

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 June 16, 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. Lee Jones, Mr. Jerome Cook, Mrs. Renna Scott, Mrs. Remeka Thompson, Mr. Amos Rembert, and Mr. Samuel Morris. Members Absent: None.

C. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to table items 7E and 7F.

Approval of agenda with the exception of items 7E and 7F

Motion made by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Vote Not Recorded

Mrs. Vera Eades - Yes

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

Mrs. Thompson lost connection and was not able to vote.

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

Motion made by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lee Jones

Voting

Unanimously Approved

E. Financial Report - Mrs. Patricia Stewart

CSFO, Mrs. Patricia Stewart presented the financial report for May 2020. All bank accounts have been reconciled. She also requested the following meeting dates:

- Budget Work Session - August 4, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
- First Public Budget Hearing - August 26, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
- Second Public Budget Hearing - September 8, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

1. Bank Reconciliations
2. Bank Statements

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Magic Touch Principal Feedback

Dr. Jeter provided a copy of the principal and director feedback on Magic Touch cleaning services. The feedback from the middle school, high school, and BCT was very favorable.

IV. LEGAL ITEMS

A. Attorney's Report - Attorney Frederic Bolling

Attorney Bolling stated that he emailed board members an update on legal items. He said further discussion will take place in executive session. He also reported that the Competitive Bid Law Case is tentatively scheduled on August 6, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.

V. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Technology Coordinator, Mr. Gary Richardson, reported that he drove through neighborhoods to check on the wifi services. He said some families were not aware of the service and others thanked the district for providing the service. He also provided the wifi information to families he talked to that didn't have it.

Federal Programs Director, Mrs. Brenda Rumley, reported that the application for the 21st Century Grant was submitted for all elementary schools for grades K-5. Mrs. Rumley said the projected cost for each school is \$112,000.00. She also said we should find out whether we are awarded the grant by late August or early September.

VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Maintenance Report - Mr. Reginald Mitchell, Director of Maintenance/Facilities

A monthly maintenance report was provided in the board package. Mr. Mitchell also reported that the maintenance staff is following up on the stadium and making final preparations for graduation.

Mr. Mitchell reported that painting was completed at New Horizon today and that hopefully they can get started on the tile next week.

Mr. Mitchell also said we should have some direction on where to go with the Westhills Library project this week.

- B. CSFO Goals Setting Meeting - Mr. Jerome Cook  
A CSFO Goal Setting meeting date was scheduled on June 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- C. Finance Meeting Date- Mrs. Vera Eades  
A finance meeting was scheduled on June 30, 2020 immediately following the scheduled Called Board Meeting (which convenes at 5:30 p.m.).
- D. Magic Touch Contract  
This item was tabled until after the work session.
- E. Update on computer collection at each school (how many were given out/returned)  
Board members were provided with a report on the computer collections at each school. Efforts will continue to be made to collect computers that have not been turned in.
- F. Capital Planning Meeting - Mr. Lee Jones  
A capital planning meeting was scheduled on August 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- G. Return to School Parent Survey  
The parent survey and employee survey went out today.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS - SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approval of Personnel Action Report  
There was a question regarding item #13. As a result, items #13 and #12 were pulled to be voted on after the executive session.  
Approval of Personnel Action Report with the exception of items #12 and #13 (which will be voted on after the executive session)  
Motion made by: Mr. Lee Jones  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Sam Morris  
Voting  
Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes  
Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Vote Not Recorded  
Mrs. Vera Eades - Yes  
Mr. Lee Jones - Yes  
Mr. Sam Morris - Yes  
Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes  
Mrs. Renna' Scott - No  
Mrs. Thompson lost connection and was not able to vote.
- B. Approval of 2020-2021 Work Session and Board Meeting Dates  
Motion made by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lee Jones

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Vote Not Recorded

Mrs. Vera Eades - Yes

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

Mrs. Thompson lost connection and was not able to vote.

- 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

Motion made by: Mr. Lee Jones

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Vote Not Recorded

Mrs. Vera Eades - Yes

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

Mrs. Thompson lost connection and was not able to vote.

- 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

Motion made by: Mr. Lee Jones

Motion seconded by: Mr. Sam Morris

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Recuse

Mrs. Vera Eades - Yes

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Yes

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Yes

- 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

Item was tabled.

- 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

Item was tabled.

#### VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Jeter provided an oral superintendent's report.

- She reminded everyone about the procedures for graduation (wear black, have your passes/tickets with you, wear masks, etc.). She said volunteers are still needed.
- She stated a meeting will be scheduled to train on live streaming.
- She stated Dr. Mackey is supposed to announce his plan for the fall on June 19th but may wait until after he meets with superintendents next week.
- She announced deep cleaning is being performed at the central office and that the payments will come out of the CARES Fund.
- She will need a Called Board Meeting on June 30, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. for personnel.

#### IX. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- A. Work Session: Thursday, July 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Virtual
- B. Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Virtual

#### X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board voted to convene an executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss:

##### A. Legal Matters

Attorney Bolling certified the executive session.

Motion made by: Mrs. Vera Eades

Motion seconded by: Mr. Sam Morris

Voting

Unanimously Approved

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS - SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

With a motion by Mr. Lee Jones and a second by Mrs. Remeka Thompson, the board voted unanimously (4-0) to reconvene into regular session at 8:32 p.m.

(Mr. Jerome Cook, Mr. Lee Jones, Mrs. Remeka Thompson, and Mr. Samuel Morris voted to approve)

Board Members, Mrs. Vera Eades, Mrs. Renna Scott, and Mr. Amos Rembert did not rejoin the meeting and were not present to vote on the remaining agenda items.

##### A. Approval of Personnel Action Report Items #12 and #13

Motion made by: Mr. Lee Jones

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - Not Present

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Not Present

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Not Present

Mrs. Eades called to say she tried to rejoin the meeting but couldn't.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Mrs. Thompson moved without objection to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Motion made by: Mrs. Remeka Thompson

### Voting

Mr. Jerome Cook - Yes

Mrs. Remeka Thompson - Yes

Mrs. Vera Eades - Not Present

Mr. Lee Jones - Yes

Mr. Sam Morris - Yes

Mr. Amos Rembert - Not Present

Mrs. Renna' Scott - Not Present

Mrs. Eades called to say she tried to rejoin the meeting but couldn't.