

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 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, the 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 Broome
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the 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 July 30, 2024, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 30, 2024; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-2(Dr. Hanks & Mrs. Tyler abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Josh Pniewski did not attend tonight's meeting.
- Ms. Lauminnia Nivens spoke against the transfer of the Midland Valley High School Football coach.

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION WELCOME BACK STUDENTS & STAFF

Board Members along with the Superintendent posed for photos as part of The South Carolina School Board's Association Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No items This Meeting.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 BOARD RESIGNATION: Dr. Bradley MOVED to accept the resignation of Vice-Chair/Board Member Mr. Dwight Smith effective August 11, 2024; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- A-2 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2024-25, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2024-25, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2024-25, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-2025, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25, and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2024-2025; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 UPDATE ORGANIZATION CHART IN POLICY CCA ORGANIZATION CHART, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve updates to Organizational Chart in Policy CCA Organization Chart, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 REVISED POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the review of the policies and administrative rules, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,
- A-5 POLICY JICDA CODE OF CONDUCT, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy JICDA Code of Conduct, First Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-6 POLICY KBE RELATIONS WITH PARENT ORGANIZATIONS, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy KHE Relations with Parent Organizations, First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; Chairman Nuessle MOVED TO AMEND ORIGINAL MOTION to change one word from “will” to “may” in wording of first sentence in the 5th paragraph of policy; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart -Jackson; MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-7 POLICY LC RELATIONS WITH EDUCATION RESEARCH AGENCIES, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy LC Relations with Education Research Agencies, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-8 PROPOSED SIGN-ON BONUS FOR HVAC TECHNICIANS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approved implementation of sign-on bonus for HVAC technicians; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED TO AMEND ORIGINAL MOTION to change bullet point #2 from 90 days to six months to receive second installment of sign-on bonus; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION TO AMEND FAILED on a vote of 2-6(Dr. Bradley, Mr. Broome, Mr. Nuessle, Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, Mr. Moulton and Mrs. Tyler opposed); Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED TO AMEND ORIGINAL MOTION for sign-on bonus to be paid in three increments with \$1,000.00 paid up front and remaining amounts to be paid every two months; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION TO AMEND ORIGINAL MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3-1(Mr. Broome, Mr. Moulton, & Mr. Nuessle opposed, Dr. Bradley abstained); AMENDED MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 7-1(Mr. Broome opposed).

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2024-2025: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-2 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Murphy recommended to ratify the approval by the Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services for the program of home instruction for the students indicated on the attached list.
- B-3 SRP FEDERAL CREDIT UNION DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER-FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the DRP Federal Credit Union donation to the Aiken County Career and Technology Center in the amount of \$2,000.00 and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

B-4 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE NEW AIKEN COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY PROJECT: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with contract documents and final working drawing and specifications for this project.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-4 as presented;
SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

C-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH ATHLETIC FIELDS PHASE 4 PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: 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 Murphy discussed several opportunities he has had in recent weeks to participate in media interviews and community events to discuss the new school year and renewal of the one cent sales tax this November. He also thanked everyone for their flexibility and understanding as the district dealt with the effects of Tropical Storm Debbie. The Superintendent also congratulated two teachers who were recently honored as 2024 PSTA Classroom Grant Winners by the Palmetto State Teachers Association. Superintendent Murphy reminded those in attendance that Wednesday, August 21 is the first early dismissal of the school year.

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 – Superintendent's Contract.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:13 p.m.
Executive Session convened at 7:23 p.m.
Regular Session resumed at 8:20 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 matter for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Contractual Matters .Superintendent's Contract

STUDENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT – No Action Taken

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: