

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MAY 8, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a Special Called Meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023, 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:

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman  
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chairman  
Dr. John Bradley  
Mr. Jim Broome  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Mr. Brian Silas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant  
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Nuessle called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge were led by Chairman Nuessle.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Nuessle announced the Board would need a motion to into Executive Session for the purposes of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate: Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area Three, Student Appeal - Area Five, Student Appeal – Area Two, and Student Appeal – Area Two.

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

Regular Session recessed at 6:02 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:10 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:31 p.m.

Mr. Smith MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Nuessle announced while in Executive Session the Board considered or received information concerning the following matters: Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area Three, Student Appeal - Area Five, Student Appeal – Area Two, and Student Appeal – Area Two.

## STUDENT MATTERS

### STUDENT APPEAL – AREA THREE

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Three High School Student. Mr. Smith MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer of placement in the Alternative School Program and expel the student for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed).

STUDENT APPEAL – AREA FIVE

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Five High School Student. Mr. Smith MOVED to overturn the decision of the hearing officer of alternative school placement and return the student to school on strict probation for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year, also for the district attendance office be notified to refer the student to Family Court for excessive tardies and absences; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3 (Mr. Broome, Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, and Mrs. Tyler opposed).

STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Two High School Student. Mr. Smith MOVED to overturn the decision of the hearing officer of expulsion and place the student in the District's Alternative School Program for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. MOTION died for lack of a SECOND. Dr. Bradley MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer of expulsion and place the student in the District's Virtual Program for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Two Middle School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer of Alternative School Placement and return the student to school on strict probation for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Dr. Bradley opposed).

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: