

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 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. Jim Broome
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mr. Dwight Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mrs. Sandra Shealey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the 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

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER: Superintendent Laurence swore in Mr. Dwight Smith as newly elected Board Member.

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 November 15, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 15, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; Minutes of the Meeting on November 29, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Meeting on November 29, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests This Meeting.

AIKEN HIGH LADIES VOLLEYBALL TEAM – Postponed until the January 10, 2023 meeting

PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS PRESENTATION

- Mr. Gayle Gulick presented check in the amount of \$3,862.78 to be used for teacher classroom grants.

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 Mr. Dwight Smith as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

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 2023-2024, certified personnel for school year 2022-23, classified personnel for school year 2022-23, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REVISION TO POLICY JICDA – CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the revision to the Code of Student Conduct on second reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 PROPOSED SALARY SCALE FOR SPED BUS DRIVER, SPED BUS MONITORS, AND SPED AIDES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve implementation of new salary scale for special education bus drivers, special education bus monitors, and special education aides; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the student 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 SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION BY THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS INSURANCE TRUST RISK CONTROL GRANT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the application for the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust Risk Control Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-4 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY GRANT AWARDS TO THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT- FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$3,862,78 Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County Grant Award to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-5 TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2022-2023: Superintendent Laurence recommended to adopt the textbooks recommendations of the teacher committees.
- B-6 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR SECURED ENTRY LOBBY FOR CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the Administration to accept the base bid totaling \$103,000.00. and enter into a contract with J. E, Stewart Building, Inc. for the Chukker Creek Elementary Secured Entry Lobby Project with funds from the one-time security.

B-7 2023 REPLACEMENT OF EXTERIOR SIGNS AT BUSBEE ELEMENTARY, GREENDALE ELEMENTARY, SCHOFIELD MIDDLE, AND SILVER BLUFF HIGH:
Superintendent Laurence recommended to Authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$126,740.00 and enter into a contract with Signs Unlimited of South Carolina to replace exteriors signs to LED at Busbee Elementary, Greendale Elementary, Schofield Middle and Silver Bluff High with funding coming from the Capital Outlay Account.

B-8 2023 SOUTH AIKEN HIGH AND AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL CANOPY PROJECT:
Superintendent Laurence recommended to allow the administration to accept the low base bid of \$22,000.00 and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. for the Canopy Replacement/Repair at Aiken High School.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; Mr. Nuessle MOVED to Amend Item B-1 and remove student #3 from page 2 and student #3 from page 3, both students have appealed their expulsion recommendation to the school board; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS B-1 THROUGH B-8 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

No Items This Meeting

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 Laurence announced due to scheduling conflict the Aiken High Women's Volleyball Team will be recognized at the January 10, 2023 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 deems appropriate. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area Two, Student Appeal – Area Two, Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Two, Student Appeal – Area Five, Student Appeal – Area Four; Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Employee Compensation

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

Regular Session recessed at 6:27 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:37 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:53 p.m.

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

Chairman Bradley 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 Two, Student Appeal – Area Two, Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Two, Student Appeal – Area Five, Student Appeal – Area Four; Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Employee Compensation.

STUDENT MATTERS

a) Student Appeal – Area Two

. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Student Appeal – Area Two

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Two High School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) Student Appeal – Area One

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One High School Student. Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for 90 days; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-1 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed).

d) Student Appeal – Area Two

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Two High School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION FAILED on a vote of 1-5 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Nuessle, Dr. Bradley, Mr. Silas and Mr. Broome opposed); Mr. Nuessle MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for 90-days; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION FAILED on a vote of 1-5 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, Mr. Smith, Dr. Bradley, Mr. Silas and Mr. Broome opposed); Mr. Nuessle MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for 45-days; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-1 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed).

e) Student Appeal – Area Five

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Five High School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for 45-days; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

f) Student Appeal – Area Four

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Four Middle School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for 45-days and with strict probation on their return to school; SECONDED by Mr. Broome; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-1 (Dr. Bradley opposed)

b) Employee Compensation

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the recommended salary increase, effective the day after Board approval; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: