

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 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:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman  
Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Jason Crane  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mrs. Sandra Shealey  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mr. Dwight Smith

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 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 11, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 11, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mr. Silas abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests or Sign Ups This Meeting

#### OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Bradley and board members thanked fellow board member Mr. Jason Crane for his service on the Board of Education the last four years. This was Mr. Crane's last meeting, having decided not to run for re-election this year.

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2022-23, certified retiree rehires for school year 2022-2023, classified personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson abstained).

#### 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 APPROVAL OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS FOR ADMISSION OF EXCHANGE AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Cultural Homestay International (CHI) as a recognized sponsoring organization in Policy JFABB Admission of Exchange and Foreign Students.
- B-3 2023 REPLACEMENT OF BASKETBALL GOAL WINCHES AT NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to allow the administration to accept the bid of \$39,839.00. and enter into a contract with Mastercraft Renovation Systems, LLC to replace the basketball goal winches at North Augusta Middle. The administration would use the 8% Five Year Plan Athletic Facility Funds.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FOR THE MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order Number 2 for Millbrook Elementary Addition and Renovation Project from McKnight Construction Company, Inc. credit in the amount of <\$485,390.84>

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as presented;  
SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 SCHOOL REPORT CARD PRESENTATION: Dr. Amy Edwards, Chief Officer of Instruction for the District presented an overview of the district's School Report Card.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

##### AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Jason Crane – Thanked his fellow board members and wished them well. This was his last meeting as a member of the Board of Education.
- Mr. Barry Moulton – Cell Phones – Postponed till the next meeting

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence presented the South Carolina Solar Council Organization Solar Champion Award for 2021 to Dr. Tim Yarborough, Director of Maintenance for the District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bradley 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. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Two, Student Appeal – Area Three, Student Appeal – Area One; Employee Matters – Employee Appeal; Legal Matters-Legal Advice on Policy JICDA, Legal Advice Concerning Policy KBE & Booster Club Audits.

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

Regular Session recessed at 6:45 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:55 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:07 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey;  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Bradley 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. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Two, Student Appeal – Area Three, Student Appeal – Area One; Employee Matters – Employee Appeal; Legal Matters-Legal Advice on Policy JICDA, Legal Advice Concerning Policy KBE & Booster Club Audits.

#### STUDENT MATTERS

- Student Appeal – Area One  
The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One High School Student. Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for forty-five days; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Student Appeal – Area Two – Postponed to till the next meeting.
- Student Appeal – Area Three  
The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Three Middle School Student. Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for 45 days; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Dr. Bradley opposed).
- Student Appeal – Area One  
The Board heard an appeal from the grandparents and attorney of an Area One High School Student. Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for 45 days; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- Employee Appeal  
Mr. Crane MOVED to deny the hearing request of an employee and to uphold the recommendation of the administration of dismissal; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

- Legal Advice on Policy JICDA – No Action Taken
- Legal Advice Concerning Policy KBE & Booster Club Audits

Mr. Silas MOVED to require district administration take the following actions with regard to the North Augusta High School Athletic Booster Club:

1. Due to failure to comply with previous requirements the NA Yellow Jacket Club hire an independent auditor from the list of firms provided by the district office by November 30, 2022 to perform a complete audit of the financial records as required by letter from Mr. Laurence dated December 17, 2021 through the present date.
2. Require all club officers attend training on district policies relating to club organizations by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Require the NAHS Booster Club present a monthly report of income and expenses with supporting deposit slips and receipts that tie to the bank statement by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month for a period of one year beginning with October 2022. All information will be submitted to the District Auditor who will report any irregularities to the board as appropriate.

Compliance with these conditions and performance for the evaluation period will be considered in November 2023 for continuation of monthly oversight. Any findings as a result of the independent audit, or failure to comply during the evaluation period could result in further action; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: