

Bessemer Board of Education

May 14, 2020

Work Session Summary

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 May 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Members Present: Mrs. Vera Eades, Mr. Jerome Cook, Mr. Lee Jones, Mrs. Renna Scott, Mrs. Remeka Thompson, Mr. Amos Rembert, and Mr. Samuel Morris. Members Absent: None. Mr. Cook Called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes/Finance Report

There were no changes to the minutes for April 21, 2020 and May 4, 2020. It was requested that the minutes be voted on separately. CSFO, Mrs. Patricia Stewart, presented the financial report for April 2020.

Legal Items/Director Reports

Attorney Fredric Bolling and Dr. Marcy Burroughs will make their report at the Regular Board Meeting. Dr. Jeter asked board members if they had any questions for directors. There was a question regarding the status of the wiFi. Mr. Richardson reported that the wiFi is moving along. He said Hard Elementary was completed today and that modifications are being made to the antennas for better reception. Mr. Richardson said Greenwood is next.

Information/Discussion Items

- A. Maintenance Report - Mr. Reginald Mitchell reported:
- Cleaning at Jonesboro is complete and that Magic Touch did a great job
 - His maintenance staff is working at the Quitman Mitchell Building
 - He spoke to a vendor about cameras for the cafeterias
 - The weeds have been cut off the tower at Abrams

Mr. Mitchell was asked if it was time to look at a cleaning contract for next year and he replied that Magic Touch has a two-year option (if they were doing a good job). This item will be added to the agenda next month.

- B. Mr. Don Cospers – Davis Architects

Mr. Cospers said as architects that will investigate the roofs, review the documents, and overlook the construction process for the Hard Elementary School and BCMS gymnasium projects. The estimated square footage at Hard Elementary School and BCMS gymnasium is 54,945 sq. ft. and 15,000 sq. ft. respectively. He said the estimated cost of the project is \$600,000.00 - \$1,000,000.00; and their fee will be based on the State Fee Scale (based on the lowest bidder).

Davis Architect' Team

- Mr. Jim Hartsell – Principal-In-Charge
- Mr. Don Cospers – Project Manager
- Mr. Mark Love – Project Architect

Mr. Cospers said they can start as soon as the board approves for them to start. Mr. Cospers said an agreement will be provided before any work begins. Mrs. Stewart stated this is a PSCA Project.

Superintendent Action Items

- A. Approval of Personnel Action Report – Items 9 and 11 will be pulled and voted on separately.
- B. Approval of Sign-on & Recruitment Contract – There were no changes to the contract.
- C. Approval of Davis Architects as the architect for the roofing projects at Hard Elementary and BCMS gymnasium – This item has been discussed.
- D. Approval of Bessemer City School District 2020-2021 Revised Calendar – Changes to the calendar were made due to a request from State Superintendent, Dr. Eric Mackey, for school systems starting back in early August to consider starting later in the month due to the State of Emergency as it relates to Covid-19.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jeter reported:

- We are moving forward with the Quitman Mitchell Building
- That office shifts have started (everyone is packing up)
- We are continuing work at New Horizon (floors, stairs, blinds, and paint)
- We are working on the intercom system at BCHS
- We are working on getting master keys
- She is thankful that board members were able to join the zoom district faculty meeting and town hall meeting
- New jobs will be posted over the next two weeks
- Interviews are taking place for posted vacancies
- She will need a Called Board Meeting the first week of June
- That 12-Month employees will begin to return to the office on a modified schedule the first week in June
- That the board room will also be updated

Dr. Jeter was asked about painting the flag pole and steps at Jonesboro Elementary. Mr. Mitchell stated that those things are on the list to be taken care of this summer. It was also stated that Greenwood had some things that needed attention.

Next Scheduled Meetings

- A. Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Virtual
- B. Work Session: Thursday, June 11, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Virtual

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment Mr. Cook stated that 2020 Senior Banners have been posted on the fence at Wal-Mart. He said they will be moved to the stadium on June 29th. Mrs. Eades stated she would like to schedule a finance meeting. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.