

Bessemer City Schools

Regular Board Meeting

07/16/2024 06:00 PM

Bessemer Board of Education

1621 5th Avenue N

Bessemer, AL 35020

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Mr. Lee Jones, Board President, Presiding

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

III. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. May 23, 2024 Called Board Meeting
- B. May 28, 2024 Called Board Meeting
- C. June 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- D. June 25, 2024 Called Board Meeting
- E. July 2, 2024 Called Board Meeting

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT - MRS. PATRICIA STEWART

- A. Bank Reconciliations
- B. Bank Statements

VII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Board Retreat - Date/Time TBD
- B. CSFO Search
- C. Athletic Supplement Increase
- D. Capital Planning Meeting - Thursday, July 18, 2024, 11:00 a.m., at the Central Office

VIII. BOARD ACTION ITEM

- A. Grievance Decision for Employee E.D.

IX. NEW BUSINESS - SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approval of Personnel Action Report
- B. Approval to contract with Rasheedah Hameed for the 2024-2025 school year to provide homebound services to students who are served through an IEP or 504 Plan whose Least Restrictive Environment is homebound., Cost: \$25.00 per hour, not to exceed 7 hours per week per assigned student. Total Cost: Not to exceed \$5,000 per funding source. Source of Funds: Special Education VI-B Funds for students with IEPs and Local Funds for students served through a 504 Plan
- C. Approval to contract with Tamela Winston for the 2024-2025 school year to provide homebound services to students who are served through an IEP or 504 Plan whose Least Restrictive Environment is homebound., Cost: \$25.00 per hour, not to exceed 7 hours per week per assigned student. Total Cost: Not to exceed \$5,000 per funding source. Source of Funds: Special Education VI-B Funds for students with IEPs and Local Funds for students served through a 504 Plan
- D. Approval to contract with Iron City OT from August 2, 2024 through June 30, 2025, to provide related services such as occupational therapy to students with disabilities who have such services in their Individualized Education Program (IEPs). cost: \$70.25/hr., not to exceed 25 hours per week. Total Cost: \$63,225.00. Source of Funds: Special Education VI-B Funds
- E. Approval to contract with Mary-Margaret Newland , MS, CCS-SLP for speech and/or language evaluations in Spanish of preschool and/or school-aged children whose native language is Spanish. The evaluation is needed to determine eligibility for special education service. Cost: \$422.00 per evaluation per school-aged child; \$360.00 per evaluation per preschool-aged child, at the current federal rate. Total

Cost of contract will not exceed \$5,000.00. Source of Funds: Special Education VI-B Funds and Preschool Funds

- F. Approval to pay Larry McSwain, the district's Managing Crisis Safely (MCS) trainer, to conduct MCS training sessions on July 29, 2024, through August 1, 2024. MCS is a program designed to prevent and manage aggressive behavior and to manage that behavior if necessary. The training includes de-escalation, protection, and restraint skills. Cost: Day rate of \$364.82 for 4 days. Total cost is \$1,459.28. Source of Funds: Special Education VI-B Funds.
- G. Approval to contract with Soliant/Blazerworks for the 2024-2025 school year to provide related services such as physical therapy to students with disabilities who have such services in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Cost: \$73.00/hr., not to exceed 10 hours per week. Total cost: \$26,280.00. Source of Funds: Special Education VI-B funds
- H. Approval to accept the bid of the lowest responsible bidder, Reliable Signs, to install, repair, install and dispose of Outdoor Digital Signs at multiple schools within the district. This also includes graphic design and user training. Cost: \$222,944.00. Source of Funds: Advancement & Technology Funds
- I. Approval for Quinae G. Jackson to serve as the keynote speaker for Bessemer City Schools 2024-2025 Institute Day on August 5, 2024. Cost: \$4,000.00, Source of Funds: Title II
- J. Approval for Davis Architect to oversee the roofing projects at Abrams Elementary main building and cafeteria, Westhills Elementary entire school, and the HVAC system at Hard Elementary A-D halls. Source of Funds: Capital Advancement and Technology

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

XI. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- A. Curriculum Data Meeting - Thursday, July 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m., at the Central Office
- B. Pre-Budget Meeting 1: Tuesday, July 30, 2024, 5:30 p.m., at the Central Office
- C. Pre-Budget Meeting 2: Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 5:30 p.m., at the Central Office
- D. First FY2025 Public Budget Hearing: Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 5:30 p.m., at the Central Office
- E. Work Session: Thursday, August 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m., at the Central Office
- F. Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Central Office
- G. Second FY2025 Public Budget Hearing: Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 11:00 a.m., at the Central Office

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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