

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 28, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 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  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Patricia Hanks

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.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-0-3(Chairman Nuessle, Vice-Chair Smith and Mr. Moulton abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Josh Pniewski spoke regarding athletic trainers' alternative plan to increase coverage in schools.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – No Recognitions this Meeting

#### OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Graduations - Chairman Nuessle congratulated the class of 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 2024-2025 BUDGET-SECOND/FINAL READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the second reading of the 2024-2025 budget and to include funding for intercession at the same 23-24 expense funding rate of \$1,000,000.00 with the use of fund balance and to evaluate future funding during next year's budget cycle; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; Mr. Broome MOVED to AMEND MOTION to add \$295,000.00 to the contracted services line item in budget for expanded coverage for athletic trainers; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION TO AMEND carried on a vote of 4-3-1 (Dr. Bradley, Mr. Smith and Mr. Moulton opposed, Mrs. Tyler abstained); AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Dr. Bradley, Mr. Moulton, & Mrs. Tyler opposed)

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 LOCAL SCHOOL COURSES FOR 2024-2025: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Local School Board Courses for 2024-2025.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

No Items This Meeting

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 congratulated graduates of the Class of 2024.

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. Student Matters – a.) Student Appeal Area Two, b.) Student Appeal Area Two; Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment-Director of Procurement, b.) Administrative Appointment – Principal – Silver Bluff High School; and Legal Matters – Legal Advice – Resolution Agreement.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:04 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:15 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:20 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton;  
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. Student Matters – a.) Student Appeal Area Two, b.) Student Appeal Area Two; Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment-Director of Procurement, b.) Administrative Appointment – Principal – Silver Bluff High School; and Legal Matters – Legal Advice – Resolution Agreement.

#### STUDENT MATTERS

- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the school's recommendation of expulsion for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION FAILED on a vote of 3-5 (Mr. Broome, Mr. Silas, Mrs. Tyler, Mr. Nuessle & Mr. Moulton opposed); Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of placement in the district's alternative program for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and until the end of the first interim of the 2024-2025 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed).
- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of placement in the district's alternative program for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and until the end of the first interim of the 2024-2025 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

- a) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – DIRECTOR OF PROCURMENT: Mrs. Tyler MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Director of Procurement; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- b) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL – Mrs. Tyler MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Principal of Silver Bluff High School; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1(Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed).

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

- LEGAL ADVICE – RESOLUTION AGREEMENT – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: