

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 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  
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
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 October 26, 2021 were presented for approval; Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 26, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Dave Paullin spoke in regards to Board Policies – IJ/Instructional Resources and Materials, IJK/Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, and IMB/Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues.
- Ms. Maria Sullivan spoke against CRT (Critical Race Theory) being taught in schools.
- Ms. Paulette Beaufort spoke against CRT (Critical Race Theory) being taught in schools.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 LEVERAGING DIGITAL LEARNING: Mrs. Micki Dove presented PowerPoint Presentation in regards to the District's Digital Learning Platforms.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

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

#### 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 IN: Superintendent Laurence recommended the student 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 USA LACROSSE GRANT AWARD TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the USA Lacrosse Grant Award to Aiken High School and the receipt of the equipment and USA Lacrosse team membership valued at \$8,350.00
- B-4 INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION DONATION TO JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve THE \$2,000.00 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1579 Donation to Jefferson Elementary School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-5 WHOLE KIDS FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD TO A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL-  
FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$3,000.00 Whole Kids  
Foundation Grant Award to A.L. Corbett Middle School and adjustments to the FY22  
Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
  
- B-6 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S  
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR  
THE SCHOOL FOOD DEPARTMENT – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended  
to approve the \$128,500.00 South Carolina Department of Education's National School  
Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Aiken County Public School  
District School Food Service Department, and the receipt of funds if awarded.
  
- B-7 A REQUEST TO PURCHASE AN EXCAVATOR, ATTACHMENTS, A TRAILER, AND A  
MAINTENANCE PLAN: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the  
purchase of the aforementioned items.
  
- B-8 UPDATE OF 2021-22 RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF  
SERVICES PLAN: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the school  
district's updated 2021-22 Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as presented; SECONDED by Mr.  
Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1(Mr. Nuessle opposed)

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

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

- C-2 REVISION OF POLICY DA FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS/PRIORITY OBJECTIVES, SECOND READING: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve Policy DA Fiscal Management Goals/Priority Objectives, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 REVISION OF POLICY JFABC ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS, SECOND READING: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve Policy JFABC Admission of Transfer Students, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-2 (Mr. Silas and Mr. Smith opposed)
- C-4 REVISION OF POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS, SECOND READING: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE: POLICY IHBB GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION, FIRST READING, ADMINISTRATIVE RULE IHBB-R GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION: Dr. Hanks MOVED to approve the following policy and administrative rule: Policy IHBB Gifted and Talented Education, First Reading, Administrative Rule IHBB-R Gifted and Talented Education; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed)

#### 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 congratulated the Aiken High Volleyball Team on winning the 4A 2021 Lower State Championship and runner up finish at the State Championships.

Superintendent Laurence thanked Mrs. Jeanie Glover and Mrs. Micki Dove for their hard work in implementing Dual Modality in district schools.

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 Two – Student Appeal – Area One; Legal Matters – Legal Advice Policy ICA.

Mr. Crane MOVED to enter into Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 7:11 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:21 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:52 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Appeals – Student Appeal – Area Two – Student Appeal – Area One; Legal Matters – Legal Advice Policy ICA.

APPEALS

STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO

Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, and to have the administration look at virtual learning opportunities for the student; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE

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

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal Advice Policy ICA – No Action Taken

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: