

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 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. Jason Crane
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice-Rhinehart-Jackson
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas
Mr. Dwight Smith

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.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 8, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 8 2022; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests or Sign Ups this meeting.
- SRP Federal Credit Union Affinity Debit Card Donation in the amount of \$165,255.00 was given to Aiken County Public Schools.
- Mrs. Shari Hooper, Guidance Counselor at Mossy Creek Elementary School, was recognized as the Palmetto State School Counselor Association – School Counselor of the Year.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to hold a Special Called Meeting on March 1, 2022 for Head Start Training and Modified Calendar Discussion; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Dr. Patricia Hanks was appointed as Board Member Representative to the District Wellness Committee.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2022-23, certified retiree rehires for school year 2021-2022, 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 Mr. Crane; 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 recommends that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 THE SCHOOL GARDEN AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT AWARD TO A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the School Garden and Education Assistance Program Grant Award to A.L. Corbett Middle School and the receipt of items and training as outlined in the grant.
- B-4 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2022 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR DISTRICTWIDE FENCING INSTALLATION PROJECTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to allow the administration to enter into a contract with the following firms on an annual basis ranked above for various fence projects over the next 5 years.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as presented;
SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 AIKEN INNOVATE AND VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING UPDATE: Mrs. Jeanie Glover and Mr. Dustin Fowler presented update in regards to Aiken INNOVATE and virtual programming.
- C-2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- D-1 CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS: Mr. Moulton discussed administration exploring ways to reduce the number of classroom observation's per school year.
- D-2 CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS: No Items This Meeting.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

- Superintendent Laurence expressed condolences to the families of two district employees who passed away last week; Dana Foster, a teacher at Byrd Elementary and King David Curry a bus driver with our Transportation Department.
- COVID UPDATE: Superintendent Laurence announced the end of field trips, visitor and volunteer restrictions in district schools on March 1, 2022, and gave update on new SCDHEC guidelines in regards to quarantines, positive COVID cases and the Test to Stay option.

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:
Student Matters – Student Appeal (Area One)

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:02 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:12 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:34 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED BY Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered or received information concerning the following matters: Student Matters – Student Appeal (Area One)

STUDENT MATTERS

STUDENT APPEAL (AREA ONE)

Mr. Crane MOVED to not uphold the recommendation of expulsion by the District Hearing Officer and place the student at CIL-Pinecrest with strict probation for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Dr. Bradley and Mr. Silas opposed).

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED:

