

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:30 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:

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman  
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Jim Broome  
Dr. John Bradley  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Vice-Chairman Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge were led by Vice-Chairman Smith.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2023, and the Special Called Meeting of August 15, 2023 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2023, and the Special Called Meeting of August 15, 2023; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Dr. Hanks abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. John Pettigrew spoke in regards to safety concerns at Aiken High School.
- Ms. Jana Jackson spoke in regards to safety concerns at Aiken High School.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Lauriana Cabana of Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle/High School was recognized as SC FFA State Champion, Agriculture Education Career & Development.
- Mrs. LaCheryl Knox was recognized as 2022-2023 SCAPT Bus Driver of the Year Award Winner.

#### VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- The events, groups or individuals below were highlighted in slide show presentation during executive session intermission:

Additional Back to School Highlights

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 SUPERINTENDENT RETIREMENT: Chairman Nuessle MOVED to accept the resignation of Superintendent Mr. King Laurence effective June 30, 2024 with his retirement from the district; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified retire rehire personnel for school year 2023-2024, classified personnel for school year 2023-24, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Laurence recommended to ratify the approval by the Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services for the program of home instruction for the students indicated on the attached list.
- B-2 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 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. The two students have unusual, compelling circumstances prompting their requests at this time.

- B-3 AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS GRANT AWARD TO A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$2,000.00 from the American Academy of Pediatrics Grant Award to A.L. Corbett Middle School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 ANONYMOUS DONATION TO SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT FOOD SERVICE ACCOUNTS – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,104.23 donation from an anonymous donor to School Food Services and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-5 SC COUNCIL OF TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS (SCCTM) DONATION TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,500.00 SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics (SCCTM) donation to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 SC COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS (SCCTM) DONATION TO MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommend to approve the \$1,136.00 SC Council of Teacher of Mathematics (SCCTM) donation to Millbrook Elementary School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-6 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

No Items This Meeting

## INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

### AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- AREA THREE ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to re-appoint Ms. Rita Turner and Mr. Lance Thomas to the Area Three Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

## OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence discussed a recent meeting with the Aiken County Legislative Delegation and thanked them for their support of Aiken County Public Schools.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Nuessle 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 deems appropriate. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area One, and Legal Matters- Legal Advice on Policy JB.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:20 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:50 p.m.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson;  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Nuessle announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matters. for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area One, and Legal Matters- Legal Advice on Policy JB.

## STUDENT MATTERS

### STUDENT APPEAL - AREA ONE

The Board heard the appeal of an Area One High School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the hearing officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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### STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE

The Board heard the appeal of a parent of an Area One High School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the hearing officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3(Dr. Hanks, Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, and Mrs. Tyler opposed).

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL ADVICE – POLICY JB – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: