

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 30, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 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
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Jim Broome
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the 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 Special Called Meeting of July 9, 2024, and the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2024, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of July 9, 2024, and the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2024; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Josh Pniewski spoke regarding athletic trainers in schools.

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION WELCOME BACK STUDENTS & STAFF – Moved to an upcoming meeting.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Nuessle welcomed back students 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, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2024-25, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2024-25, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25, and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2024-2025; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-2 UPDATE ORGANIZATION CHART IN POLICY CCA ORGANIZATION CHART, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve updates to Organizational Chart in Policy CCA Organization Chart, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 REVISED POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the review of the policies and administrative rules, First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,
- A-4 REVISE POLICY DEC SELECTION OF TITLE 1 SCHOOLS, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to revise the following: Policy DEC Selection of Title 1 Schools, Second Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 ANNUAL UPDATE ON MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PLAN: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the MBE annual reporting for information only; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2024-2025: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-2 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(\$1,000.00 family cap).
- B-3 AIKEN COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL DONATION TO OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$1,100.00 Aiken County Veterans Council Donation to Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

B-4 CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PAVING/RESURFACING/EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS DISTRICT-WIDE FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the engineering firms as provided by the Civil Engineering Screening Committee and authorize the Administration to negotiate a contract with Hass & Hilderbrand, Inc. the top-ranked firms for evaluation, designing and administering the construction of Paving/Resurfacing/Erosion Control Projects of Civil Projects as needed annually over the next 5 years.

B-5 MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL PLUMBING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR HVAC PROJECTS DISTRICT WIDE FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the engineering firms as provided by the Mechanical Electrical Plumbing Engineering Screening Committee and authorize the Administration to negotiate a contract with Buford Goff (BGA) and Johnson, Laschober & Associates being the top tanked firms for evaluating, designing and administering the construction of Mechanical Electrical Plumbing as needed annually over the next 5 years..

B-6 SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS: Superintendent Murphy recommended allowing the Administration t negotiate basic services agreement with (LS3P Associates, Ltd, McMillan, Pazdan Smith Architecture, Cheatham Fletcher Scott Architects, Goodwyn Mills, Cawood, and Jumper Carter Seese) for the future designs over the next five years as needed and determined by the Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-6 as presented;
SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOULSY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

C-1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MAY 31, 2024: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

C-2 SOLE SOURCE & EMERGENCY PURCHASE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024: 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 Murphy welcomed back students and families for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. He thanked the Transportation Staff and Ms. Kate Olin for the enhancements of the bus routing system and parent communication in Power School. The Superintendent also announced that all middle school students will have ID badges this school year. The Superintendent also announced that this Friday would kick off the educational and informational effort to share information regarding the One Cent Sales Tax at the Aiken Chamber of Commerce's First Friday event.

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-Facilities.

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

Regular Session recessed at 6:15 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:20 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 6:42 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 matter for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment-Facilities.

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration for the Director of Facilities Construction position. SECONDED by Mr. Broome; 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 Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: