# Bessemer City Schools Meeting Summary

# Called Board Meeting 06/04/2020 05:30 PM

Bessemer Board of Education 1621 5th Avenue North Bessemer, AL 35020

# Mr. Jerome Cook, Board President, Presiding

#### **Attendees**

# **Voting Members**

Mr. Jerome Cook, President

Mrs. Remeka Thompson, Vice-President

Mrs. Vera Eades, Board Member

Mr. Lee Jones, Board Member

Mr. Sam Morris, Board Member

Mrs. Renna' Scott, Board Member

Mr. Amos Rembert, Board Member

# I. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to the Governor's First Supplemental Order dated March 18, 2020, the Bessemer Board of Education met in a Called Board Meeting via Zoom on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Board President, Mr. Jerome Cook, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

# II. ROUTINE ITEMS

A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

After an 8 second moment of silence, Dr. Jeter lead the pledge of allegiance.

B. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

Upon roll call the following members were present: Mr. Jerome Cook, Mr. Lee Jones, Mrs. Renna Scott, Mrs. Remeka Thompson, Mr. Amos Rembert, and Mr. Samuel Morris. Board Member, Mrs. Vera Eades, was present but unable to connect audio at roll call. Board Member Absent: None.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Mrs. Renna' Scott

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - Vote Not Recorded

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

Mrs. Eades was on the call, but could not access her audio to vote.

# III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. Goals for CSFO

The board will set a date to set goals for the CSFO. This is part of the CSFO evaluation process.

# B. Virtual/Streaming Live Board Member Ideas

Dr. Jeter had a planning meeting this week regarding live streaming board meetings. Once the necessary equipment is purchased and setup, the meetings will be live streamed on the BCS YouTube channel and social media pages.

# C. Face to Face Board Meetings

We will have to adhere to the health and safety guidelines for face-to-face meetings. Included in those guidelines is to maintain a 6 ft. distance between attendees and we can require everyone to wear a mask. For now, zoom meetings and/or live streaming will probably work best because it is uncertain how you can limit the number of attendees due to health and safety concerns.

D. BCHS Graduation Date Change - New Date, Thursday, June 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Tiger Stadium (changed from June 29, 2020)

The date for BCHS graduation has changed due to requests and concerns about the current state of affairs in our cities/state. Flyers will be posted on social media pages and via email. There will also be a Press Release for the media. Everyone in attendance will be required to wear a mask.

# IV. ACTION ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

# A. Approval of Personnel Action Report

Item #10 was pulled to be voted on separately.

Approval of Personnel Action Report Items 1-9 and 11-18

Motion made by: Mrs. Renna' Scott

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - No

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes Mr. Sam Morris - Yes Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

1. Approval of Personnel Action Report Item #10

Motion made by: Mrs. Renna' Scott Motion seconded by: Mr. Lee Jones

**Voting** 

Mr. Jerome Cook - Recuse

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - No

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

B. Approval to accept donations from State Representative Louise Alexander in the amount of \$2,000.00 each to the Bessemer Board of Education, BCHS, Jonesboro Elementary, Hard Elementary, Westhills Elementary, BCMS, Abrams Elementary, and Greenwood Elementary

Motion made by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lee Jones

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - Yes

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Not Present

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

Mr. Morris left the meeting at 6:18 p.m. and was not present to vote on the remaining agenda items.

C. Approval of Agreement between Bessemer City Schools Board of Education and Davis Architects, Inc for the reroofing project at Hard Elementary School, Source of Funds: PSCA Funds

Motion made by: Mr. Lee Jones

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

**Voting** 

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - No

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Not Present

Mrs. Renna' Scott - No Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

D. Approval of Agreement between Bessemer City Schools Board of Education and Davis Architects, Inc for the reroofing project at BCMS gymnasium, Source of Funds: PSCA Funds

Motion made by: Mr. Lee Jones

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - No

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Not Present

Mrs. Renna' Scott - No

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

# V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Jeter made the following comments:

- We are waiting on the June 19th guidelines from Dr. Mackey.
- Everyone is asked to wear black for the BCHS Graduation.
- CARE Funds needs assessments are being made. We are working to put a plan in place for the available funds. The funds will be available through the 2020-2021 school year.
- We will probably need a Called Board Meeting the last week in June to take care of additional hiring needs.
- She thanked the board for their support.

#### VI. SCHEDULED VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- A. Work Session: Thursday, June 11, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Virtual
- B. Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Virtual

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Mrs. Thompson moved without objection that the meeting be adjourned at 6:26 p.m.