

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 18, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 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:

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair
Mr. Jim Broome
Dr. John Bradley
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

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: No minutes for approval this meeting.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Dr. Marsha Harris spoke in regards to the history of Jefferson Elementary School and the legacy of former leaders of the school.
- Mr. Dave Paullin spoke in opposition to tonight's second reading of Policy IJK – Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption.

VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- The events, groups or individuals below were highlighted in slide show presentation during executive session intermission:
2023-24 Student Registration Reminder, Aspiring Principals Program (Cohort 3 Completers), Culinary Arts Classes, Sertoma Club of North Augusta Donation to Nursing Services.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Nuessle welcomed back teachers, staff and students for the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified retire rehire personnel for school year 2023-2024, classified personnel for school year 2023-24, classified personnel for school year 2022-23, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- A-2 UPDATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IN POLICY CCA ORGANIZATION CHART, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve updates to Organizational Chart in Policy CCA Organization Chart, Second Reading SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 CHANGES TO POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve change to Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences, Second Reading, Policy GDC Support Staff Leaves and Absences, Second Reading, SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 CONSIDERATION TO CREATE GIRLS AND BOYS LACROSSE SUPPLEMENTS: Mr. Smith. MOVED to approve creation of lacrosse supplements for the 2023-2024 school year at amounts comparable to volleyball.; SECONDED by Mrs. Taylor: MOTION FAILED on a vote of 4-5 (Dr. Bradley, Dr. Hanks, Mr. Broome, Mr. Moulton & Mr. Silas opposed).
- A-5 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) UTILIZATION PLAN ADOPTION: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adopt the new Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Plan as required by the State. The adoption would be effective August 1, 2023; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-6 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IJK SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy IJK Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 LOCALSCHOOL BOARD COURSES FOR 2023-2024: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the additional Local School Board Courses for 2023-2024

Dr. Hanks MOVED to approve item B-1 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson;
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 REPORT OF SOLE SOURCE & EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 REPORT OF MINORITY PURCHASES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence welcomed back instructional staff for the 2023-2024 school year and gave an update on the opening of Highland Springs Middle 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. Employment Matters- Administrative Appointment – RSM Middle/High School and Employee Grievance.

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

Regular Session recessed at 6:47 p.m.
Executive Session convened at 7:00 p.m.
Regular Session resumed at 7:54 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; 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. Employment Matters- Administrative Appointment – RSM Middle/High School and Employee Grievance.

STUDENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT -RSM MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Silas MOVED to accept the administration's recommendation and appoint the top candidate as Principal of RSM Middle/High School; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson and Mrs. Tyler opposed).

EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE

Mr. Nuessle MOVED that based on the Board's review of the written record regarding an employee grievance and discussion of the matter during executive session, the Board find that the allegations in the employee's grievance were unsubstantiated and that the Board deny the request for any further proceedings involving this grievance; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mrs. Tyler abstained).

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: