

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 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. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton
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 Special Called Meeting on September 7, 2021 were presented for approval; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on September 7, 2021; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 14, 2021 were presented for approval: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 14, 2021; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Dr. Amos Smith spoke in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Mr. Don Quigley withdrew request.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Bradley reminded board members about the upcoming SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly, December 4-5, 2021 in Charleston, SC.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 COVID-19 UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented update in regards to positive case counts and student quarantines.
- A-2 SUMMER LEARNING PRESENTATION: Mrs. Jeanie Glover presented update on the District's 2021 Summer Learning Programs.

- A-3 2020-2021 ACADEMIC DATA PRESENTATION: Ms. Kate Olin presented update in regards to 2020-2021 testing data.

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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST - TRANSFERS OUT: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN: 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-4 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Laurence recommended to ratify the approval by the Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services for the program of home instruction for the students indicated on the attached list.
- B-5 CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order #3 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of <\$1,275,528.02>.
- B-6 FINAL ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Final Architectural Contract Documents, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with bid documents and final working drawings and specifications for this project.

B-7 GMP #2 BUILDING PACKAGE FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept GMP #2 Building Package for the Highland Springs Middle School Project in the amount of \$35,058,364.00 and enter into a CM at Risk contract with HG Reynolds Company, Inc.

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

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2021-2022; classified personnel for school year 2021-2022; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

C-3 REVISION OF POLICY ICAA TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS, SECOND READING: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve Policy ICAA Tests and Examinations, Second Reading; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-4 REVISION OF POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS, SECOND READING; Mr. Crane MOVED to Approve Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems, Second Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-5 REVISION OF TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GCC-R (2) (PROFESSIONAL STAFF) AND GDC-R (2) (SUPPORT STAFF), COVID-19 RELATED LEAVE; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the revision of the temporary addition of Administrative Rules GCC-R (2) (Professional Staff) and GDC-R (2) (Support Staff), COVID-19 Related Leave; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 Laurence discussed this weeks Early Release Schedule for teachers to participate in Virtual Learning Training and thanked the Curriculum Team for their hard work in support of the training sessions.

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: Appeals - Student Appeal – Area Three; Contractual Matters – Discussion of Superintendent’s Contract.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:45 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:55 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:16 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Appeals- Student Appeal – Area Three; Contractual Matters – Discussion of Superintendent’s Contract.

APPEALS

STUDENT APPEAL – AREA 3

Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENTS CONTRACT – No Action Taken

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: