

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2020

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, via ZOOM for Meetings, 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. Jason Crane
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Jeanie Glover, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Merry Glenne Piccolino, Director of Communications
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Liner called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

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

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.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:16 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:20 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 6:45 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.), Administrative Appointment (c.), Administrative Appointment (d.), and Interim Assignment.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Administrative Appointment (a.)
Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Ms. Paige Leopard, Early Learning Coordinator; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Administrative Appointment (b.)
Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Ms. Ginger Henderson, Assistant Principal at Byrd Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Administrative Appointment (c.)
Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Ms. Suman Marks-Johnson, Assistant Principal at the Aiken County Career and Technology Center; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Administrative Appointment (d.)

Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Ms. Jacqueline Osteen, Assistant Principal at LBC Middle School; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Interim Assignment (e.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

APPEALS:

- No Items This Meeting

LEGAL BRIEFING:

- No Items This Meeting

Moment of Silence was led by Chairman Liner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 24, 2020 were presented for approval. Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 24, 2020; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Masters Tournament – Mr. Crane MOVED to have the Administration bring back for consideration Revised School Calendar (2020-2021) proposals from the School Calendar Committee, in regards to the upcoming Masters Golf Tournament that has been rescheduled for November 12-15, 2020; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- B-1 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- B-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- B-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- B-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- B-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- B-6 FINNCIAL REPORT, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- C-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.

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- C-2 2020 PAINTING OF JACKSON MIDDLE, LBC MIDDLE & NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid of \$611,000.00 and enter into a contract with G & S Adventures, Inc. to paint Jackson Middle, LBC Middle & North Augusta Middle with funding coming from the 2020-2021 Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan Painting Budget.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE 2020 SCRUBBING, SANDING, STRIPING & COATING OF GYMNASIUM FLOORS DISTRICT WIDE FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid and enter into a contract with The Flooring Connection, LLC for Base Bid A: (\$15,200.00); Base Bid B: (\$14,900.00); Base Bid C: (\$43,417.12) for the 2020 Sanding and Striping of Gymnasium Floors for the middle and high schools district wide, with funding coming from the 2020-2021 Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan Gym Floors Budget.
- C-4 2020 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING @ J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY, NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY & REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Laurence 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 \$336,625.00 for the 2020 Flooring @ J.D. Lever Elementary and Redcliffe Elementary. Authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Carpet Creations of Aiken, SC in the total amount of \$170,855.00 for the 2020 Flooring @ North Augusta Elementary, with funding coming from the 2020-2021 Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan Flooring Budget.
- C-5 REQUEST TO PURCHASE MINI BUSES: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the purchase of five 14-passenger buses.
- C-6 A PROPOSAL TO DISMANTLE, TRANSPORT, AND ERECT THE SOLAR ARRAY FROM GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve for ABM to begin the transfer of the solar array.

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C-7 FORENSIC SCIENCE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendation of the teacher committees.

C-8 TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve items C-1 through C-8 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

D-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2020-2021; classified personnel for school year 2019-2020; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the students be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools, and that the parent/legal guardian will be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D-3 2020-2021 BUDGET CALENDAR-PROPOSED REVISION: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve proposed revisions to the 2020-2021 budget calendar; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D-4 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Dr. Bradley MOVED to authorize and approved the re-employment for the 2020-2021 school year 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 personnel reasons before the start of the 2020-2021 school year); SECONDED by Mr. Crane. MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Nuessle abstained).

D-5 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Dr. Bradley MOVED that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendations and authorize the re-employment for the 2020-2021 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. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D-6 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Dr. Bradley MOVED that the Board conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of this annual contract employee on the attached list not be renewed for the 2020-2021 school year, subject to the employee's appeal right pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D-7 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Dr. Bradley MOVED that the Board conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of this continuing contract employee shown on the attached list not be renewed for the 2020-2021 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits of a hearing pursuant to South Carolina law; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Sale of the Highland Springs Property to the District was completed
- Mrs. Beth Taylor presented update on MOSAIC Program now called XSEL
- Superintendent Laurence gave update on district meal and Learning Packet's preparation and delivery, and thanked those employees involved in this process.

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Mr. Crane MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: