

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 25, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 11, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 11, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Jacob Nims spoke against approval of the Modified Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Mr. John Pettigrew spoke in regards to the Modified Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Aiken Standard Community Christmas Card Donation in the amount of \$8103.00 was given to Aiken County Public Schools.
- SCSBA School Board Appreciation Month

The Aiken County Board of Education was recognized for their support of students and staff.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2021-22, certified retiree rehires for school year 2021-22, classified personnel for school year 2021-22 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-2 CONSIDERATION OF DISTRICT PROCUREMENT CODE UPDATES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the proposed, marked up version of the District Procurement Code for submission to the State; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027: Dr. Hanks MOVED to approve the Aiken County Public School District's strategic plan for 2023-2027; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed).
- A-4 MODIFIED CALENDAR FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Adopt the Proposed 2022-2023 calendar; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve SUBSTITUTE MOTION to delay the implementation of the modified calendar from the 2022-2023 school year to the 2023-2024 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to withdraw MOTION to adopt the Proposed 2022-2023 calendar; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; Dr. Bradley MOVED to direct administration to develop comprehensive plan to address issues identified during townhall meetings before approval of the 2023-2024 school calendar; 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 – 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 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY GRANT AWARDS TO THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$3,831.34 Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County Grant Award to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 ACPSD BANDS: Mr. Chuck Deen presented PowerPoint Presentation in regards to middle school and high school band programs
- C-2 SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE: Dr. Corey Murphy and Dr. Jason Holt presented updated on school safety protocols.
- C-3 A3 COMMUNICATIONS/AUDIO ENHANCEMENT: Dr. Corey Murphy and representatives from A3 Communications presented overview of their classroom audio systems.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

#### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

No Update This Meeting

## 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: Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Employee Grievance; Legal Matters – Advice Concerning Policy BID Board Member Compensation and Expenses.

Mr. Crane MOVED to enter into Executive Session for the purpose as stated;  
SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 8:31 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:36 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:18 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Employee Grievance; Legal Matters – Advice Concerning Policy BID Board Member Compensation and Expenses.

## APPEALS

STUDENT APPEAL – AREA THREE – APPEAL WITHDRAWN

## EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

### EMPLOYEE CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Mr. Silas MOVED that the board direct the administration to make a formal complaint to the State Board of Education regarding Employee A's breach of contract;  
SECONDED by Mr. Moulton MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE

Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the administration's ruling based on written record;  
SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL MATTERS

ADVICE CONCERNING POLICY BID BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND  
EXPENSES – No Action Taken

Dr. Hanks MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: