

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 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. John Bradley
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

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 Regular Meeting of September 26, 2023, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2023; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Signs Up or Requests This Meeting

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- No Recognitions This Meeting

VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- The events, groups or individuals below were highlighted in slide show presentation during executive session intermission:
 - Fall Intercession

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Nuessle MOVED to certify Mr. Brian Silas as official voting delegate and Chairman Nuessle as the alternate for the upcoming SCSBA Legislative Advocacy and Delegate Assembly scheduled for December 2-3, 2023 in Charleston; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-24, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-24, classified personnel for school year 2023-24, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS - FIRST READING: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve proposed changes to Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems, First Reading; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 REVISSION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: ADMINISTRATIVE RULE IKE-R PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the revisions to Administrative Rule IKE-R Promotion and Retention of Students; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET CALENDAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the proposed 2024-2025 budget calendar as shown in the attachment; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 PUBLIX DONATION – AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Publix donation in the amount of \$2,861.25, and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-3 WHOLE KIDS FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD TO KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL- FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$3,000.00 Whole Kids Foundation Grant Award to Kennedy Middle School and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 2023 MAINTENANCE PAINTING AT NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE GYM: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept the bid of \$17,000.00 and enter into a contract with MAR Construction Company, Inc. to paint New Ellenton Middle Gym. Funding coming from the 2023-2024 Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan Painting Budget.
- B-5 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2023 SCRUBBING AND COATING OF GYMANASIUM FLOORS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$20,000.00> from The Flooring Connection, LLC.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 SCSBA PRESENTATION: Mr. Scott Price & Dr. Gene Moore gave an overview of the Board's roles and responsibilities and the SCSBA Superintendent Search Process.
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOT THE AIKEN HIGH AUDITORIUM SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- C-3 FINAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS 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.
- C-6 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2023: 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 gave an update on the release of the SC Report Cards. He congratulated the following schools for receiving an "excellent" rating for the 2022-2023 school year; Belvedere Elementary, Gloverville Elementary, Oakwood-Windsor Elementary, New Ellenton STEAM Middle School, Paul Knox Middle School and Aiken Scholars Academy.

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. Contractual Matters – Contractual Matter – Superintendent.

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 6:47 p.m.
Executive Session convened at 7:00 p.m.
Regular Session resumed at 7:08 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; 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. Contractual Matters – Contractual Matter – Superintendent.

STUDENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

CONTRACTUAL MATTER – SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Smith MOVED to negotiate contract to utilize the services of the South Carolina School Boards Association to conduct Superintendent Search; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: