

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 28, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 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
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Jim Broome
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

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 of March 7, 2023, and the Regular Meeting March 14, 2023 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of March 7, 2023, and the Regular Meeting on March 14, 2023; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No Requests This Meeting

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- SRP Federal Credit Union Affinity Debit Card Donation in the amount of \$204,966.45 was given to Aiken County Public Schools.
- Lily Welty a student at Millbrook Elementary was recognized as the state and local poster contest winner by the Aiken County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Wagener Salley High State Welding Championship place winners, Leavelle McCampbell Middle's Leader In Me Lighthouse School and the USCA Pacer's Life Program were recognized in slide show presentation during executive session.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Stars of Public Education Event is March 30, 2023 at 6:00 at Aiken High
- State Ethic's Forms are due to the state commission by March 31, 2023.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Alisa Hamrick, Principal of Aiken High presented PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the school.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified personnel for school year 2022-23, classified personnel for school year 2023-24, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-24, classified personnel for school year 2022-2023, and classified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy ADA School District Goals and Objectives, Second Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 CHANGES TO POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve changes to Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences and Policy GDC Support Staff Leaves and Absences, Second Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY GCLE UNENCUMBERED TIME, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adopt Policy GCLE Unencumbered Time, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; 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.

- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE AIKEN HIGH AUDITORIUM SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-5 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

Star Masonic Lodge Donation to Area Three Schools – Mr. Silas thanked the Star Masonic Lodge of Graniteville for their monetary donations to Area Three schools.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence announced the STARS of Public Education Celebration will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at Aiken High.

- B-2 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS 2023-2024:
Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS -TRANSFERS OUT 2022-2023:
Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-4 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-5 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-6 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-7 4-K CURRICULUM ADOPTION FOR 2023-2024: Superintendent Laurence recommended to adopt the curriculum recommendation of the teacher committee.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 SUMMIT PRESENTATION: Ms. Jennifer Kolmar presented power point presentation and overview of the Summit Program

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.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:22 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:35 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; 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.

STUDENT MATTERS

Student Appeal – Area One

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One High School Student. Mr. Silas MOVED uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

No items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: