

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 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:

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair
Mr. Jim Broome
Dr. John Bradley
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

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 of the Special Called Meeting of September 11, 2023, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 11, 2023: SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-0-4 (Dr. Hanks, Dr. Bradley, Mr. Moulton and Mrs. Tyler abstained).

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2023, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2023; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Smith abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Signs Up or Requests This Meeting

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS NATIONAL CHAMPION – Caleb Hester was recognized as AAU Junior Olympics National Champion. In the Hurdles division.
- AIKEN HIGH – 4A TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONS – Members of the 2022-2023 Track & Field Team were recognized as 4A State Champions.
- AIKEN HIGH – STATE STUDENT COUNCIL COALITION STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF THE YEAR – Members of the Student Government Association were recognized as the Student Government of the Year.

VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- The events, groups or individuals below were highlighted in slide show presentation during executive session intermission:
 - Track & Field State Top Finishers & Region Champions – AHS & SAHS
 - WJBF Golden Apple Award Winners

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Nuessle reminded Board Members about the Upcoming SCSBA Legislative Advocacy and Delegate Assembly scheduled for December 2-3, 2023 in Charleston

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-24, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-24, classified personnel for school year 2023-24, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-24, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2023-24; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; 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 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-3 SAVANNAH RIVER NATIONAL LABORATORY (SRNL) K-12 CATALYST GRANT FOR STEM EDUCATION AWARDS TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY24: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$40,000.00 IN SRNL K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education grant awards to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-3 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

No Items This Meeting

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 on fall intercession scheduled for the week of October 2nd.

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, and Student Appeal – Area Two; Employment Matters – Salary Schedule Adjustment – Finance Department and Discussion in Regards to In House Counsel.

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

Regular Session recessed at 6:24 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:35 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:49 p.m.

Mr. Smith MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; 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, and Student Appeal – Area Two; Employment Matters – Salary Schedule Adjustment – Finance Department and Discussion in Regards to In House Counsel.

STUDENT MATTERS

a) STUDENT APPEAL - AREA TWO

The Board heard the appeal from a parent of an Area Two High School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the hearing officer of a 45-day placement in the district's alternative program; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO

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EMPLOYEE MATTERS

a) SALARY SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT – FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the administration's recommendation of salary schedule adjustments for payroll department positions; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mr. Moulton abstained).

b) DISCUSSION IN REGARDS TO IN HOUSE COUNSEL

Mr. Nuessle MOVED to approve the creation of in-house attorney position; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: