

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MAY 6, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Special Called Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, 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. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman  
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair  
Dr. John Bradley  
Mr. Jim Broome  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Chairman Nuessle called the special called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge were led by Chairman Nuessle.

- CODE OF CONDUCT WORKSHOP

Ms. Tyral Braxton, Mr. Larry Dunn along with attorney Mr. Vernie Williams presented a power point presentation regarding the student discipline/expulsion hearing process, and revisions to the 2024-2025 Code of Student Conduct for all three grade levels. Ms. Braxton, Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Williams fielded questions from board members.

- BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Tray Traxler, Mrs. Julie Revelle and Mr. Eric Jeffcoat fielded questions from board members regarding student-teacher ratio hard cap and ESSER funded positions.

#### 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 Student Matters – a.) Student Appeal Area Five-Withdrawn, b.) Student Appeal Area Five, c.) Student Appeal Area Three, d.) Student Appeal Area Five; and Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment-Director of Maintenance & Operations.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:35 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:45 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:45 p.m.

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

Chairman Nuessle announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Student Matters – a.) Student Appeal Area Five-Withdrawn, b.) Student Appeal Area Five, c.) Student Appeal Area Three, d.) Student Appeal Area Five; and Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment-Director of Maintenance & Operations.

#### STUDENT MATTERS

a) STUDENT APPEAL – AREA FIVE– WITHDRAWN 5/6/24.

b) STUDENT APPEAL – AREA FIVE

The Board heard an appeal from the mother of an Area Five High School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the decision of the District Hearing Officer and place the student in the district's alternative program for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) STUDENT APPEAL – AREA THREE

The Board heard an appeal from the mother of an Area Three High School Student. Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the decision of the District Hearing Officer and place the student in the district's alternative program for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Dr. Hanks opposed).

d.) STUDENT APPEAL – AREA FIVE

Dr. Bradely MOVED to uphold the decision of the District Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Director of Maintenance and Operations; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: