

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 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
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Ms. Renee Reynolds, Administrative Assistant to the Chief Officer of Operations
and Student Services

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 Regular Meeting of June 11, 2024, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2024; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Jamie Moody spoke regarding Student Mental Health Services and Partnerships.
- Mr. Mason Collins spoke regarding relocation of the band room at Schofield Middle School.
- Ms. Geneva Jackson & Mr. James Anderson from the New Ellenton City Council spoke regarding the proposed 2024 One Cent Sales Tax Projects and upgrades to Greendale Elementary School.
- Mr. Dave Paullin spoke regarding correspondence with the Board of Education and Administration on the topic of DEI Training.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Nuessle welcomed back Teachers and Staff for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2024-25, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2024-25, and classified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REVISE POLICY DEC SELECTION OF TITLE 1 SCHOOLS, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to revise the following: Policy DEC Selection of Title 1 Schools, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 REVISION OF POLICY IHBF HOMBOUND INSTRUCTION, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy IHBF Homebound Instruction, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,
- A-4 REVISION OF POLICY JFAB NONRESIDENT STUDENTS, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy JFAB Nonresident Student, Second Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 REVIEWED POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, AND FILES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the review of the policies, administrative rules, and file, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-6 REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND FILES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to remove the following from the Policy Manual: Administrative Rule CBI-R Evaluation of the District Superintendent, File IKE-E Guidelines for Academic Plans for Students Grade Three through Eight; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-7 REVISION TO THE 2024-2025 SALARY SCHEDULE – BUS DRIVE SCALES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the bus driver and SPED bus driver pay scale revisions for use during the 2024-2025 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-8 REVISION TO THE 2024-2025 SALARY SCHEDULE – NEW OVERTIME RULES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the supervisor 1 pay scale and pending teacher certification salary revisions in the 2024-2025 salary schedule to comply with new overtime rules; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-9 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REIMPOSITION OF THE 1% EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES & USE TAX: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the resolution to provide for the reimposition of the sales tax and related matters; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Smith opposed)
- A-10 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION RELATED TO THE 1% EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES & USE TAX FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS NOT EXCEEDING \$285,000,000.00: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the resolution to provide for a ballot question to allow the District to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$285,000,000.00; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Broome opposed)

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DUES: Superintendent Murphy recommended to authorize continuation of membership in the South Carolina School Boards Association.
- B-2 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve the foreign exchange students listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in July of 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.
- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2024-2025: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.

- B-4 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2024-2025:
Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools. The parent/legal guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition.
- B-5 HORSE CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY DONATION TO HORSE CREEK AREA SCHOOLS – FY24: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$4,206.09 in donations from the Horse Creek Historical Society to the indicated Horse Creek Area schools and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DONATION TO LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY24: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$1,248.00 Leavelle McCampbell School Alumni Association Donation to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-7 TREVOR JOHN WAUGH MEMORIAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION DONATION TO THE OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY24: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$3,000.00 Trevor John Waugh Memorial Education Foundation donation to Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-8 YOUNG KAPPA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DONATION TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY24: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$1,500.00 Young KAPPA Foundation Scholarship Donation to Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-9 CREDIT CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving Change Order #3 from McKnight Construction Company, Inc. credit in the amount of \$45,067.00 for the Belvedere Elementary School Addition and Renovations Project.

- B-10 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2024 SCRUBBING AND COATING OF GYMNASIUM FLOORS: Superintendent Murphy recommended authorizing the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$20,000.00> from The Flooring Connection, LLC.
- B-11 ENVIRONMENTAL /GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES FOR CHAPTER 1 AND CHAPTER 17 FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving both engineering firms as provided by the Environmental/Geotechnical Engineering Screening Committee and authorize the Administration to negotiate a contract with both firms CCI handles Chapter 1 designing, testing, and engineering. CSRA handles Chapter 17 inspections for Environmental/Geotechnical services as needed annually over the next 5 years.
- B-12 2024 HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL SCOREBOARD: Superintendent Murphy recommended to authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$26,486.00 and enter into a contract with Signs Unlimited of South Carolina to Install a scoreboard at Highland Springs Middle School with the funding coming from the project furniture, fixtures, and equipment account (FFE).

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-12 as presented;
SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- AREA ONE ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – Dr. Bradley MOVED to reappoint Mr. Ryan Orr and Mr. John Pettigrew to the Area One Advisory Council; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- AREA FOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – Mrs. Tyler MOVED to appoint Mr. Lee Love to the Area Four Advisory Council; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Murphy welcomed back teachers and staff for the start of the 2024-2025 school year and discussed the activities schools were having in conjunction with the start of school such as open houses and meet the teacher and new principal events. He also congratulated and thanked the retiring Director of Facilities, Mr. Kevin Chipman, for his service to Aiken County Public Schools.

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 One and Employment Matters – Consideration of Employee Contractual Matter.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:05 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:15 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:08 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Nuessle announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matter for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One and Employment Matters – Consideration of Employee Contractual Matter.

STUDENT MATTERS

- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE

The Board conducted a hearing based on the due process record at the request of a parent of an Area One High School Student. Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and place the student in the District's alternative program for 45 days at the start of the 2024-2025 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

- CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE CONTRACTUAL MATTER: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve a contract with an individual for facilities construction-related consulting during 2024-2025 at a rate of \$130 per hour. SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Renee Reynolds/Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: