

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 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. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair
Mr. Jim Broome
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Barry Moulton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Vice-Chairman Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge were led by Vice-Chairman Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve this meetings agenda;
SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2023, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2023; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Dave Paullin spoke in regards to the 2023-2027 Aiken County Public School District's Strategic Plan

COMMUNITY INPUT – PROPOSED ARP ESSER SPENDING REVISION – There were no requests.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- The North Augusta High School Golf Team Members and Coaches were recognized as 2023 4A State Champions.
- Individual Members of the North Augusta High School Golf Team were recognized as 4A State Champions.
- Ms. Sharonda Hannah a teacher at Aiken Scholars Academy was recognized as the South Carolina Association of Student Councils High School Advisor of the Year for 2023.

VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- 2023 Graduation Ceremonies were highlighted in slide show presentation during executive session intermission.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Vice-Chairman Smith congratulated the districts 2023 graduates.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Hanks MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified retire rehire personnel for school year 2023-2024, classified retire rehire personnel for school year 2023-24, classified personnel for school year 2022-23, 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 Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 EXPANSION OF DISTRICT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP): Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve implementation of universal CEP for the 2023-2024 school year and notification to the SCDE; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 SCHEMATIC PLANS FOT THE AIKEN COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY PROJECT: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Aiken County Career & Technology Project as presented by Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC); SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-1(Mr. Broome opposed).
- A-4 CONSIDERATION OF ARP ESSER SPENDING REVISION #3: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve ARP ESSER spending revision #3. Upon Board approval, the revised plan would be submitted to the SCDE for consideration.; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 EXPANSION OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED INCENTIVE FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to expand the \$10,000 sign-on bonus

eligibility to include newly-hired school psychologists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists; SECONDED by Mr. Silas. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-6 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY DKA PAYROLL PROCEDURES/SCHEDULES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following Policy DKA Payroll Procedures/Schedules, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to ratify the expulsion of students not appealing the action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2023-2024: 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 fee (\$1,000 family cap).
- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2023-2024: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-4 APPROVAL OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION FOR ADMISSION OF EXCHANGE AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Organization for Cultural Exchange Among Nations (OCEAN) as a recognized approving organization under Policy JFABB Admission of Exchange and Foreign Students.

- B-5 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in July of 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

- B-6 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 – SECOND SUBMISSION: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the funding flexibility for the quarter and year ending June 30, 2023.

- B-7 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to declare items surplus and authorize the Administration to dispose of items by utilizing the approved online public auction service GovDeals.

- B-8 LOCAL BOARD APPROVED COURSES FOR 2023-2024: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Local School Board Courses for 2023-2024.

- B-9 TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2023-2024: Superintendent Laurence recommended to adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees.

- B-10 CEDAR CREEK LADIES CLUB DONATION TO GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,375.00 Cedar Creek Ladies Club donation to Greendale Elementary and adjustments to the FY24 Special revenue funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-11 SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS (SRNS) INNOVATIVE TEACHING MINI GRANT AWARDS TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT- FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$21,000.00 SRNS Mini Grant Award Donation to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-12 YOUNG KAPPA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DONATION TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL-FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$3,000.00 Young KAPPA Foundation Scholarship Donation to Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-13 JOYE IN AIKEN DONATION TO RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$5,900.00 Joye in Aiken Members Donations to Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle/High School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-14 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM(DAP) 2023-2024 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2023-24 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-15 SUBMISSION OF SC ARTS COMMISSION -ARTS IN BASIC CURRICULUM GRANT APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the application for the SC Arts Commission Education Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-15 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE AIKEN HIGH AUDITORIUM SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-5 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2023: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-6 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2023: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AREA TWO ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – Dr. Hanks MOVED to reappoint Michelle Burns to the Area Two Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence congratulated the Class of 2023 and thanked Assistant Superintendent for High Schools Mr. Bert Postell for his work in planning and organizing this year's ceremonies at the USCA Convocation Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Smith 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; Employment Matters-Administrative Appointment-XSEL, Administrative Appointment – Chukker Creek Elementary, Administrative Appointment-Hammond Hill Elementary and Administrative Appointment-Leavelle McCampbell Middle School; Legal Matters-Legal Update on Employment Matter,

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:18 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:01 p.m.

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

Vice Chairman Smith 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. . Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One; Employment Matters-Administrative Appointment-XSEL, Administrative Appointment – Chukker Creek Elementary, Administrative Appointment-Hammond Hill Elementary and Administrative Appointment-Leavelle McCampbell Middle School; Legal Matters-Legal Update on Employment Matter,

STUDENT MATTERS

- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE – Request Withdrawn by Parent

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – XSEL

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the administration’s recommendation and appoint the top candidate as Director of XSEL; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Silas opposed).

2. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – Chukker Creek Elementary

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the administrations recommendation and appoint the top candidate as Principal of Chukker Creek Elementary; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – Hammond Hill Elementary

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the administrations recommendation and appoint the top candidate as Principal of Hammond Hill Elementary; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – Leavelle McCampbell Middle School

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the administrations recommendation and appoint the top candidate as Principal of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL UPDATE ON EMPLOYMENT MATTER – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: