

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:00 p.m. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, amended Section 30-4-80, print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, place, and web location of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman  
Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Jason Crane  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Ms. Patrice-Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mrs. Sandra Shealey  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mr. Dwight Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant  
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Bradley called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge were led by Chairman Bradley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Bradley stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 22, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 22, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Participants This Meeting

#### VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- Students from Various Schools were recipients of State Honors Band Recognition.
- The Paul Knox Middle School Football, Volleyball, Boys and Girls Basketball Teams and Golf Team were recognized as County Middle School Champions.
- Kaitlyn Toole of Byrd Elementary was recognized as State Regional Spelling Bee Winner and will represent the state in June at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.
- Ayla Holmes of Paul Knox Middle School was recognized as District Spelling Bee Champion.

#### OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2022-23, certified retiree rehires for school year 2022-2023, certified personnel for school year 2021-2022, classified personnel for school year 2021-22, and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-2 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2022-2023 school year of all certified personnel shown on the attached list (with the exception of employees who have given formal notice of retirement or of their intent to resign for relocation or other personal reasons before the start of the 2022-2023 school year); SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendations and authorize the re-employment for the 2022-2023 school year of the certified employees shown on the attached list, subject to the conditions, stipulations, requirements, or qualifications set forth for the employees; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Nuessle abstained).
- A-4 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the employees shown on the attached list, all of whom are induction contracted employees, not be renewed for the 2022-2023 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY EDE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING – FIRST READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy EDE Waste Management and Recycling, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-6 REVISION OF POLICY GCFB HIRING OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL, FIRST READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the revision of Policy GCFB Hiring of Administrative Personnel, First Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; Mr. Nuessle MOVED to AMEND MOTION to Policy GFCB which addresses the process the superintendent makes his/her recommendation for appointment to any position of assistant principal of higher to "Principal or higher position"; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; ORIGINAL MOTION to approve revision of POLICY GFCB Hiring of Administrative Personnel, First Reading; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-7 REVIEW AND/OR REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING "I" POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, AND FILES- INSTRUCTION POLICIES-SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policies, administrative rules, and files; Policy IB Academic Freedom, Policy ID School Day, Policy IE Organization of Instruction, Policy IG Curriculum Development, Adoption and Review, Policy IHAL Religious Instruction, Policy IHAM Health Education, Policy IHAN Driver Training, Policy IHAQ Career/Transition-To-Work Education, Policy IHBA Special Education/Programs for Handicapped/Disabled Students, Policy IHBH Charter Schools, Policy IHCA Summer School, Policy IHCD Advanced College Placement, Policy IJ Instructional Resources and Materials (Including Library Materials), Policy IJK Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, Policy IJKA Technology Resource Selection and Adoption, Policy IJNDB Use of Technology Resources, Second Reading, SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-8 2022-2023 BUDGET – FIRST READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the first reading of the 2022-2023 budget with any changes resulting from Board discussion; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; Mr. Smith MOVED to AMEND MOTION to use Fund Balance to fund athletic supplement increases by 40% for Head Coaches and 20% for Assistant Coaches and that funds be used from District's General Fund to pay back fund balance the next three years; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; AMENDED MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, Mr. Nuessle, Dr. Bradley, Dr. Hanks and Mr. Crane opposed); ORIGINAL MOTION to approve 2022-2023 budget on first reading; CARRIED on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Silas, and Mrs. Shealey opposed)

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1     RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
  
- B-2     PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, 2022-2023:  
Superintendent Laurence recommend to approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
  
- B-3     OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2022-2023;  
Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools. The parent/legal guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee (\$1,000 family cap).
  
- B-4     OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2022-2023:  
Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
  
- B-5     REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT; Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August of 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.
  
- B-6     TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2022-2023; Superintendent Laurence recommended to adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committee
  
- B-7     AWARDING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT WITH HONORS WEIGHTING FOR THE acGATEWAY SUMMER PROGRAM: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve high school credit with Honors weighting for the acGateway Summer Program.

- B-8 LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – DONATION TO THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL - FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,240.00 Leavelle McCampbell School Alumni Association Donation to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-9 NISSAN OF NORTH AUGUSTA – DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$2,500.00 Nissan of North Augusta Donation to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-10 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY DONATION TO THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT - FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$5,197,04 Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County Donation to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-11 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) 2022-23 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2022-23 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-12 SUBMISSION OF THE FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 GRANT BY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant, and receipt of funds and/or goods, if awarded.
- B-13 APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR PERISHABLE MILK PRODUCTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the Procurement Department to award the contract for Perishable Milk Products.

- B-14 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS FOR THE NEW WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the schematic design plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the new Wagener-Salley High Project as presented by McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-14 as presented;  
SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

#### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

#### SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

- No Update This Meeting

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bradley announced the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deem appropriate.

Student Matters – Student Transfer – Area Two, Three Student Appeals – Area One;  
Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Administrative Appointment – Redcliffe Elementary, Administrative Appointment – RSM High, Administrative Appointment – Kennedy Middle School, Legal Advice- Legal Advice in Regards to Student Appeals

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to enter into Executive Session for the purpose as stated;  
SECONDED by Mr. ; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 8:28 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:35 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 10:39 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED BY Mr. Crane;  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Bradley announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matters; Student Matters – Student Transfer – Area Two Three Student Appeals – Area One; Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Administrative Appointment – Redcliffe Elementary, Administrative Appointment – RSM High, Administrative Appointment – Kennedy Middle School, Legal Advice- Legal Advice in Regards to Student Appeals

## STUDENT MATTERS

### STUDENT TRANSFER-AREA TWO

Mr. Crane MOVED to deny enrollment in Aiken County Schools of a high school student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



#### STUDENT APPEALS – AREA ONE

The Board heard an appeal from an Area One Principal regarding the decision made by the District Hearing Officer of alternative placement for three area one students. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to reverse the decision rendered by the District Hearing Officer and expel the three students for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

##### EMPLOYEE CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Mr. Crane MOVED to direct the administration to make a formal complain to the State Board of Education regarding Employee A and Employee B's breach of contract; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart - Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

##### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY

Mr. Crane MOVED to accept the recommendation of the administration and appoint the top candidate as Principal at Redcliffe Elementary School; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

##### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – RSM HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the recommendation of the administration and appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal at RSM High School; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

##### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the recommendation of the administration and appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal of Kennedy Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL ADVICE IN REGARDS TO STUDENT APPEALS – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: