

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2019

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 7:00 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. Tad Barber
Mr. Jason Crane
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. Ahmed Samaha
Mrs. Sandra Shealey

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. King Laurence, Chief Officer of Administration
Mrs. Jeanie Glover, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Julie Revelle, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director
of Middle School
Mr. Alvin Pressley, Executive Director
of High School
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education/Superintendent

Chairman Liner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mrs. Phyllis Gamble.

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 March 26, 2019 were presented for approval. Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 26, 2019; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Liner read the House Resolution regarding April 22-26, 2019 as Public Education Volunteer Week for South Carolina.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mrs. English presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL 2B ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 2B ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH PHASE 2 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS & ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-6 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-7 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-8 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE UPDATE PHASE III: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 GMP #1 FOR AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 3 JAMES TAYLOR GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PHASES FROM LS3P: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept GMP #1 for the Aiken High School Phase 3 James Taylor Gymnasium Renovation Project in the amount of \$740,287.00 and enter into a CM@Risk contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc.; and approve Design Development and Construction Document estimates for the Aiken High School Phase 3 James Taylor Gymnasium Renovations as presented by LS3P.
- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3 FOR THE GRANITEVILLE ELEMENTARY ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 3 for Graniteville Elementary Addition project from RW Allen Construction, LLC in the amount of \$182,581.00 and this amount will be deducted from the project contingency.
- B-4 2019 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING @ A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE/BUSBEE ELEMENTARY, AIKEN ELEMENTARY, WARRENVILLE ELEMENTARY AND KENNEDY MIDDLE: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Merit Flooring of Augusta, GA in the total amount of \$45,946.00 for the 2019 Flooring @ A.L. Corbett Middle/Busbee Elementary and Aiken Elementary. Authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Gleaton Floor Covering, Inc. of Sumter, SC in the total amount of \$529,000.00 for the 2019 Flooring @ Warrenville Elementary and Kennedy Middle.

- B-5 2019 WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH FOOTBALL FIELD RENOVATION: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Windham Services of Pelion, SC in the amount of \$157,635.00 for the 2019 Wagener-Salley High Football Field Renovation.
- B-6 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2019: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending June 30, 2019.
- B-7 SUBMISSION OF THE 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (CCLC) GRANT APPLICATION BY A.L.CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Submission of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-8 SUBMISSION OF THE 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (CCLC) GRANT BY WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Submission of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-9 SUBMISSION OF THE 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (CCLC) GRANT APPLICATION BY RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Submission of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-10 SUBMISSION OF THE 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (CCLC) GRANT APPLICATION BY RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Submission of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-11 SUBMISSION OF THE 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (CCLC) GRANT APPLICATION BY MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Submission of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-12 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #3; FUND #1 (FY19): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #3 with any unspent portions of funds designated for Math Masters and Principals Pipeline carrying forward as committed fund balance.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-12 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2018-2019; certified personnel for school year 2019-2020; certified retiree rehires for school year 2018-2019; classified personnel for school year 2018-2019; classified personnel for school year 2019-2020; and classified retiree rehires for school year 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2019-2020: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendations of the Chief Officer of Administration to release students from Aiken County Public Schools to attend the out-of-district schools as requested for the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS – FIRST READING: Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve the proposed changes to Policy IKA on first reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY GDO EVALUATION OF SUPPORT STAFF – FIRST READING: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the proposed changes to Policy GDO on first reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Barber MOVED that the Board conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the annual contract employees on the attached list not be renewed for the 2019-2020 school year, subject to the employees' appeal right pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.
- C-7 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Crane MOVED that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the employees shown on the attached list, all of whom are induction contracted employees, not be renewed for the 2019-2020 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-8 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Shealey MOVED that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendations and authorize the re-employment for the 2019-2020 school year of the certified employees shown on the attached list, subject to the conditions, stipulations, requirements, or qualifications set forth for the employees; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-9 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Barber MOVED that the Board authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2019-2020 of all certified personnel shown on the attached list (with the exception of employees who have given formal notice of retirement or of their intent to resign for relocation or other personal reasons before the start of the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-10 THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.
- C-11 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the 2019-2024 District Strategic Plan; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-12 2019-2020 BUDGET – FIRST READING: Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation regarding the 2019-2020 Budget.
- Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve \$125,000 of the \$250,000 requested to help staff elementary and three middle schools with full-time media aides; also included in the motion, request priority listing from the administration to determine funding of schools; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Mr. Liner MOVED to fund the accelerate proctor at NAHS; MOTION failed for a lack of second.
- Mr. Liner MOVED to increase extra duty/related hourly rates for teachers from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per hour; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the staffing of elementary schools with a 12 month secretary/bookkeeper; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the 2019-2020 Budget as amended; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Mrs. Piccolino presented a power point presentation regarding Sharing Our Community with Cyber-Connected Families.

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: Personnel Issues: four Administrative Appointments; and discussion of Certified Personnel Issues; and Appeals: one out-of-district transfer appeal for Area 2; and two student appeals for Area 2.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:89 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:05 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:12 p.m.

Chairman Liner announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: four Administrative Appointments; and discussion of Certified Personnel Issues; and Appeals: one out-of-district transfer appeal for Area 2; and two student appeals for Area 2.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Miranda Fulmer, Assistant Principal of Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle School; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Jasmine Scott, Assistant Principal of Schofield Middle School; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Joedy Moots, Assistant Principal of Ridge Spring-Monetta High School; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADULT EDUCATION DIRECTOR: Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Garen Cofer, Director of Adult Education; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL ISSUES: Mr. Crane MOVED that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the employment of three contract employees be separated, effective May 2, 2019, in accordance with Policy GCC, Professional Staff Leaves and Absences; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- POLICY CONSIDERATION: No action necessary.

APPEALS

a. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL (AREA 2): The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an out-of-district transfer student. Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the out-of-district transfer through the terminal grade with tuition waived for the 2019-2020 school year only. Also included in the motion, tuition may be appealed to the Board for subsequent years regarding hardship; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 2): The parent or student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Barber MOVED to expel the student for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-1 (Mr. Samaha opposed).
- c. STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 2): The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a student in Area 2. Mr. Barber MOVED to uphold the expulsion but allow the student to enroll in virtual school; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION failed on a vote of 2-4 (Mrs. English, Mr. Crane, Mr. Samaha and Mrs. Shealey opposed). Mrs. English MOVED in lieu of expulsion allow the student to enroll in virtual school with no participation in any school activities; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-3 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Samaha and Mr. Crane opposed). Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the expulsion as recommended by the Hearing Officer; FAILED for lack of second. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to enroll in the Center of Innovative Learning; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-3 (Mrs. English, Mr. Samaha and Mrs. Shealey opposed). Mrs. English MOVED in lieu of expulsion allow the student to enroll in virtual school with no participation in school activities; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-2 (Mr. Crane and Mr. Samaha opposed).

Mrs. English MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: