

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 11, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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. 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: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to add item F-2 Personnel Appointment to the Executive Session section of the agenda; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on December 7, 2021 and the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2021 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called on December 7, 2021 and the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. John Pettigrew spoke in regards to the Modified Calendar option for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Mr. Chuck Deen spoke in support of developing ACPSD Band Programs.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the results of the financial audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2021-22, and classified personnel for school year 2021-22; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 PROPOSED ONE-TIME USES OF FUND BALANCES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve utilization of fund balance described above for one-time expenditures; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-4 MODIFIED CALENDAR FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR; NO ACTION TAKEN.
- A-5 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES “I” POLICIES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following Policies, SECOND reading: Policy IHAC Social Studies Education, Policy IHAG Music Education, Policy IHAH Foreign Language Education, Policy IHBF Homebound Instruction, SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- A-6 REVIEWED OR REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING “K” POLICIES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policies, first reading: Policy KBB Rights and Responsibilities, Policy KD Public Information and Communication, Policy KDB Public’s Right to Know/Freedom of Information, Policy KE Public Concern and Complaints, Policy KI Visitors; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-7 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES “L” POLICIES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policies, second reading: Policy LA Education Agency Relations Goals/Priority Objectives, Policy LDA Student Teaching and Internships, Policy LH Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; 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 recommended 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 REQUESTS -TRANSFER OUT: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the student be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III ADDITIONS: DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING OLD GYM-GMP#2: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order Number from H.G. Reynolds Company in the credit amount of <\$31,947.00> for the North Augusta High School Phase III Additions Project.
- B-5 FIDELITY CHARITABLE DONOR-ADVISED FUND GRANT AWARD TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,300.00 Fidelity Charitable Donor-Advised Fund Grant Award to Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 NEA FOUNDATION LEARNING & LEADERSHIP GRANT AWARD TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY22 Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve \$5,000.00 NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grant Award to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-7 NATIONAL SOCIETY OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS (NSHSS) DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN TEACHING GRANT AWARD TO NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,500.00 NSHSS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Teaching Grant Award to North Augusta High School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-8 REMAIN AT HOME SENIOR CARE, LLC DONATION TO JACKSON STEM MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,250.00 Remain at Home Senior Care, LLC Donation to Jackson STEM Magnet Middle School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-9 REMAIN AT HOME SENIOR CARE, LLC DONATION TO SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,250.00 Remain at Home Senior Care, LLC Donation to Silver Bluff High School NJROTC and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-10 SUBMISSION OF THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM EXPANSION GRANT FOR THE SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$60,000.00 School Breakfast Program Expansion Grant application for Aiken County Public School District School Food Service Department, and the receipt of funds if awarded.
- B-11 ADOPTION OF CURRICULUM RESOURCES FOR PALMETTO LITERACY PROJECT SCHOOLS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's Into Reading as the curriculum for the State Department to purchase for the four Palmetto Literacy Project schools and J.D. Lever Elementary School.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-11 as presented;  
SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 PRESENTATION ON XSEL PROGRAM: Mrs. Beth Taylor presented update on the XSEL Program.

- A-2 PRESENTATION ON STATE MODEL PROCUREMENT CODE: Ms. Deborah Tyler, Purchasing Director presented overview of the State's Code revisions and the potential impacts on the District's Code.
- 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.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

#### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Laurence spoke about the deaths of several district students over the last month, and the resurgence of COVID-19 cases in schools.

## 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: Appeals – Student Appeal – Area One; Employment Matters – Personnel Appointment.

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 8:45 p.m.  
Executive Session convened at 8:55 p.m.  
Regular Session resumed at 9:52 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Appeals – Student Appeal – Area One; Employment Matters – Personnel Appointment.

## APPEALS

### STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the middle school student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Dr. Bradley and Mr. Smith opposed)

## EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

### PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT

Mr. Silas MOVED to appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal at Aiken High School; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed and Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson abstained).

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Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: