

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 24, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 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. Brian Silas
Mr. Dwight Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

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 10, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 10, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. John Pettigrew spoke in favor of increasing athletic coaching supplements.

VIDEO RECOGNITIONS

- The Aiken High Academic Team were recognized as High School Champions.
- Aiken High Student Laura Huff, was recognized as National Merit Finalist and a top student in Biology for US by Cambridge International.
- The following schools were recognized: New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet School, North Augusta Middle School, Paul Knox Middle School, and Silver Bluff High School for receiving the SC Band Directors Association Outstanding Performance Award for 2022.
- Trayton Gregory and Emma Troup of Midland Valley High School, were recognized for Twelve Years of Perfect Attendance.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Mr. Crane MOVED to cancel the June 28, 2022 meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Shealey 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, certified personnel for school year 2021-2022, 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 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Mrs. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 CHANGES TO POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES, FIRST 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 first reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GCC-R PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GDC-R SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve changes to Administrative Rule GCC-R Professional Staff Leaves and Absences and Administrative Rule GDC-R Support Staff Leaves and Absences; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY EBCB SAFETY PLANS AND DRILLS, FIRST READING; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy EBCB Safety Plans and Drills, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-5 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY AND DELETION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE: POLICY IHBH CHARTER SCHOOLS, FIRST READING; ADMINISTRATIVE RULE IHBH-R CHARTER SCHOOLS; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following administrative rule and policy: Policy IHBH Charter Schools, First Reading, Administrative Rule IHBH-R Charter Schools; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-6 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IHAM HEALTH EDUCATION, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy: Policy IHAM Health Education, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-7 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AND POLICY: POLICY JLCD ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICINES, FIRST READING, ADMINISTRATIVE RULE JLCD ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICINES ; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following administrative rule and policies; Policy JLCD Assisting Students with Medicines, First Reading, Administrative Rule JLCD Assisting Students with Medicines; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-8 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS FOR THE J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM/MULTIPURPOSE ADDITION: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the schematic design plans and preliminary budget for the J.D. Lever Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Addition as presented by MOTA Design firm. The total budget needed is \$1,500,000.00; The administration would like to use the 8% Five Year Athletic Facility Funds; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-9 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FIVE-YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the proposed Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan as presented in the attachment; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; Mr. Smith MOVED TO AMEND Original Motion, to postpone approving the Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan until administration can return with a more detailed listing of cyclic projects; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; Mrs. Shealey WITHDREW her Original Motion, Mr. Smith WITHDREW his Amended Motion; Mr. Crane MOVED to approve year 2022-2023 of the Five -Year Facility Improvement Plan and to direct the administration to bring back a more detailed plan for the remaining years listed; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1(Mr. Nuessle opposed).
- A-10 REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FIRST READING: Mr. Crane MOVED to postpone the first reading of the Code of Student Conduct for each level and have a Special Called Meeting to be determined by the administration to further discuss the revisions; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-11 2022-2023 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Nuessle MOVED to accept the recommendation of the administration utilizing the first scenario, increasing teacher and non-teacher pay scales by 3.25%; 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 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 SUBMISSION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS EMERGENCY RELIEF (ESSER) FUND – HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARP HOMELESS II SUBGRANT-FY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund – Homeless Children and Youth ARP Homeless II Subgrant \$286,347.46 and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS (SRNS) INNOVATIVE TEACHING MINI GRANT AWARDS TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT -FY22: Approve the \$14,000.00 SRNS Mini Grant Award Donation to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

Mr. Crane MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION UPDATE: Mr. Kenneth Lott presented update on Computer Technology Courses.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- No Items This Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendents Update – Superintendent Laurence congratulated employees who were recently recognized at the District Retiree Banquet, and announced that graduation ceremonies would begin Wednesday evening, June 1, and end on Friday, June 3rd.

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), Admission of Transfer Student to Aiken County Public Schools; Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Employee Matter – Operations/Student Services; Legal Matters – Legal Advice on Board Policies GCC and GDC, Legal Advice on Student Appeals.

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 8:07 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:15 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:10 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; 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), Admission of Transfer Student to Aiken County Public Schools; Employment Matters – Employee Contractual Matter, Employee Matter – Operations/Student Services; Legal Matters – Legal Advice on Board Policies GCC and GDC, Legal Advice on Student Appeals.

STUDENT MATTERS

STUDENT APPEAL - AREA THREE

The Board heard an appeal of an Area Three High School Student; Mr. Crane MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and that the student attend the Alternative Program at CIL/Pinecrest for the First Semester of the 2022-23 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENT TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board received a request for a transfer student to enter Aiken County Public Schools; Mr. Crane MOVED to deny admission of a transfer student for the remainder of the 2021 -2022 school year SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

EMPLOYEE CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to direct the administration to make a formal complaint to the State Board of Education regarding Employee A's breach of contract; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-1-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed and Mr. Crane abstained)

EMPLOYEE MATTER – OPERATIONS/STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the recommendation of the Administration and add clerical support position to be shared by the District Hearing Officer and the Director of Security and Emergency Management; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL ADVICE ON BOARD POLICIES GCC AND GDC – No Action Taken.

LEGAL ADVICE ON STUDENT APPEALS – No Action Taken.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chiswell

APPROVED: