

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 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
Ms. 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 12, 2021 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 12, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Joyce Procaccini spoke for development of a policy to ban CRT (Critical Race Theory) from being taught in Aiken County Schools, and principal, teacher accountability.
- Mr. Dave Paullin spoke in regards to Principal Accountability, Teacher Autonomy, and Board Policy's GCNA and GCOA.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A-1 COVID-19 UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented update in regards to positive case counts and student quarantines.

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 PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET CALENDAR: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the proposed 2022-2023 budget calendar as shown in the attachment.

- B-3 2022 GRADUATION CEREMONIES AT USC-A CONVOCATION CENTER: Superintendent Laurence recommended to allow the administration to rent the USCA Convocation Center for high school graduation and ACCTC Completer Ceremony. The events will be held from June 1-3, 2022.
- B-4 ACPD BOARD LIAISON FOR HEARD START/EARLY HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to appoint Dr. Patricia Hanks as Board Liaison and Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson as alternate.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 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; classified retiree rehires personnel for school year 2021-22; and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-2022; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 REVISION OF POLICY DA FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS/PRIORITY OBJECTIVES, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy DA Fiscal Management Goals/Priority Objectives, First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 REVISION OF POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVE AND ABSENCES, FIRST READING AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES, FIRST READING; Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the following policies; Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences, First Reading; Policy GDC Support Staff Leaves and Absences, First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- C-4 REVISION OF TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GCC-R (2) (PROFESSIONAL STAFF) AND GDC-R (2) (SUPPORT STAFF), COVID-19 RELATED LEAVE: Mrs. Rhinehart-Jackson 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. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 REVISION OF POLICY JFABC ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy JFABC Admission of Transfer Students, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Smith opposed)
- C-6 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE RULE JE-R STUDENT ATTENDANCE: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the Temporary Administrative Rule JE-R Student Attendance; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 REVISION OF POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS, FIRST READING: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems, First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-8 PROPOSED ONE-TIME USE OF FUND BALANCE-EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS: Mr. Crane MOVED to approve one-time funds for employee Christmas bonuses; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-9 PROPOSED INCENTIVE FOR BUS DRIVER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve implementation of sign-on and retention bonuses for bus drivers; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- Code of Conduct Discussion – Incident's against staff members will not be tolerated.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent Laurence presented Power Point Presentation in regards to 2021-2022 Goals.

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: Student Appeals – Student Appeal – Area One; Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment; Legal Matters – Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation, Receive Legal Advice Concerning Policy KI-Visitors.

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 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:10 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:25 p.m.

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Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Student Appeals – Student Appeal – Area One; Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment; Legal Matters – Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation, Receive Legal Advice Concerning Policy KI-Visitors.

STUDENT APPEALS

Student Appeal - Area One

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 alternative learning opportunities for the student; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Silas opposed)

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

Administrative Appointment

M. Smith MOVED to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint the top candidate as Assistant Principal at Kennedy Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed).

LEGAL MATTERS

Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation – No Action Taken

Receive Legal Advice Concerning Policy KI – Visitors – No Action Taken

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: