

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 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
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Jim Broom
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair

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 October 10, 2023, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mr. Moulton abstained)

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Andrew McCaskill spoke in regards to the wearing of NJROTC chords at graduation ceremonies.
- Lydia McGhee spoke in regards to the wearing of NJROTC chords at graduation ceremonies.
- Gracie Villanueva spoke in regards to the wearing of NJROTC chords at graduation ceremonies.
- Dollie Villanueva spoke in regards to the wearing of NJROTC chords at graduation ceremonies
- Dr. Marsha Harris spoke in favor of conducting a national search for the Superintendent Vacancy due to the retirement of Superintendent Laurence at the end of the current school year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- No Recognitions This Meeting

VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- The events, groups or individuals below were highlighted in slide show presentation during executive session intermission:
 - Superintendent Advisory Group Meetings

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-24: classified personnel for school year 2023-24, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24, and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS – SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems, Second Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mr. Moulton abstained).

- A-3 ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY, ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AND FILES: POLICY JFABD ADMISSION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS, FIRST READING, ADMINISTRATIVE RULE JFABC ADMISSION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS, FILE JFABD-E(1) DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES, FILE JFABD-E(2) WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT DECISION (DENIAL OF ENROLLMENT REQUEST), FILE JFABD-E(3) WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT DECISION (DISPUTE); Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy, administrative rule, and files: Policy JFABD Admission of Homeless Students, First Reading, Administrative Rule JFABC Admission of Homeless Students, File JFABD-E(1) Dispute Resolution Procedures, File JFABD-E(2) Written Notification of Enrollment Decision (Denial of Enrollment Request), File JFABD-E(3) Written Notification of Enrollment Decision (Dispute); SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 MODIFIED CALENDAR: FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Nuessle MOVED to accept the proposed 2024-2025 modified calendar and move the proposed Tuesday, September 3, 2024 Professional Development Day to Friday, August 30, 2024; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 PROPOSED INCENTIVE TO ADDRESS BUS DRIVE SHORTAGE IN AREA FOUR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve implementation of bonuses for Area Four bus drivers; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; 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 HERLONG CHEVROLET DONATION TO RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Herlong Chevrolet donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-2 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 BOARD MEMBER DISTRICT SEATS REAPPORTIONMENT PRESENTATION: Mr. Will Roberts, Director of Legislative Topography with the South Carolina General Assembly, Legislative Council presented a PowerPoint point presentation in regards to board member district seats reapportionment.
- C-2 2022-2023 DISTRICT DATA PRESENTATION: Dr. Amy Edwards presented an update in regards to 2022-2023 testing results and district report card.

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 announced that the School District has been recognized by the Association of the United States Army and the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Association for our long-term partnerships with their organizations.

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. Employee Matters – Reclassifying of Positions-Salary Schedule.

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

Regular Session recessed at 8:12 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:20 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; 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. Employment Matters – Employee Matters-Reclassifying of Positions-Salary Schedule.

STUDENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

Employee Matters-Reclassifying of Positions – Salary Schedule

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the reclassification and the resulting pay adjustments for Employees 1 and 2: SECONDED by Mr. Silas: MOTION FAILED 2-6 (Dr. Hanks, Mr. Broome, Mr. Nuessle, Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, Mr. Moulton and Mrs. Tyler opposed); Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve the reclassification and the resulting pay adjustments for Employee 1; SECONDED by Mrs. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1(Mrs. Tyler opposed)

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: