

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
Mrs. Renna' Scott, 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 Monday, July 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Board President, Mr. Jerome Cook, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. ROUTINE ITEMS/BID OPENING

A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

After a moment of silence, Board President, Mr. Jerome Cook, 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 Members Absent: Mr. Amos Rembert and Mr. Samuel Morris.

C. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Items 5B - 5G were tabled.

Approval of Agenda excluding items 5B -5G

Motion made by: Mrs. Renna' Scott

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lee Jones

Voting

Unanimously Approved

D. Technology Bid Opening - BCHS Intercom System

Technology Coordinator, Mr. Gary Richardson, opened the bid for the BCHS Intercom System. There was only bidder, Electronic Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$25,300.00. Mr. Richardson will get board members copies of the documents.

III. INTRODUCTION OF BCHS NEW PRINCIPAL - MR. DUANE HALE

Dr. Jeter introduced the new Principal of BCHS, Mr. Duane Hale. Mr. Hale greeted everyone and board members welcomed him.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS

A. Mr. Gary Richardson - Technology Coordinator

Mr. Richardson has submitted a recommendation for teacher and student laptops. He also said that the wireless company is working to correct problem(s) with the community WiFi service.

B. Mrs. Shawn Shaw - Director of CNP

CNP Director, Mrs. Shawn Shaw, reported the summer program was audited and there were no findings. She said the auditors commended them on their program.

V. ACTION ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approval of Personnel Action Report

Items #4 and #50 were pulled to be voted on separately.

Approval of Personnel Action Report with the exception of items #4 and #50

Motion made by: Mrs. Renna' Scott

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lee Jones

Voting

Unanimously Approved

1. Approval of Personnel Action Report Item #4

Motion made by: Mrs. Renna' Scott

Motion seconded by: Mr. Jerome Cook

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - No

Mr. Lee Jones - Recuse

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

2. Approval of Personnel Action Report Item #50

Motion made by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Renna' Scott

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Recuse

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - No
Mr. Lee Jones - Yes
Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

- B. Approval of Custodial Company, Falls Facility Services, for COVID-19 related case in our schools and/or office buildings, Cost: \$287,239.00 entire district, smaller areas with a school/building price based on square footage. Source of Funds: CARES Funds
Item was tabled.
- C. Approval of contract agreement with Mr. Anthony D. Sparks for motivational speaker services during the BCS Summer Leadership Administrative Retreat, Cost: \$1,650.00, Source of Funds: Federal Funds
Item was tabled.
- D. Approval of contract with Mrs. Melva Tate for motivational speaker services during the BCS Summer Leadership Administrative Retreat, Cost: \$2,500.00, Source of Funds: Federal Funds
Item was tabled.
- E. Approval of Dell Computers for teacher laptops, 360 @ \$752.00 each, total cost \$271,440.00, Source of Funds: Title I
Item was tabled.
- F. Approval of Howard Computers 3,630 Chromebooks for students, Total Cost: \$758,670.00, Source of Funds: CARES Funds and Technology Funds
Item was tabled.
- G. Approval of purchase for 121 computer carts from Howard Technologies Solutions @ \$735.00 each (ALJP), Total Cost: \$88,935.00, Source of Funds: CARES Funds
Item was tabled.

VI. SCHEDULED VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Dr. Jeter announced that a Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Live Stream, BCS YouTube Channel. She also announced that the District Road Map for returning to school will be released on Friday, July 17, 2020.

- A. Personnel Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2020, Immediately Following Called Board Meeting, Virtual
- B. Work Session: Thursday, July 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Live Stream, BCS YouTube Channel
- C. Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Live Stream, BCS YouTube Channel
- D. Budget Work Session: Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Live Stream BCS YouTube Channel
- E. Capital Planning Meeting: Tuesday, August 4, 2020, Immediately Following Budget Work Session, Live Stream BCS YouTube Channel
- F. Finance Meeting: Date TBD

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Mrs. Scott moved and Mrs. Thompson seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Motion made by: Mrs. Renna' Scott

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Unanimously Approved

VIII. Record of Additional Meeting Held

A. Personnel Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2020

Pursuant to the Governor's First Supplemental Order dated March 18, 2020, the Bessemer Board of Education met in a Personnel Meeting via Zoom on Monday, July 13, 2020, Immediately Following the Called Board Meeting. Personnel Chairperson, Mrs. Remeka Thompson, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Members Present: Mrs. Vera Eades, Mr. Jerome Cook, Mr. Lee Jones, Mrs. Renna Scott, and Mrs. Remeka Thompson. Members Absent: Mr. Amos Rembert and Mr. Samuel Morris.

The agenda included a discussion about an internal/external audit of personnel files, the number of school vacancies, and the number of employees holding emergency/alternative certificates. Dr. Clasberry and her department will conduct an internal audit of all files. She asked for 60 days to complete the audit. Dr. Clasberry also provided the vacancy totals by school. She will update the numbers after the July 21, 2020 regular board meeting. Dr. Clasberry also provided the number of teachers holding emergency certificates. She said they are on track for completing the requirements for formal certification. Dr. Clasberry and Dr. Jeter answered board members' questions. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.