

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  
Mr. Amos Rembert, 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 Regular Board Meeting via Zoom on May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Board President, Mr. Jerome Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **II. ROUTINE ITEMS**

##### **A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

After a moment of silence, the pledge of allegiance was led by Board Member, Mr. Lee Jones.

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

Upon roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Vera Eades, Mr. Jerome Cook, Mrs. Renna Scott, Mr. Lee Jones, and Mrs. Remeka Thompson. Board Members, Mr. Samuel Morris and Mr. Amos Rembert, were not present for roll call but joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and 6:12 p.m. respectively. Members Absent: None.

##### **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 - Vote Not Recorded

Mr. Amos Rembert - Vote Not Recorded

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

D. Approval of Minutes for April 21, 2020 and May 4, 2020

1. April 21, 2020 Minutes

Motion made by: Mr. Lee Jones

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - Yes

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Vote Not Recorded

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

2. May 4, 2020 Minutes

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 - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Vote Not Recorded

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Recuse

E. Financial Report - Mrs. Patricia Stewart

Mrs. Stewart presented the financial report for April 2020.

1. Bank Reconciliations

2. Bank Statements

Approval to accept the financial report for April 2020

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 - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Vote Not Recorded

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

III. LEGAL ITEMS

A. Attorney's Report - Attorney Frederic Bolling

Attorney Bolling provided board members with a list of all legal cases. He said any questions can be addressed in executive session.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS

A. Dr. Marcy Burroughs - Parent eLearning Feedback

Dr. Burroughs provided board members with a copy and overview of the eLearning Parent Survey Results, eLearning Parent Survey Charts, and Curriculum Updates. Parents shared their likes, dislikes, and offered suggestions. Overall, the survey feedback was positive.

V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Maintenance Report - Mr. Reginald Mitchell, Director of Maintenance/Facilities  
Mr. Mitchell did not provide a written report this month but stated that:

- Magic Touch did an excellent job at Jonesboro Elementary.
- The maintenance staff is working at the Quitman Mitchell Building.
- Next week engineers will take preliminary measurements at Westhills for the media center and nurses station. Ductwork and hvac units will be replaced in those areas.

- B. Finance Meeting

A finance meeting and a capital planning meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

- C. AASB Four-Part Virtual Summer Law Clinic - June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. each day

All board members interested in the Summer Law Clinic should let Mrs. Williams know.

VI. NEW BUSINESS - SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approval of Personnel Action Report

The personnel action report will be voted on as listed below:

- Items 1, 2, 13, 14, 15
- Items 9, 11
- Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12

1. Approval of Personnel Action Report Items 1, 2, 13, 14, 15

Motion made by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lee Jones

Voting

Unanimously Approved

2. Approval of Personnel Action Report Items 9, 11

Motion made by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Recuse

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - Yes

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

Mrs. Rennan' Scott - Recuse

3. Approval of Personnel Action Report Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12

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 - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Recuse

B. Approval of Sign-on & Recruitment Contract

Motion made by: Mr. Lee Jones

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Approval of Davis Architects as the architect for the roofing projects at Hard and BCMS gymnasium

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 - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

Mrs. Renna' Scott - No

D. Approval of Bessemer City School District 2020-2021 Revised Calendar

Motion made by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Unanimously Approved

## VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Jeter thanked board members for approving the revised calendar.
- Dr. Jeter requested a Called Board Meeting and it was scheduled on June 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., Virtually.
- Dr. Jeter reported that 12 and 11 month employees will return to the buildings on a modified schedule.
- Dr. Jeter said we will congratulate retirees virtually in June and formally in August once we are back into the building. She also congratulated BCHS Principal, Mr. Albert Soles on his upcoming retirement.
- Dr. Jeter reported that Dr. Mackey will give orders from the State Department about the start of school.

- Dr. Jeter stated that the Town Hall Meeting was hacked by 40 or more but they were working in the background to shut down as many as they could.

#### VIII. SCHEDULED 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

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

The board has scheduled an Executive Session to discuss:

- Employee Matter/Good Name and Character
- Legal Matters

There being no further business to come before the board, Mrs. Scott moved without objection to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by: Mrs. Renna' Scott

Voting

Unanimously Approved

Dr. Jeter ended the Regular Board Meeting in order to enter into the Executive Session under a different zoom code.

#### X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board voted to convene an executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss:

- A. Employee Matter/Good Name and Character
- B. Legal Matters

Attorney Bolling certified the executive would in part discuss legal matters.

Motion made by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Unanimously Approved

The executive session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.