

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:00 p.m. 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. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jason Crane
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Sandra Shealey

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 August 24, 2021 were presented for approval; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 24, 2021; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Stephen Harmon spoke against the seating at home football games of the North Augusta High Marching Band in the stadium endzone.
- Mr. Noah Lindler spoke against the seating at home football games of the North Augusta High Marching Band in the stadium endzone.
- Mr. Don Quigley spoke against COVID policies implemented by the School District.
- Ms. Shaniqua Roberson did not attend meeting.
- Dr. Amos Smith did not attend meeting.
- Mr. Jason Whinghter spoke in regards to districts quarantine guidelines and Clemson University's COVID Testing Program.
- Mr. Gary McElmurray spoke against mask and vaccination mandates.
- Mr. John Pettigrew spoke in regards to districts quarantine guidelines
- Mr. Andrew McCaskill spoke against districts quarantine guidelines

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
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INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2021-2022; classified personnel for school year 2021-2022; classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2021-22; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-2 REVISION OF POLICY IHBIB PRIMARY/PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION (CHILD DEVELOPMENT), FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy IHBIB Primary/Pre-Primary Education (Child Development), First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 REVISION OF POLICY IKAA TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS, FIRST READING: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve Policy IKAA Tests and Examinations; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-4 REVISION OF POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS, FIRST READING; Mr. Silas MOVED to Approve Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-5 UPDATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IN POLICY CCA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART, FIRST READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve updates in Organizational Chart in Policy CCA Organization Chart, Final Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-6 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ESSER II FUNDING REVISIONS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the ESSER II spending plan revisions. Upon Board approval, the revised plan will be submitted to the SCDE for consideration; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-7 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ESSER III SPENDING REVISION #1: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to begin dual modality training for teachers the week of September 27th instead of the week of September 20th and to increase the per semester stipend to \$1250.00; SECONDED by Ms. Smith; MOTION FAILED on a vote of 4-4 (Dr. Hanks, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Crane and Mr. Nuessle opposed).

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to begin dual modality training for teachers the week of September 27th instead of the week of September 20th and to pay a semester stipend of \$1000.00; SECONDED by Ms. Smith; MOTION FAILED on a vote of 1-8 (Dr. Hanks, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Crane and Mr. Nuessle, Dr. Bradley, Mr. Silas, and Mr. Smith opposed).

Dr. Bradley MOVED to begin dual modality training for teacher in grades 4-12, the week of September 27th instead of the week of September 20th and to increase the per semester stipend to \$1250.00; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-8 PROPOSED CALENDAR REVISION FOR 2021-2022: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to move early dismissal days from September 20-24, 2021 to September 27 – October 1, 2021; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-2 (Mr. Crane and Mr. Moulton opposed)

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

APPOINTMENT OF AREA 1 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to reappoint current council members and to appoint Mr. John Pettigrew and Mr. Ryan Orr to fill two vacant council seats; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INCENTIVES FOR VACCINATIONS: No Action Taken

COVID-19 LEAVE: Mr. Crane MOVED to Amend the previously approved ten additional COVID Related days for vaccinated employees, to be granted to all district employees if needed; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Laurence discussed dual modality training for teachers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bradley announced the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate: Contractual Matters – Update on Two Property Matters; Legal Matters – Legal Advice on Policy BHC.

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

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Regular Session recessed at 8:54 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 9:00 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9: 37 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Contractual Matters - Update on Two Property Matters; Legal Matters - Legal Advice on Policy BHC.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

Update on Two Property Matters – No Action Taken

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal Advice on Policy BHC – No Action Taken

BOARD RESOLUTION

Mr. Nuessle MOVED to approve Draft of Board Resolution in Regards to Budget Proviso 1.108; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: