

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 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, the 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  
Dr. John Bradley, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Jim Broome  
Mr. Colen Lindell  
Mrs. Liz Morris  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education

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

Chairman Nuessle led Moment of Silence and Pledge.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2024 were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2024; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Requests This Meeting

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

No Items This Meeting

#### ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Mrs. Mahoney reviewed the procedures for the election of Board Officers and distributed ballots for electing a chairman. Mrs. Mahoney counted the votes and announced the appointment of Mr. Cameron Nuessle as Chairman of the Board. Ballots were distributed for the election of the Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Mahoney counted the votes and announced the appointment of Dr. John Bradley as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

#### OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No Items This Meeting

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2024-25, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, classified retiree rehire personnel for 2024-25, and classified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 POLICY JICJ PAGING DEVICES, CELL PHONES, AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES, SECOND READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve Policy JICJ Paging Devices, Cell Phones, and Other Personal Electronic Devices, Second Reading: SECONDED by Mr. Moulton: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, REFERENDUM; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the resolution to declare the results of the referendum; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 MAKE UP PLAN FOR SCHOO DAY LOST DUE TO HURRICANE HELENE: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the administrations recommendation adding January 6 to the calendar as a weather make up day, which will be designated as an eLearning Day; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE NEW AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the contract documents, plans, specifications, and projected overall budget of \$53,027,434.16 from GMC and proceed with the final working drawings and specifications for this project. Superintendent Murphy also recommended approving the GMP #1 which is the construction budget of \$46,785,415 from H.G. Reynolds and allow the administration to enter into an agreement with the CM at Risk Contractor.

- B-2 2025 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT GREENDALE ELEMENTARY AND BYRD ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Murphy recommended authorizing the administration to accept the low base bid and enter a contract with Merit Flooring of Augusta, GA in the total amount of \$295,720.00 for the 2025 Flooring at Greendale Elementary and Byrd Elementary School.
- B-3 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION BY THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS INSURANCE TRUST RISK CONTROL GRANT– FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application for the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust Risk Control Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS TRUST FUND DONATION TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL– FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$2,000.00 Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund donation to Aiken Elementary and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 CAROLINA TRAINING ASSOCIATES, INC. DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$2,000.00 Carolina Training Associates, Inc. donation to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-7 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD DISPOSAL: Superintendent Murphy recommended declaring items surplus and authorize the Administration to dispose of items by utilizing the methods.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-7 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; Mr. Lindell MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION: Mr. Nic Carroll, Executive Director of the Educational Technology Department presented an update on the staffing and structure of the department.
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION DELIVERY MODELS: Mr. Ward Lambert with Harper, Lambert & Brown, PA, Construction Law Specialist, presented a power point presentation regarding construction delivery methodologies.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update  
Superintendent Murphy thanked students, faculty and staff for their dedication and incredible efforts as the first semester ends. He also announced the passing of retired long term staff member of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School Ms. Sherrie Pitts. He also reminded the audience of the changes in the district's cell phone policy that will occur when students return to class in January.

## 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. Employment Matters – Establishment of Interim Coordinator of Athletics position and Contractual Matters – Construction Matter.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 7:14 p.m.  
Executive Session convened at 7:24 p.m.  
Regular Session resumed at 8:10 p.m.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Nuessle announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matter for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate Employment Matters – Establishment of Interim Coordinator of Athletics position and Contractual Matters – Construction Matter.

## EMPLOYEE MATTERS

- EMPLOYEE MATTER – ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM COORDINATOR OF ATHLETICS POSITION: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the establishment of a 0,5 FTE Interim Coordinator of Athletics position; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed).

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

- CONSTRUCTION MATTER – No Action Taken

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

ACTION ITEM

- GMP #1 FOR FOOTBALL FIELD TURF AT AIKEN HIGH, MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH, AND SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL; Dr. Bradley MOVED to authorize the administration to negotiate a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company in the amount of \$5,115,122.00 for installation of new artificial turf at Aiken High, Midland Valley High, and Silver Bluff High, utilizing the CM at Risk delivery system; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED: