

Bessemer City Schools

**Work Session**

**09/07/2021 05:30 PM**

Bessemer Board of Education

1621 5th Avenue N

Bessemer, AL 35020

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Mrs. Remeka Thompson, Board President, Presiding

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROUTINE ITEMS/BID OPENINGS**

- A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum
- C. Review of Agenda
- D. Bid Opening - Intercom Systems for Abrams and Hard
- E. Bid Opening for Vending
- F. Review of Minutes for August 17, 2021
- G. Financial Report - Mrs. Patricia Stewart
  - 1. Bank Reconciliations
  - 2. Bank Statements

**III. COMMUNITY INPUT (3 minutes each)**

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. EEFS: Proposal to complete survey and geotechnical work for 3 sites (Transportation Lot at Snitz Snider Site, Westhills Parking, and BCHS Parking)
- B. Attendance Call Home System - Mr. Benjamin Logan, Regional Sales Director
- C. Strategic Plan Presentation - Dr. Cooper, Mr. Douthitt (E3 Solutions); Dr. Jeter
- D. Attendance Update - Mrs. Linda Richardson, Director of Attendance, Safety and Security (Board Meeting)

**V. LEGAL ITEMS**

- A. Attorney's Report - Attorney Frederic Bolling

**VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Maintenance Report - Mr. Reginald Mitchell, Director of Facilities and Maintenance
- B. Technology Report - Mr. Gary Richardson
- C. Capital Projects 5-Year Capital Plan Review
- D. Facilities Use Agreement Policy
- E. Update on School Cleaning as it relates to COVID - Dr. Autumm Jeter
- F. Wifi Feasibility Study
- G. District Job Openings

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

- A. Approval of Personnel Action Report
- B. Approval of Donations 1-3
  - 1. Materials and supplies from The Foundry to Westhills
  - 2. \$3,000 from Rep. Louise Alexander to Westhills to be used for materials and supplies
  - 3. \$3,000 from Rep. Louise Alexander to New Horizon Alternative School
- C. Approval of FY2020 Audit Report
- D. Approval of 2021/2022 Renewal of ATBE General Liability/Errors and Omissions Liability Fund Participation and Coverage in the amount of \$21,900.00, Source of Funds: Local Funds
- E. Approval of purchase of School Messenger - The Attendance/Absentee Management Call-Out System for Students, Cost - \$10,880.00, This agreement will commence on the Service Start Date and continue for 60 months (The "Initial Term"), and then will automatically renew for successive one year periods unless either party provides written notice of its desire not to renew at least 30 days prior to the end of the then-current term, Source of Funds: Local Funds
- F. Approval of request from Jonesboro Elementary for The International Center for Leadership in Education (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) to provide two on-site days of professional development

related to aligning formative assessments to “Unwrapped” prioritized standards matching assessments to the key concepts that students need to know and the key skills that students need to be able to do. The two days of PD will not be scheduled prior to October 1, 2021. Cost: \$9,504.00 2 days of on-site PD, Source of Funds: Title I

- G. Approval of request from Jonesboro Elementary for remote tutoring services for up to 24 at-risk third grade students by Better Basics, Inc. Tutoring services will not begin prior to October 1, 2021. Tutoring is provided by certified reading tutors. The service will be provided to students identified by school personnel according to their performance on benchmark assessments. The total cost is \$11,000 /\$5,500 per certified tutor. Source of Funds: Title I
- H. Approval to contract with Bette Nix for training for leaders, administrators, directors, 504 school coordinators on Functional Behavioral Assessments and data analysis. Cost: Two 6 hour PD Days at \$1,200 a day total \$2,400, Source of Funds: Title II Funds
- I. Approval to engage in Phonics First curriculum training, including material purchase for all new K-5 teachers to the district. Phonics First is our district-wide phonics curriculum. Cost: Total Days/5, Total Teachers Trained/20, Total Amount: \$17,900.00. Source of Funds: Title II
- J. Approval of 2021-2026 Strategic Plan
- K. Approval of Probational Principal Contract for BCMS Principal, Mr. Van James, August 18, 2021 - June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$91,100.00

#### **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **IX. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- A. Second FY2022 Public Budget Hearing: Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 11:00 a.m., at the Central Office
- B. Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, September 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m., at the Central Office and Live Streamed on BCS Tigers YouTube Channel
- C. Work Session: Thursday, October 14, 2021, 5:30 p.m., at the Central Office, and Live Streamed on BCS Tigers YouTube Channel

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

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