

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent  
Dr. Corey Murphy, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services  
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 Special Called Meeting on January 18, 2022 and the Regular Meeting on January 25, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on January 18, 2022 and the Regular Meeting on January 25, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Maria Sullivan spoke in regards to Critical Race Theory and Social Emotional Learning concerns.
- Mr. Gale Gulick with Public Education Partners presented check in the amount of \$3831.34 to be used for teacher/classroom grants

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Bradley asked board members to submit their lists of concerns in regards to the modified calendar to himself or to district administration.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2021-22, classified personnel for school year 2021-22 and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; SECONDED by Mr. Silas MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 A3 COMMUNICATIONS/AUDIO ENHANCEMENT: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the purchase of the Audio Enhancement System; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-3 PROPOSED INCENTIVE FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve implementation of sign-on bonus for teachers; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Moulton opposed).
- A-4 ESSER SUMMER PROGRAM PAY: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the continuation of the pay scale approved for ESSER-funded summer programs for summer 2022; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2022-2023: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the proposed calendar for 2022-2023; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; 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 – TRANSFER IN: Superintendent Laurence recommends 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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST – TRANSFER OUT 2021-2022: Superintendent Laurence recommends that the student be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-4 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST – TRANSFER OUT 2022-2023: Superintendent Laurence recommends that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.

- B-5 GERALD H. MCNEAL LIVING TRUST DONATION TO BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -FY 22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$2460.00 Gerald H. McNeal Living Trust to Belvedere Elementary School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE 2022 SCRUBBING AND COATING OF GYMNASIUM FLOORS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept the bid and enter into a contract with The Flooring Connection, LLC for Base Bid A: (\$27,765.00); Base Bid B: (\$22,540.00); Base Bid C: (\$59,625.00) for the 2022 Sanding, Coating, Striping of gymnasium floors. Funding coming from the 2022-2023 Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan Gym Floors Budget.
- B-7 2022 REPLACEMENT OF EXTERIOR SIGNS AT CLEARWATER ELEMENTARY, MOSSY CREEK ELEMENTARY, AND PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$86,055.00 and enter into a contract with Signs Unlimited of South Carolina to replace exterior signs to LED at Clearwater Elementary, Mossy Creek Elementary, and Paul Knox Middle.
- B-8 SCHEMATIC DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION AND BUDGET FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ADDITION PHASE 4 PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the schematic/design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architects to proceed with construction documents phase which is final drawings and specifications for this project.
- B-9 CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order #2 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of <\$1,279,105.17>.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Silas abstained).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 UPDATE TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- C-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- C-5 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- C-6 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- C-7 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- C-8 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Murphy presented an update on SCDHEC Test to Stay Program.

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 Two).

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:13 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:20 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:57 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; 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 Two).

STUDENT MATTERS

STUDENT APPEAL (AREA TWO)

Mr. Nuessle MOVED to not uphold the recommendation of expulsion by the District Hearing Officer and place the student at CIL- Pinecrest for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on at vote of 6-2 (Mr. Crane and Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed). Mr. Moulton MOVED to have student seek counseling with Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health and that the student complete treatment/counseling services before returning to his home school for the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed).

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: