

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 24, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:00 p.m. 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. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Jason Crane  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Mr. Cameron Nuessle  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mrs. Sandra Shealey

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Brian Silas

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 MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 10, 2021, and the Special Called Meeting on August 12, 2021 were presented for approval; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 10, 2021; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on August 12, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Don Quigley spoke against COVID-19 quarantine guidelines in district schools.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE USC-AIKEN SCHOLARS ACADEMY ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 HERE COMES THE BUS DEMONSTRATION: Dr. Corey Murphy and Mr. Rashad Roland demonstrated the Transportation Department's new bus locator software application *Here Comes The Bus*.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN: 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-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2021 ASPHALT TRACK RESURFACING AT PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$28,500.00> from Beam’s Contracting, Inc.
- B-4 AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (ACPSD) HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM CARRYOVER REQUEST: 07/01/2020-10/31/2020|START-UP AND PRO-RATED FUNDS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the carryover balance request in the amount of \$41,078,971.15 to complete planned start-up/initial actions and activities outlined in the previously approved funding application.
- B-5 TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2020-2021: Superintendent Laurence recommended to adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees.

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2021-2022, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2021-22; classified personnel for school year 2021-2022, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2021-22; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22 SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 UPDATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IN POLICY CCA ORGANIZATION CHART, FIRST READING: Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve updates to Organizational Chart in Policy CCA Organization Chart, First Reading; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 REVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GCC-R (2) (PROFESSIONAL STAFF) AND GDC-R (2) (SUPPORT STAFF), COVID-19 RELATED LEAVE: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve revision of the temporary addition of Administrative Rules GCC-R(2) (Professional Staff) and GDC-R(2) (Support Staff), COVID-19 Related Leave; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Crane and Mr. Moulton opposed).
- C-4 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #2, 2020-2021 FOR FUND 1; Dr. Smith MOVED to approve Budget Adjustment #2; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Moulton discussed teacher demands and schedules.

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent Laurence discussed teacher schedules and demands and that many additional duties are temporary due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- Superintendent Laurence announced that his door and the doors of Senior Administrative Staff and those of the Assistant Superintendents are always open to employees.
- Superintendent Laurence discussed the beginning of the new school year and recent updates to SCDHEC guidelines in regards to COVID-19 and quarantines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bradley announced the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate: Employment Matters – Contractual Matters; Legal Matters – Legal Advice on Proviso 1.108.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:10 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:15 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:49 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters; Employment Matters - Contractual Matters; Legal Matters - Legal Advice on Proviso 1.108.

## EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

### CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

Mr. Smith MOVED that the board direct the administration to make a formal complaint to the State Board of Education regarding Employee A and B's breach of contract; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## LEGAL MATTERS

### LEGAL ADVICE ON PROVISIO 1.108

No Action Taken

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: