

Mr. Jerome Cook, Board President, Presiding

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to the Governor's First Supplemental Order dated March 18, 2020, the Bessemer Board of Education met in a Work Session via Zoom on Thursday, June 11, 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, Board Member, Mrs. Remeka Thompson, led the pledge of allegiance.

B. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

Members 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 after roll call. Members Absent: Mr. Amos Rembert.

C. Review of Agenda

The agenda was amended by adding item 6G- Return to School Parent Survey.

D. Review of Minutes for May 19, 2020 and June 4, 2020

There were no changes to the minutes.

E. Financial Report - Mrs. Patricia Stewart

1. Bank Reconciliations
2. Bank Statements

CSFO, Mrs. Patricia Stewart, presented the financial report for May 2020.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of the new BCHS Principal, Mr. Luther Riley

Dr. Jeter introduced new BCHS Principal, Mr. Luther Riley.

B. 2020 Retirees

The 2020 Retirees will be recognized by name at the board meeting. They will be formally recognized when school resumes in the Fall.

C. Teacher of the Year Recognitions

Teacher of the Year selections will be recognized by name at the board meeting. They will be formally recognized when school resumes in the Fall.

D. Magic Touch Principal Feedback

Principals at the high school and middle school and the BCT Director provided written feedback on the cleaning service provided by Magic Touch.

IV. LEGAL ITEMS

A. Attorney's Report - Attorney Frederic Bolling

Attorney Bolling emailed board members information on legal items. He also contacted a listing agent about Snitz Snider Stadium.

V. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Technology Coordinator, Mr. Gary Richardson, provided an update on the community WiFi project. He said installation is complete at all locations except Abrams. The expected completion at Abrams is Monday.

VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Maintenance Report - Mr. Reginald Mitchell, Director of Maintenance/Facilities
A monthly report was provided in the board package. Mr. Mitchell reported that the stage and chairs have been set up and the turf has been cleaned in preparation for graduation. He also reported on the Westhills' Library Project (95% complete with assessments; costs will be provided after the assessment is complete) and the New Horizon refurbishing project (90% done with painting; tile will be installed next week).
- B. CSFO Goals Setting Date - Mr. Jerome Cook
A date will be discussed at the next meeting.
- C. Finance Meeting Date- Mrs. Vera Eades
A date will be discussed at the next meeting.
- D. Magic Touch Contract
The court case is set for Monday, June 15, 2020.
- E. Update on computer collection at each school (how many were given out/returned)
A report will be provided at board meeting.
- F. Capital Planning Meeting - Mr. Lee Jones
A date will be discussed at the next meeting.
- G. Return to School Parent Survey
Surveys will go out on Monday to parents. Parents will select from three options:
 - 1. Traditional School Setting
 - 2. Virtual Learning
 - 3. Blending Learning (combination of traditional and virtual)

Dr. Jeter said we are already working on plans for these options. She said Dr. Mackey will be making an announcement on June 19th regarding the start of school. Dr. Jeter also said with the use of CARES FUNDS we will be updating devices for teachers, students, and the administration. We will also get some hotspots for teachers who are in need.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approval of Personnel Action Report
The personnel report was presented. Board members will contact Dr. Jeter with any questions/concerns.
- B. Approval of 2020-2021 Work Session and Board Meeting Dates
Board Members will review the dates provided to check for possible conflicts.
- C. Approval of request from the Special Education Department to contract with Maryln Carson, Speech Pathologist, for summer services, June 22 - July 16, 2020, 2 days/week, 10 hours total, \$35.00/hour, Total Cost: \$350.00, Source of Funds: Federal Funds VI-B
There were no questions for this item.
- D. Approval of request from the Department of Special Education to contract with Brandy Johnson, Psychometrist and Lead Support Teacher, to handle meetings and testing of selected students, # of Days/20, Daily Rate/\$274.34, Total Cost: \$5,486.80, Source of Funds: Special Education VI-B

There were no questions for this item.

- E. Approval of Administrative Consultant Agreement for Mr. Luther Riley, BCHS Administrative Consultant, in the amount of \$2,500.00, effective July 1-31, 2020, Source of Funds: Local Funds

This item is being reviewed.

- F. Approval of Probationary Principal Contract for BCHS Principal, Mr. Luther Riley, in the amount of \$100,100.00, effective August 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022

This item is being reviewed.

- G. Approval of _____ to provide sanitation and cleaning to ALL school and office locations of Bessemer City Schools due to COVID-19, in the amount of _____, Source of Funds: COVID Relief CARES Funds

Dr. Jeter will resend this information to board members.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Jeter's Report included:

- Requesting a Called Board Meeting on June 30, 2020, 5:30 p.m. for personnel
- Reporting that we will start Live Streaming meetings in July on the BCS YouTube Channel
- Reporting that virtual interviews are being conducted to fill vacancies
- Reminding everyone that the BCHS Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at Tiger Stadium. She told board members that they must RSVP to reserve their place, that everyone is wearing black, and that there will be a callout to employees to see who would like to assist.
- Reminding everyone to complete the census
- Sharing a video - "The Look"

IX. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.