

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 9, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 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. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman  
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Jim Broome  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. John Bradley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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 of the Special Called Meeting-Budget Workshop, April 11, 2023, the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2023 and the Regular Meeting, February 28, 2023 (Date Correction: Contractual Matters Head Start) were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes the Special Called Meeting-Budget Workshop, April 11, 2023, the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2023 and the Regular Meeting, February 28, 2023 (Date Correction: Contractual Matters Head Start) ; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET – There were no requests to speak or sign-ups in regards to the 2023-2024 budget.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Ms. Natasha Davis spoke in regards to the Cambridge Program at Aiken High School.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- District-Wide All State Band was recognized
- The North Augusta High Schools Women's Basketball Team 2023 4A State Champions were recognized.
- Luca Lobato a North Augusta High School student was recognized as a National School Photography Contest Winner.
- Cheyenne Campbell a ACCTC student was recognized as South Carolina HOSA State Leadership Conference Winner.

#### VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- The following were highlighted in slide show presentation during executive session; Region Band Recognitions, Coach Al Young of NAHS 4A Region Coach of the Year, HOSA State Top Awards, AMP the Appreciation, Teacher Appreciation Week and National School Nurses Day.

#### SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

- Ms. Allyson Long, Principal of Belvedere Elementary presented PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the school.

#### OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Nuessle thanked those that helped coordinate and volunteered at this years AMP the Appreciation event, and in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, thanked all district teachers for their service.

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified retire rehire personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified personnel for school year 2022-23, 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 2022-23; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY GCOA EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy GCOA Evaluation of Instructional Staff, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GBC-R STAFF COMPENSATION: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy Administrative Rule GBC-R Staff Compensation; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-4 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY GCQE RETIREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF, FIRST READING, POLICY GDQC RETIREMENT OF SUPPORT STAFF, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy GCQE Retirement of Professional Staff, First Reading: SECONDED by Dr. Hanks: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy GDQC Retirement of Support Staff, First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 FACILITIES HEALTH AND SAFETY CLEANING PROGRAM FOR THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to allow the administration to accept the proposal submitted by Augusta Janitorial Supplies and Equipment and enter into a contract with this company for the Facilities Health and Safety Cleaning Program; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-6 REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT-FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed Code of Student Conduct for each level as presented by the administration; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; 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 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-5 BATELLE SAVANNAH RIVER ALLIANCE LLC DONATION TO GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$5,000.00 Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC donation to Greendale Elementary and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 ANONYMOUS DONATION TO MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY, KENNEDY MIDDLE AND SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$15,000.00 anonymous donation to Millbrook Elementary (\$2,000.00), Kennedy Middle (\$3,000.00) and South Aiken High School (\$10,000.00) and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-7 CAROLINE MCKIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$4,000.00 Caroline McKie Memorial Scholarship Fund Donation to Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-8 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the funding flexibility for the quarter and year ending June 30, 2023.

- B-9 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED ELECTRONIC SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL:  
Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the Administration to dispose of electronic surplus items (E-Waste) listed in the attachment by means of electronic recycling and approval to procure a vendor for such purpose. Allow the solicitation and award of an on-call contract for the recycling of E-Waste utilizing the Competitive Sealed Bid process.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9 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 RENOVATIONS 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.

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 the Belvedere Elementary School Improvement Council who were recently awarded an Honorable Mention at the South Carolina State Improvement Council's Award Ceremony.

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 – Student Appeal – Area One; Employment Matters-Employee Contractual Matter and Administrative Appointment-Special Programs.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:09 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:20 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:36 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 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-Employee Contractual Matter and Administrative Appointment-Special Programs.

#### STUDENT MATTERS

Student Appeal – Area One – Appeal will be re-scheduled.

#### EMPLOYEE MATTERS

##### EMPLOYEE CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Mr. Moulton MOVED to direct the administration to make a formal complaint to the State Board of Education regarding Employees A, B, and C's breach of contract.

##### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Mr. Silas MOVED to accept the administration's recommendation and appoint the top candidate as Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

#### LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: