

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and web location of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice Chair
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jason Crane
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.

Chairman Bradley led a Moment of Silence for Belvedere Elementary student Riggs Lindsay and Mossy Creek employee Janice Dawkins that passed away this past week.

Pledge was 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 February 9, 2021, were presented for approval; Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 9, 2021; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Lawrette McCann spoke in regards to transgender policies.
- Public Education Partners Donation in the amount of \$6590.00 was given to Aiken County Public Schools.
- SRP Federal Credit Union Infinity Debit Card Donation in the amount of
- \$138,800.05 was given to Aiken County Public Schools

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

No Items This Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A-1 ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION: Ms. Kate Olin, presented update on District Assessments.

A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2020: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented

CONSENT ITEMS

There were no Items this Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2020-21, classified personnel for school year 2020-21 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2020-21; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to recommend 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); SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS 2021-2022: Mr. Smith MOVED to recommend that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 REVISION OF POLICY BCB BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST, SECOND READING: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the revision of Policy BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest, Second Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 REVISION OF POLICY JICJ PAGING DEVICES, CELL PHONES, AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES, SECOND READING: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the revision of Policy JICJ Paging Devices, Cell Phones, and Other Personal Electronic Devices, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2021-2022: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the proposed calendar for 2021-2022; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-7 CONSIDERATION OF ESSER II FUNDING USES – SUMMER PROGRAMS: Mr. Smith MOVED to increase the summer program hourly rate to \$37/hour for teachers and \$40/hour for site leads paid through ESSER II funds; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-8 AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM GOVERNANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the ACPSD Head Start/Early Head Start Governance Policies and Procedures; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-9 REQUEST FOR DONATION OF SURPLUS WEIGHT EQUIPMENT FROM NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the donation request for the NAHS surplus weight equipment to the North Augusta Public Safety and Aiken County Sheriff's Department for use by their employees. Items have been screened and approved as surplus by the Procurement Director; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent Laurence discussed the return to five day a week instruction on March 1, 2021, and gave update in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic and district schools.

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: Legal Briefing: Legal Advice Concerning Policy BCB.

Mr. Smith MOVED to enter into Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:42 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:50 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Legal Briefing: Legal Advice Concerning Policy BCB.

LEGAL BRIEFING

LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING POLICY BCB

- No Action Taken

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: