

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 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. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice-Rhinehart-Jackson
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

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 November 9, 2021 were presented for approval; Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 9, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Paulette Beaufort spoke against SEL (Social Emotional Learning) curriculum being used in schools.
- Mr. Dave Paullin distributed copies of Petition for Parental and Citizen's Rights in Children's' Education in Aiken County, South Carolina to Board Members.
- Ms. Maria Sullivan spoke in favor of transparency in public education in regards to CRT (Critical Race Theory)

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to hold Special Called Meeting on January 18, 2022 for workshop with SCSBA in regards to Robert's Rules of Orders; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH PROJECT UPDATE: Dr. Murphy presented update on the New Wagener-Salley High School Project; Mrs. Shealey MOVED to proceed with the project and construct a new high school for the Wagener, SC community; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 ABM UPDATE: Dr. Yarborough presented update in regards to the District's Bundled Energy Solutions Project (ABM)
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF JULY 31, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-8 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF AUGUST 31, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 INDOOR AIR QUALITY: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Administration's recommendation to install Atmos Air DBD air quality system for all District facilities.
- B-2 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order #1 form McKnight Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$139,229.00 for the Belvedere Elementary School Addition and Renovations Project.
- B-3 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-4 SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION BY THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS INSURANCE TRUST RISK CONTROL GRANT – FY22: 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-5 CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT DONATION FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$6,000.00 Central Carolina Community Foundation Grant donation to Midland Valley area Elementary School Libraries and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

B-6 AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (ACPSD) HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM SELECTION CRITERIA: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the revisions to the Head Start/Early Head Start Selection Criteria for Enrollment.

B-7 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2021-22, classified retiree rehires for school year 2021-22, classified personnel for school year 2021-22, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IHBB GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION, SECOND READING; Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy IHBB Gifted and Talented Education, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed).

C-3 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE: "L" POLICIES, FIRST READING: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the following policies and administrative rule, first reading: Policy LA Education Agency Relations Goals/Priority Objectives, Policy, LBA Shared Services and Staff, Policy LC Relations with Education Research Agencies, Policy LD Relations with Colleges and Universities, Policy LDA Student Teaching and Internships, Administrative Rule LDA-R Student Teaching and Internships, Policy LH Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-4 REVIEWED OR REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE “K” POLICIES, FIRST READING: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the following policies and administrative rule, first reading: Policy KB Parent Involvement in Education, Policy KBB Rights and Responsibilities, Policy KBE Relations with Parent Organizations, Policy KCAAA Student-Community Relations, Policy KCD Public Gifts/Donations to Schools, Policy KD Public Information and Communication, Policy KDB Public’s Right to Know/Freedom of Information, Policy KDD Media Relations (Press Releases, Conferences, and Interviews), Administrative Rule KDD-R Media Relations (Press Releases, Conferences, and Interviews Policy KE Public Concern and Complaints, Policy KEC Public Concerns and Complaints About Instructional Resources, Policy KHE Political Solicitations in Schools, Policy KI Visitors. Policy KLG Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE “I” POLICIES, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following Policies and administrative rule, first reading: Policy IHAC Social Studies Education, Policy IHAG Music Education, Policy IHAH Foreign Language Education, Policy IHBF Homebound Instruction, Policy IHBG Home Schooling, Administrative Rule IHBG-R Home Schooling; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT TO EXPERIENTIAL CREDIT FOR NURSES: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve adjustment to experiential credit for nurses; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 PROPOSED SIGN-PN BONUS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION BUS DRIVERS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION BUS MONITORS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve implementation of sign-on bonus for special education bus drivers and bus monitors; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Nuessle MOVED to encourage the Board Chair to form a Safety and Security Committee; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Dr. Hanks opposed)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Laurence presented update in regards to modified school calendar district stakeholder feedback.

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: Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Contractual Matters - Update on Property Matter, Legal Matters – Legal Advice on Policy Matter.

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

Regular Session recessed at 8:02 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:10 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:18 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Contractual Matters - Update on Property Matter, Legal Matters – Legal Advice on Policy Matter.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

EMPLOYEE CONTRACTUAL MATTER

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

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

UPDATE ON PROPERTY MATTER – No Action Taken.

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL ADVICE ON POLICY MATTER – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: