

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 5:00 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:

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Chief Officer of Operations & Student Services
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent & Board of Education

Chairman Nuessle called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

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

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 Three.

Mr. Smith MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 5:05 p.m.

Executive session convened at 5:10 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 6:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Nuessle announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matters. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Three.

STUDENT MATTERS

a) Student Appeal – Area One

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One Middle School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of a 45-day placement at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mr. Moulton abstained).

b) Student Appeal – Area Three

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Three High School Student. Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of a 45-day placement at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest and for the student to complete the alcohol and drug program at the Aiken Center; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mr. Moulton abstained).

Moment of Silence and Pledge was led by Chairman Nuessle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 10, 2023, the Special Called Meeting on January 17, 2023, and the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2023 were presented for approval. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 10, 2023, the Special Called Meeting on January 17, 2023, and the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2023; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jordyn Mobley, Shana Mobley, Joyce Foster, Melissa Sapp, Miriam Zeidan, Kaliyah Marshall, Melva Springs, Morgan Coverson-Springs, Trinia Wilson, and Taylor Smith spoke in support of the Aiken High Cheerleading Squad and concerns about student discipline.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- KMS Football Team: A slide show presentation was shown recognizing the Kennedy Middle School Football Team who were the 2022 Middle School Champions and Coach Shufords 100th win

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No Items This Week

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- B-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-24, certified personnel for school year 2022-23, certified retiree personnel for school year 2022-2023, classified personnel for school year 2022-23, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-2024, non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- B-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IJK SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy IJK Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; Dr. Bradley MOVED TO AMEND ORIGINAL MOTION to strike/remove “the principal shall” and replace with “use list of state and district approved lists” MOTION TO AMEND ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Broome opposed).
- B-3 CODE OF CONDUCT-WEAPONS (KNIVES): Mr. Moulton MOVED to Modify Middle/High Code of Conducts to eliminate section in regards to the length of knives, to include a knife in the definition of a weapon and to make a possession of a knife 1st offense a recommendation of expulsion; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; Mr. Moulton WITHDREW MOTION; Mr. Moulton MOVED to direct the administration to eliminate the separation of knives based on the length, to include a knife in the definition of a weapon, but to make sure that whether it’s through language or through the table of consequences that to make sure that honest mistakes that are self-reported have consequences similar as to what is listed in the Code of Conduct today. Language that adheres to state law enforcement codes/statutes in regards to knives be kept in policy and that any changes need to be across all grade levels; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- C-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to ratify the expulsion of students not appealing the action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2022-2023:
Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- C-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2023-2024:
Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- C-4 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2023-2024;
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).
- C-5 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange students listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in Augusta of 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- C-6 BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS TIRE OPERATION, LLC, DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$2,500.00 Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC donation to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- C-7 THE GIFTING TREE DONATION TO LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL-
FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,110.00 donation
from The Gifting Tree to Leavelle-McCampbell Middle School and adjustments to the
FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- C-8 GLOVERVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DONATION TO GLOVERVILLE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve
the \$1,200.00 Gloverville First Baptist Church donation to Gloverville Elementary and
adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation
and expenditures.
- C-9 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION-DISTRICT ARTS SUPPORT GRANT
SUBMISSION-AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY24: Superintendent
Laurence recommended to approve the South Carolina Arts Commission District Arts
Support Grant application submission in the amount of \$25,000 per year for two years
(\$50,000.00 total), and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY24 and FY25 Special
Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the grant if awarded.
- C-10 CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE NEW CAR LOOP AT J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY
PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order
#2 from Hamilton Paving, LLC in the credit amount of \$19,598.41.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve items C-1 through C-10 as presented; SECONDED by Mr.
Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

D-1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2022:

The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

D-2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022:

The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

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 – No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED:

