

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 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:

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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Nuessle MOVED that Line #9 listed in item A-1 Personnel Appointments be considered item A-7 for approval by the board; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2024, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2024; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1(Dr. Hanks abstained).

SHEPPARD BLOOD DRIVE CHECK PRESENTATION

- Mr. Benjamin Prijatel, President of Sheppard Community Blood Center presented a check for \$9,340.00 in proceeds from blood drives held at district high schools this spring.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Kimberly P. Crapse spoke regarding relocation of the band room at Schofield Middle School.
- Ms. Stephanie Threlkeld spoke regarding relocation of the band room at Schofield Middle School.
- Mr. Rod Greenway spoke regarding the Principal Search for North Augusta High School.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- AIKEN SCHOLARS ACADEMY – Aiken Scholars Academy was recognized for being named by U.S. News and World Report as the number one ranked high school in the Augusta/Metro Area, the number two ranked high school in the state of South Carolina and the twenty eighth ranked high school in the U.S.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Superintendent's Retirement - Chairman Nuessle presented a plaque and thanked Superintendent King Laurence for his thirty-eight years of service to the students of this state and our county. Superintendent Laurence will retire on June 30, 2024.

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 personnel for school year 2023-24, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-24, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25, and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REVISION OF POLICY JFAB NONRESIDENT STUDENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy JFAB Nonresident Student, First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 REVISION OF POLICY IHBF HOMBOUND INSTRUCTION, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy IHBF Homebound Instruction, First Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 REVIEWED POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, AND FILES, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the review of the policies, administrative rules, and files; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2024: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds series 2024; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- A-6 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 2023-2024 FOR FUNDS 1,2,3,8 AND 9: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Budget Adjustment #2; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-7 AMENDED ITEM LINE #9 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve line item #9 on personnel appointment listing; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1(Mr. Broome abstained).

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 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Laurence 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 Laurence recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-4 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2024-2025: Superintendent Laurence 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 CAROLINE MCKIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL– FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended approving the \$5,000.00 Caroline McKie Memorial Scholarship Fund Donation to Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024: Superintendent Laurence recommended approving the funding flexibility, for the quarter and year ending June 30, 2024.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-6 as presented;  
SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2024: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2024: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 ONE CENT SALES TAX RENEWAL: The Board received updates regarding potential sales tax construction projects and ballot question timeline,

#### 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 thanked board members for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent. He also thanked his leadership team, principals, teachers, parents, his family, and community members for their support during his tenure as Superintendent of 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. Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment-Principal Aiken High Schools, b.) Administrative Appointment – Principal – North Augusta High School; and c.) Consideration of an Employment Matter.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:15 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:25 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:50 p.m.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; 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 – a.) Administrative Appointment-Principal Aiken High Schools, b.) Administrative Appointment – Principal – North Augusta High School; and c.) Consideration of an Employment Matter.

## STUDENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

- a) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – PRINCIPAL AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Mrs. Tyler MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Principal of Aiken High SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- b) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – Mrs. Tyler MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Principal of North Augusta High School; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION FAILED on a vote of 3-5 (Dr. Bradley, Mr. Broome, Mr. Smith, Mr. Moulton, and Mr. Silas opposed).
  
- c) BOARD CONSIDERATION OF AN EMPLOYMENT MATTER: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve creation of an ESOL Director position for the 2024-2025 school year, with the position offered to administration's recommendation at the salary described; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: