

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESCHEDULED - REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Rescheduled Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 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
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Jim Broome
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 for the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023, Regular Meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mrs. Tyler abstained).
- Minutes for the Special Called Meeting on December 19, 2023, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023, Special Called Meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. David Paullin spoke regarding the District Strategic Plan Goal #3.

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, and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY ADF DISTRICT WELLNESS, FIRST READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following revisions to policy: Policy ADF District Wellness, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE RULE: ADMINISTRATIVE RULE IJOC-R SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following administrative rule: Administrative Rule IJOC-R School Volunteers; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 POLICY JLCD ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICINES, FIRST READING, POLICY JLCDB USE OF LIFESAVING MEDICATIONS, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following polices: Policy JLCD Assisting Students with Medicines, First Reading, Policy JLCDB Use of Lifesaving Medications, First Reading; 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 SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EQUITABLE ARTS ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (EAAP) GRANT AWARD-AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the South Carolina Department of Education Equitable Arts Advancement Program (EAAP) Grant Award in the amount of \$10,000.00, and the receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures..

- B-3 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – KITCHEN EQUIPMENT PREVENTION MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to accept the panel's recommendation to contract with Pro Kitchen for kitchen equipment repairs and maintenance.
- B-4 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS-FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT AT NORTH AUGUSTA, SILVER BLUFF, MIDLAND VALLEY, AND AIKEN HIGH: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and alternate #1 of \$2,119,890.00 and enter into a contract with West Electrical Contractors of Newberry Inc. for the replacement of the Football Lighting Systems for North Augusta, Silver Bluff, Midland Valley, and Baseball/Softball Lighting at Aiken High.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 STATUS REPORT-NJROTC GRADUATION RECOGNITION: Superintendent Laurence and Col. Claude Davis presented an update in regard to NJROTC Graduation Recognitions.
- C-2 FINAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE AIKEN HIGH AUDITORIUM SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 FINAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-4 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 Laurence gave an update about his meeting with the Superintendent's Elementary Student's Advisory Group and discussed his upcoming meetings with Middle School and High School Student Advisory Groups.

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. Student Matters – Student Appeal Area Two, Student Appeal Area Two and Student Appeal Area Two, Legal Matters- Code of Conduct, and Update Internal Auditor.

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

Regular Session recessed at 6:41 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:50 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:40 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Smith;
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. Student Matters – Student Appeal Area Two, Student Appeal Area Two and Student Appeal Area Two, Legal Matters- Code of Conduct, and Update Internal Auditor.

STUDENT MATTERS

a) STUDENT APPEAL - AREA TWO

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Two High School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the decision of the District Hearing Officer and place the student in the District's Alternative Program for a 45-day placement; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Two Middle School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the decision of the District Hearing Officer and place the student in the District's Alternative Program for a 45-day placement; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO

The Board heard an appeal from the parents of an Area Two Middle School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the decision of the District Hearing Officer and place the student in the District's Alternative Program for a 45-day placement; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL ADVICE-CODE OF CONDUCT – No Action Taken

UPDATE-INTERNAL AUDITOR

No Action Taken

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: