

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 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:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman  
Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Jason Crane  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Ms. Patrice-Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mrs. Sandra Shealey  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mr. Dwight Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Chairman Bradley 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 Bradley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Bradley stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 8, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 8, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Paulette Beaufort spoke against SEL (Social Emotional Learning) being taught in Aiken County Schools.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Statement of Economic Interest Due to SC Ethics Commission by March 31, 2022

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2022-23, certified personnel for school year 2021-2022, classified personnel for school year 2021-22, and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-2 REVIEW AND/OR REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING "I" POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, AND FILES- INSTRUCTION POLICIES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policies, administrative rules, and files; Policy IB Academic Freedom, Policy ID School Day, Policy IE Organization of Instruction, Policy IG Curriculum Development, Adoption and Review, Policy IHAL Religious Instruction, Policy IHAM Health Education, Policy IHAN Driver Training, Policy IHAQ Career/Transition-To-Work Education, Policy IHBA Special Education/Programs for Handicapped/Disabled Students, Policy IHBH Charter Schools, Policy IHCA Summer School, Policy IHCD Advanced College Placement, Policy IJ Instructional Resources and Materials (Including Library Materials), Policy IJK Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, Policy IJKA Technology Resource Selection and Adoption, Policy IJNDB Use of Technology Resources, Administrative Rule ID-R School Day, Administrative Rule IHBIB-R Primary/Pre-Primary Education (Child Development), Administrative Rule IHCD-R Advanced College Placement, Administrative Rule IJNDB-R Use of Technology Resources, File IJ-E Parent's Request for Review or Withdrawal of Instructional Material; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE:  
POLICY JIH STUDENT SEARCHES, INTERROGATIONS AND ARRESTS, SECOND READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy JIH Student Searches, Interrogations and Arrests, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-4 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, AND FILES.  
POLICY KA SCHOOL PARENT-COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS/PRIORITY OBJECTIVES, SECOND READING  
POLICY KF COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITES, SECOND READING  
POLICY KJI RELATIONS WITH SENIOR CITIZENS, SECOND READING  
POLICY KLG RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMEN AUTHORITIES, SECOND READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy KA, Policy KF and Policy KLG Second Readings and Policy KLG First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION DROPPED when Typo was found on posted agenda in regards to Policy KLG, this is the policy's second reading not first; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the above listed policies, second readings; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISTION AND TRANSITION TO NEW SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE SOFTWARE; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the purchase of LINQ Titan Software from the School Food Service Fund; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2022-2023;  
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 2022-2023:  
Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.

- B-4 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT; Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August of 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.
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- B-8 ESSER III – ESOL CURRICULUM: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the purchase of the Ballard and Tighe curriculum based on the unanimous feedback from ESOL teachers.
- B-9 MIDWAY USA FOUNDATION DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,778.00 Midway USA Foundation Donation to Midland Valley High School NJROTC and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-10 APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PERISHABLE MILK PRODUCTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the Procurement Department to award the contract for perishable milk products to Borden Dairy of South Carolina, LLC.

- B-11 GMP #1 FOR AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ADDITION PHASE 4 PROJECT:  
Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept GMP #1 for the Aiken High School Auditorium Addition Phase 4 Project in the amount of \$16,060,529.00 and enter into a Construction Management At Risk contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc.
- B-12 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH VISITOR SIDE FOOTBALL STADIUM ADA RESTROOM/CONCESSION: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the schematic plans; the design development plans; the construction document plans; and specifications reviewed by the administration. Authorize the Architect to proceed with the bidding process for this project. The total budget needed is \$1,600,000.00 from 1% bonds.

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

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Traxler gave an overview of the budget plans and recommendations presented by the Governor, the SC House of Representatives and SC Senate.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

Superintendent Laurence recognized the following students and teacher

- Aiken High Student Laura Huff, a National Merit Finalist and a top student in Biology for US by Cambridge.
- Byrd Elementary Student Kaitlyn Toole, Winner, 2022 South Carolina Scripps Regional Spelling Bee. She will advance to National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC in June.
- New Ellenton Middle School Music/Band Teacher, Ms. Mallory Berley was spotlighted by the South Carolina Band Director's Association

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bradley 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 deem appropriate. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One; Employment Matter – Employee Contractual Matter, Administrative Appointment – NAHS, Administrative Appointment – NAHS, Administrative Appointment – JMS.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:18 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:16 p.m.

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

Chairman Bradley announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matters; Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One; Employment Matter – Employee Contractual Matter, Administrative Appointment – NAHS, Administrative Appointment – NAHS, Administrative Appointment – JMS.

#### STUDENT MATTERS

##### STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE

Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the expulsion of a middle school student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

##### EMPLOYEE CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to direct the administration to make a formal complain to the State Board of Education regarding Employee A and Employee B's breach of contract; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

##### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – NAHS

Dr. Hanks MOVED to accept the recommendation of the administration and appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal at North Augusta High School; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

##### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – NAHS

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the recommendation of the administration and appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal at North Augusta High School; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – JMS

Mr. Crane MOVED to accept the recommendation of the administration and appoint the top candidate as Principal of Jackson Middle School; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: