

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 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, the 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
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Nuessle 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 Nuessle.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the rescheduled Regular Meeting of January 10, 2024, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the rescheduled, Regular Meeting of January 10, 2024; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Drew Klapko spoke in regard to the construction of the new Wagener-Salley High School and athletic fields.
- Ms. Rhonda Poole spoke in regard to the construction of the new Wagener-Salley High School and athletic fields.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Belvedere Elementary, Oakwood-Windsor Elementary, Gloverville Elementary, New Ellenton STEAM Middle School, Paul Knox Middle School and Aiken Scholars Academy were recognized for their excellent rating on the state report card.
- Traveon Dunbar of Midland Valley High School was recognized as one of Sports Illustrated's top twenty high school running backs in the nation for the 2023 high school football season.
- The Aiken County Board of Education was recognized for their support of students and staff.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

- Mr. Casey Rogers presented an update in regard to Paul Knox Middle School.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATES FINALISTS: Mr. Nuessle MOVED to name Dr. Chan Anderson, Dr. Amy Edwards, and Dr. Corey Murphy as finalists for the Superintendent position; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mrs. Tyler abstained).
- A-2 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-24, classified personnel for school year 2023-24, classified retiree rehires for school year 2023-24, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24, and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY ADF DISTRICT WELLNESS, SECOND READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following revisions to policy: Policy ADF District Wellness, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 POLICY JLCD ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICINES, SECOND READING, POLICY JLCDB USE OF LIFESAVING MEDICATIONS, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the Policy JLCD Assisting Students with Medicines, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the Policy JLCDB Use of Lifesaving Medications, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-5 PROPOSED ONE TIME USE OF FUND BALANCE: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve utilization of approximately \$706,000 from fund balance to cover District wide pressure washing services, the write-off of student meal balances and for the purchase of a new timeclock system; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; 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 recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 AILEEN S. ANDREW FOUNDATION DONATION TO NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$3,000.00 Aileen S. Andrew Foundation Donation to North Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT DONATION FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$6,000.00 Central Carolina Community Foundation Grant donation to Midland Valley Area Elementary School Libraries and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-5 TEAM WORKS FOUNDATION DONATION : Superintendent Laurence recommend to approve the \$1,268.00 Teamwork’s donation to New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-6 ANONYMOUS DONATION TO SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT FOOD SERVICE ACCOUNTS – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$42,050.48 donation from an anonymous donor to School Food Services and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-7 SCHEMATIC PLANS, AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH ATHLETIC FIELDS PHASE 4: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the schematic plan and the design development plan and specifications reviewed by the administration, and to authorize the Architect to proceed with the final construction phase and budget for this project.
- B-8 UTILITIES INSTALLATION EASEMENT FOR CKJ PROPERTIES AND BREEZY HILL WATER & SEWER COMPANY, INC: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the Board grant the easement and authorize the Chair and Superintendent to execute the original easement document.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-8 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mr. Broome, Mr. Silas and Mrs. Tyler opposed).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 SEMI ANNUAL UPDATE ON MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES UTILIZATION PLAN: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2023: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Policy KCAAA Student Community Relations – Rescheduled for another meeting

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence gave an update on today's honor court announcements for the STARS of Public Education Awards Ceremony scheduled for March 21, 2024, at Aiken High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Three, Contractual Matters - Superintendent, and Legal Matters- Legal Advice – Policy JICJ.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:28 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:45 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:51 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. for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Student Matters – Student Appeal Area Three, Contractual Matters - Superintendent, and Legal Matters- Legal Advice – Policy JICJ.

STUDENT MATTERS

- 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 decision of the District Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

SUPERINTENDENT – No Action Taken

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL ADVICE-POLICY JICJ – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: