

**Bessemer City Schools**  
**Meeting Summary**

**Called Board Meeting**  
**07/07/2020 05:30 PM**  
Bessemer Board of Education  
1621 5th Avenue North  
Bessemer, AL 35020

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Mr. Jerome Cook, Board President, Presiding

**Attendees**

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**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

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**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 Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Board President, Mr. Jerome Cook, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**II. ROUTINE ITEMS**

**A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

After a moment of silence, Superintendent, Dr. Autumm Jeter, led the pledge of allegiance.

**B. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum**

Upon roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Vera Eades, Mr. Jerome Cook, Mr. Lee Jones, Mrs. Renna Scott, and Mrs. Remeka Thompson. Board Member, Mr. Samuel Morris, joined the meeting during executive session. Board Member Absent: Mr. Amos Rembert.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by: Mrs. Vera Eades

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

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board voted to convene an executive session at 5:36 p.m. to discuss:

#### A. Good Name and Character

Motion made by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Vera Eades

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

Board Member, Mr. Samuel Morris, was not present for the vote but joined the meeting during executive session and was available to vote on the remaining agenda items.

### IV. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board reconvened into special called session at 6:25 p.m.

#### A. Attorney Contract

This item was tabled.

#### B. Community Input

The board discussed establishing a process to allow community input during virtual/live stream work sessions. They discussed a sign up process with participants being allowed to enter the meeting during the community input section. The plan will be finalized and communicated to the public. Each participant will be allowed to speak three minutes.

### V. BOARD ACTION ITEM

#### A. Attorney Contract

This item was tabled.

### VI. ACTION ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### A. Approval of Personnel Action Report

Motion made by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Unanimously Approved

After the vote, Mr. Cook recommended adding CSFO Evaluation Process to the Work Session Agenda.

### VII. SCHEDULED VIRTUAL MEETINGS

#### A. Called Board Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Virtual

#### B. Personnel Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2020, Immediately Following Called Board Meeting, Virtual

- C. Work Session: Thursday, July 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Live Stream, BCS YouTube Channel
- D. Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Live Stream, BCS YouTube Channel

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Mrs. Eades moved without objection to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion made by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Voting

Unanimously Approved