

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 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. Jim Broome
Dr. John Bradley
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mrs. Phaedra Holtzclaw, Administrative Secretary to the Chief Officer of Student Services and Operations

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 Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-0-2(Mr. Nuessle & Mr. Moulton abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests or Sign ups this meeting.

VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- 2023 Junior Scholar recipients were highlighted in slide show presentation during executive session intermission

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified retire rehire personnel for school year 2023-2024, classified personnel for school year 2023-24, classified personnel for school year 2022-23, 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 Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-2 UPDATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IN POLICY CCA ORGANIZATION CHART, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve updates to Organizational Chart in Policy CCA Organization Chart, First Reading SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 CHANGES TO POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSNECES AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES, FIRST READING AND ADDITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GCC-R(2) PROFESSIONAL STAFF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE AND GDC-R(2) SUPPORT STAFF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve change to Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences, First Reading, Policy GDC Support Staff Leaves and Absences, First Reading, Administrative Rule GDC-R(2) Professional Staff Paid Parental Leave, Administrative Rule GDC-R(2) Support Staff Paid Parental Leave; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IJK SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION, FIRST READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy IJK Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, First Reading.; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to ratify the expulsion of students not appealing the action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION DUES: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize continuation of membership in the South Carolina School Boards Association.

- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2023-2024:
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-4 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2023-2024:
Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-5 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in July of 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- B-6 SERTOMA CLUB OF NORTH AUGUSTA DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$7,000.00 Sertoma Club of North Augusta donation to the Aiken County School District and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-7 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to declare items surplus and authorize the Administration to dispose of items by utilizing the approved online public auction service GovDeals.
- B-8 DEMOLITION OF THE OLD RIDGE-SPRING MONETTA ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Laurence recommended to allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$450,000.00 and enter into a contract with Chaplin and Sons Clearing and Demolition, Inc.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER
NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE AIKEN HIGH AUDITORIUM SCHOOL
PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and
accepted the information as presented.
- C-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE
SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information
as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AREA FOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – Mr. Nuessle MOVED to
appoint Charles McCray to the Area Four Advisory Council; SECONDED by Ms.
Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AREA ONE ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – Mr. Nuessle MOVED to
reappoint Albertine Grant, Clarence Jackson, and Linda Karapatakis to the Area
One Advisory Council. SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence presented his annual report on the 2022-2023 school year.

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. Employment Matters-Employee Grievance, and Legal Matters-Legal Advice Concerning Policy IMB.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:15 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:46 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; 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. Employment Matters-Employee Grievance, and Legal Matters-Legal Advice Concerning Policy IMB.

STUDENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE – No Action Taken

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING POLICY IMB – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell/Phaedra Holtzclaw

APPROVED: