

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 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. Barry Moulton
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith

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 September 13, 2022 were presented for approval; Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 13, 2022; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests This Meeting

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Mr. Crane MOVED to certify and divide the district's eight votes between the two attendees (Mr. Nuessle & Dr. Hanks) for the upcoming SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference scheduled for December 2-4, 2022 in Charleston, SC; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson 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 Mr. Silas: 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 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 DUKE POWER GRANT AWARD – MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FFA – FY23:
Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Duke Power Grant Award in the amount of \$2,061.85, and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4 DUKE POWER GRANT AWARD – RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL FFA – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Duke Power Grant Award in the amount of #2,061.85, and receipt of funds and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendents Update – Goals Presentation

Mr. Laurence presented his goals update for the 2021-2022 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. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area Three, Student Appeal – Area One, Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment – Financial Services, Contractual Matter Concerning Superintendent's Evaluation.

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

Regular Session recessed at 6:20 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:40 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:23 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. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area Three, Student Appeal – Area One, Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment – Financial Services, Contractual Matter Concerning Superintendent's Evaluation.

STUDENT MATTERS

- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA THREE

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Three High School Student; Mr. Crane MOVED to overturn the decision of the District Hearing Officer of alternate placement at CIL/Pinecrest and return the student to his home school with a ten day out of school suspension having been served SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One Middle School Student. Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the decision of the District Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION Carried on a vote of 7-1 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed)

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – FINANCIAL SERVICES

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the administrations recommendation for the Director of Procurement; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- CONTRACTUAL MATTER CONCERNING SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

Mr., Moulton MOVED that after reviewing Mr. Laurence's report on the District's progress and considering the Board members' comments regarding Mr. Laurence's performance that we conclude as a Board that Mr. Laurence receive an overall "very good" evaluation for the 2021-2022 school year and as a result of Mr. Laurence's overall "very good" evaluation that the Board extend his contract by one year through June 30, 2025; provide the Superintendent with a \$2,000 allowance for annual contributions to non-profit Boards of which he is a member and provide five additional vacation days annually to the Superintendent; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: