

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 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 August 23, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart - Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 23, 2022; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to extend time for public participation request; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Andrew McCaskill spoke in regards to tutorial support for students taking the ASVAB Exam,

#### OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Bradley announced that the board would begin the evaluation process for Superintendent Laurence at its September 27, 2022 meeting.

#### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Hanks 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, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23, non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IHAQ CAREER/TRANSITION TO-WORK EDUCATION, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy IHAQ Career/Transition-To-Work Education, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 PROPOSAL TO ADDRESS BUS DRIVER SHORTAGE; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve continuation of the bus driver sign-on bonus and the increase in the bus driver pay scale; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY;
- A-4 PLANNING FOR THE NEW CAREER CENTER ON THE AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE CAMPUS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the Administration's proposal to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Aiken Technical College for the purpose of a long-term lease to locate the new Aiken County Career and Technology Center on the Aiken Technical College Campus; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2022-2023;  
Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools. The parent/legal guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee (\$1,000 family cap).
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2022-2023:  
Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Laurence 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-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2022 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT CLEARWATER ELEMENTARY, GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY, AND MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order Number 1 for 2022 Installation of Flooring at Clearwater Elementary, Gloverville Elementary, and Millbrook Elementary from Merit Commercial Flooring credit in the amount of <\$35,704.09>.
- B-5 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) EXTENSIONS FOR 2 ADDITIONAL YEARS IS NEEDED FOR PROJECT OVERSIGHT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to Allow the administration to extend these firms 2 additional years for Project Oversight on various projects with Aiken County Public Schools.
- B-6 APPROVAL OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS FOR ADMISSION OF EXCHANGE AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) International as a recognizing sponsoring organization under Policy JFABB Admission of Exchange and Foreign Students.
- B-7 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION-ARTS IN BASIC CURRICULUM (ABC) GRANT AWARD-NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE STEAM MAGNET SCHOOL - FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the South Carolina Arts Commission ABC Arts in Education Grant in the amount of \$12,500.00, and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.
- B-8 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Publix donation in the amount of \$2,333.25, and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

Mr. Crane MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE AIKEN HIGH AUDITORIUM SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 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 NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL RESTROOMS AND CONCESSIONS 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 discussed the district's "We Care Initiative" to provide support for first year and new to the district teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.

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. Employment Matters – Contractual Matter, Employee Matter, Contractual Matter – Contract Matter; Legal Matters – Legal Update

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 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:10 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:21 p.m.

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

Chairman Bradley announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matters. Employment Matters – Contractual Matter, Employee Matter, Contractual Matter – Contract Matter; Legal Matters – Legal Update.

#### STUDENT MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

#### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- Contractual Matters

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to direct the administration to make a formal complaint to the State Board of Education regarding Employees A, breach of contract; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Employee Matter

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to create a half time clerical support position for the Office of the Internal Auditor and for that position to be shared with a department to be determined by the Superintendent; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

- CONTRACT MATTER: No Action Taken

#### LEGAL MATTERS

- LEGAL UPDATE: No Action Taken.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: