved by the school board at its July 14, 2020 meeting.

- UPDATE DISTRICT'S BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN: Mr. Laurence and members of the District's Back to School Task Force gave update on district's back to school plans that was passed at the July 14, 2020 school board meeting, in lieu of back to school announcement by Governor Henry McMaster. Chairman Liner and board members expressed their support for the District's plan that includes an in-person hybrid model and the Aiken Innovate Virtual Program.

- Mr. Nuessle MOVED to move start date of school from August 17, 2020, to September 8, 2020; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-4 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner, Mr. Silas, Mr. Crane opposed)

Chairman Liner thanked everyone in attendance and the Administration and Staff for their hard work.

Mr. Silas MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: