

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and web location of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice Chair
Mr. Jason Crane
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Dr. John Bradley
Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant
to 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 January 12, 2021, were presented for approval; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Staci Weeks spoke in support of providing Mental Health Services for our teenage students.
- The Aiken County Board of Education was recognized for their support of students and staff

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

No Items This Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

No Items This Meeting

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board ratify the expulsions of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 ITEMS DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board declare items surplus and authorize the Administration to dispose of items by public auction. It also recommended that the District contract with an experienced auctioneer service to conduct the surplus auction.
- B-3 MR. THOMAS FORD DONATION TO THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$1200.00 Mr. Thomas Ford Donation to Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-4 DR. RANDY COOPER AND DONAH COOPER DONATION TO THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY21: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the \$2,000.00 Dr. Randy Cooper and Donah Cooper Donation to North Augusta High School and adjustments to the FY21 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-5 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION-ARTS IN BASIC CURRICULUM (ABC) GRANT APPLICATION – NEW ELLENTION MIDDLE STEAM MAGNET – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended the Board approve the submission of the South Carolina Arts Commission – Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2020-21, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2020-21, classified personnel for school year 2020-21 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2020-21; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 SUSPENSION OF PORTIONS OF POLICY IKE-R FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Nuessle MOVED to suspend indicated portion of administrative rule IKE-R for the 2020-2021 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Crane discussed the administering of benchmark assessments for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the 2020-2021 school year.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- No Items This Meeting

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: Update on Employment Matter: Legal Briefing: Legal Advice Concerning Policies BCA and BCB.

Mrs. Shealey MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:08 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:15 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Employment Matters: Update on Employment Matter: Legal Briefing: Legal Advice Concerning Policies BCA and BCB.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

- Update on Employment Matter – No Action Taken

LEGAL BRIEFING:

- Legal Advice Concerning Policies BCA and BCB – No Action Taken

Mr. Crane MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.