

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 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
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mr. Brian Silas
Mr. Dwight Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Sandra Shealey

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 May 24, 2022 and the Special Called Meeting on June 7, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 24, 2022 and the Special Called Meeting on June 7, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Chuck Deen spoke in favor of increasing band assistant supplements.
- Mr. Ricky Lowe spoke against on-line ticket sales for athletic events.

ASPIRING PRINCIPAL PROGRAM

- Participants in the District's Aspiring Principal Program were recognized.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to hold a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of Administrative Personnel for school year 2022-23; certified personnel for school year 2022-23, certified retiree rehires for school year 2022-2023, classified personnel for school year 2022-23, classified retiree rehires for school year 2022-23, classified personnel for school year 2021-22, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 CHANGES TO POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve changes to Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences and Policy GDC Support Staff Leaves and Absences on second reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 CHANGES TO FILE GCC-E YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF 1993: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve changes to File GCC-E Your Rights Under The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 ; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 REMOVAL OF THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES: GCC-R(2) COVID-19 RELATED LEAVE (PROFESSIONAL STAFF) GDC-R(2) COVID-19 RELATED LEAVE (SUPPORT STAFF): Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the recommendation of the removal of the following: GCC-R(2) COVID-19 Related Leave (Professional Staff), GDC-R(2) COVID-19 Related Leave (Support Staff); SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY EBCB SAFETY PLANS AND DRILLS, SECOND READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy EBCB Safety Plans and Drills, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-6 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IHAM HEALTH EDUCATION, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy IHAM Health Education, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-7 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY JICJ PAGING DEVICES, CELL PHONES, AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy JICJ Paging Devices, Cell Phones, and Other Personal Electronic Devices, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; Mr. Crane MOVED to amend first reading of policy to include “excluding hallways” in language of current wording of policy; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION TO AMEND WORDING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED POLICY ON FIRST READING CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-8 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AND POLICY: POLICY JLCD ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICINES, SECOND READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy; Policy JLCD Assisting Students with Medicines, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-9 PROPOSED INCENTIVE FOR HEAD START EMPLOYEES USING HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS: Dr. Hanks MOVED to approve implementation of sign-on bonuses for all Head Start/Early Head Start positions; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-10 REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve on second reading the proposed Code of Student Conduct for each level as presented by the administration; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-11 2022-2023 BUDGET – SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the second reading of the 2022-2023 budget; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; Mr. Smith MOVED to remove athletic coaching supplements and band supplements from the proposed budget and to direct the administration to find ways to fund an increase in those supplements; MOTION FAILED for lack of a SECOND; MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET ON SECOND READING CARRIED on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Smith opposed); Dr. Bradley MOVED that if the District finds additional funds that a report be presented to the board in regards to the funds and that a discussion be held as to what to do with the additional money; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-12 ADDENDUM TO INCENTIVE FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve amendment to sign-on bonus for teachers; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; 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 IN 2022-2023;
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 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-4 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange students listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in Augusta of 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

- B-5 TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2022-2023: Superintendent Laurence recommended to adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees.

- B-6 CORRECTION TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD COURSES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve change of credit from 1.0 to 0.5 unit for each of the following four courses: African American Literature, Student Publications, Musical Theatre, and African American Studies.

- B-7 THE ROTARY CLUB OF AIKEN COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT AWARD TO THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$3,000.00 Rotary Club of Aiken Community Service Grant Award to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-8 NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM RESTROOMS AND CONCESSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$1,169,000.00 and enter into a contract with J.E. Stewart Builders, Inc. for the North Augusta High School Football Stadium Restrooms and Concessions with the funding coming from the 1% Bond Funds.

- B-9 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the funding flexibility for the quarter and year ending June 30, 2022.

- B-10 INCREASE IN MEAL PRICES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the increase in meal prices as indicated.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10 as presented;
SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 GIFTED AND TALENTED UPDATE: Mr. Brian Gibbons presented update on the District's Gifted and Talented Program.
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-4 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2022: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- THE SALE OF TICKETS FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS – Mr. Smith discussed the on-line sale of tickets for athletic events.
- AREA FIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – Mr. Crane MOVED to reappoint Iris Glover, Bruce Turner, Ed Ketusky, and Jim Broome to the Area Five Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- AREA ONE ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – Dr. Bradley MOVED to reappoint Mr. Eugene White and Mr. Josh Raines to the Area One Advisory Council; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- AREA THREE ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – Mr. Smith MOVED to reappoint Mrs. Sara Johnson to the Area Three Advisory Council; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendents Update – Superintendent Laurence announced that Summer School Classes had began for all grade levels.

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 Four); Employment Matters – Employee Update; Legal Matters – Legal Services

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

Regular Session recessed at 8:37 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:40 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:47 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 Four); Employment Matters – Employee Update; Legal Matters – Legal Services

STUDENT MATTERS

STUDENT APPEAL - AREA FOUR

The Board heard an appeal of an Area Four High School Student; Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer that the student attend the Alternative Program at CIL/Pinecrest for 45 days for the 2022-23 school year and the Student must complete ScIP at the Aiken Center and meet all CIL transition requirements before returning to his home school; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

EMPLOYEE UPDATE – No Action Taken

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL SERVICES – No Action Taken.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chiswell

APPROVED: