

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2021

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:00 p.m. 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. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Mr. Cameron Nuessle  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mrs. Sandra Shealey  
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jason Crane

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.

Chairman Bradley led a Moment of Silence for Kennedy Middle School Assistant Principal, Jeff Harting who passed away suddenly over the weekend.

Pledge was led by Chairman Bradley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Silas MOVED to move consent item B-5 to Individual item C-10;  
SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 13, 2021, and the Special Called Meeting – Board Workshop on July 27, 2021 were presented for approval; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 13, 2021, and the Special Called Meeting – Board Workshop on July 27, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mrs. Kim Martin, Treasurer of the Midland Valley Athletic Booster Club spoke against the sale of pre-packaged meals in concession stands.
- Ms. Shannon Matlock with the Midland Valley High Band Booster Club spoke against concession stand guidelines for the upcoming school year.
- Mr. Dave Paullin spoke against the use of Social and Emotional Learning curriculum and materials endorsed or recommended by the Consortium for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning
- Miss Natalie Bland, an Aiken High Volley ball player, spoke against the cancellation of volleyball multi-team tournaments and tri-matches.
- Ms. Cory Osteen spoke in favor of the drug testing of student athletes.
- Rev. Gregory Williams spoke against the use of the website Big Think.com in local board approved courses.
- Ms. Jane Page Thompson spoke against the cancellation of multi-team tournaments and tri-matches this upcoming school year.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING ELEMENTARY PHASE 3 ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 REPORT OF MINORITY PURCHASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 REPORT OF SOLE SOURCE & EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.

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- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: 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-3 JOHN BROPHY DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL -FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$5,000.00 John Brophy Donation to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 LAURA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR AMERICA'S LIBRARIES GRANT AWARD TO MOSSY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$5,000.00 Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries grant award to Mossy Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to remove line 57 (Certified Supplemental Personnel over \$1500) from list until Human Resources can verify with school administration; SECONDED by Mr. Smith MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2021-2022, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2021-22; classified personnel for school year 2021-2022, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2021-22; **amended** certified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2021-22 SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-2 REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES IN THE INSTRUCTION SECTION OF THE BOARD POLICIES FROM POLICY IA THROUGH POLICY IJNDB: Mr. Silas MOVED to confirm the review of the following policies and administrative rules with no recommended revisions; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 UPDATE AND REVISE POLICY AD SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve revision and updates to Policy AD School District Mission; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 REVISION OF THE POLICY GBEB STAFF CONDUCT, SECOND READING; Dr. Hanks MOVED to approve Policy GBEB Staff Conduct, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 REVISION TO POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES, SECOND READING AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES, SECOND READING; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences, Second Reading and Policy GDC Support Staff Leaves and Absences, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 REINSTATE POLICY ICAA TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS: Mr. Silas MOVED to reinstate Policy ICAA Tests and Examinations; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 RESCIND TEMPORARY POLICY ADD FACE COVERING: Mr. Silas MOVED to rescind the addition of Temporary ADD Face Covering; SECONDED by Ms. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### ESSER III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Dave Paullin spoke in regards of the SEL Screener Position listed in the Proposed ESSER III Spending Plan.
- Ms. Jane Page Thompson spoke in regards to using ESSER III funds to fund citizens curriculum review panel and funding for cameras and other technology for remote/virtual learning opportunities.

C-8 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ESSER III SPENDING PLAN: Dr. Hanks MOVED to approve the proposed ESSER III plan. Upon Board approval, the plan will be submitted to the SCDE for considerations; SECONDED by Ms. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mr. Moulton, Mr. Silas and Mr. Smith opposed).

C-9 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, series 2021; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-10 CONSIDERATION OF ONE-TIME ATHLETIC FUNDS: Mr. Silas MOVED to authorize the allocation of one-time funds to district athletic departments and to increase the amount that each high school receives to \$20,000 per school and to increase the amount that each middle school receives to \$5000 per school; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Dr. Hanks and Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed).

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

#### AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

APPOINTMENT OF AREA 3 COUNCIL MEMBER REPLACEMENT: Mr. Silas MOVED to appoint Mr. Lance Thomas to replace Mr. Rodney Way who moved out of the area; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RANDOM DRUG-TESTING POLICY CONSIDERATION: Mr. Silas MOVED to develop a drug testing policy for student athletes, band members, and those involved in other extracurricular activities; MOTION failed for lack of SECOND.

Mr. Silas MOVED that the district administration investigate further the possibility of developing a random drug testing program and the scope of such program and report back the associated costs versus the benefits of the program; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

#### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Laurence discussed the start of the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, August 16, 2021 and COVID-19 safety protocols.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bradley announced the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate: Legal Matters – Legal Advice on Policy BID.

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

Regular Session recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:10 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:21p.m.

Chairman Bradley announced while in Executive Session the board Legal Matters – Legal Advice on Policy BID.

## LEGAL MATTERS

### LEGAL ADVICE ON POLICY BID

No Action Taken

Mr. Nuessle MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: