

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 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. Jim Broome
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the 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

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Superintendent Laurence swore in Mr. James "Jim" Broome, Mr. Barry Moulton, Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson, and Mr. Brian Silas as newly elected Board Members.

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 October 25, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 25, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mr. Broome abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Sylvia Hazel spoke in regards to the meaning “failure to obey” and its discipline consequences as written in the Code of Student Conduct.
- Mr. John Pettigrew spoke in regards to the meaning of “failure to obey” and its discipline consequences as written in the Code of Student Conduct.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Bradley announced that Board Officer Elections will take place at the December 13, 2022 meeting, and requested that he not be considered for the role of Chairman this upcoming year.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of 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 supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23, non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET CALENDAR: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to approve the proposed 2023-2024 budget calendar as shown in the attachment; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; Mr. Nuessle MOVED to AMEND original motion and move the proposed budget workshop from February 21, 2023 to January 17, 2023; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 UPDATE OF 2022-2023 RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the school district's updated 2022-23 Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 REVISION TO POLICY JICDA – CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the revision to the Code of Student Conduct on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 CONSIDERATION FOR EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUSES: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve \$150.00 employee Christmas bonuses; 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: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the student 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 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in January of 2023 for the 2022-2023 school year. The student has unusual, compelling circumstances prompting their request at this time.

- B-4 SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Revised 2023-24 Aiken County Public School District Modified Year-Round Calendar.

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

- B-6 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION – ARTS IN BASIC CURRICULUM LEARNING LOSS GRANT AWARD – EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the South Carolina Arts Commission ABC Arts in Education Learning Loss Grant in the amount of \$4,833.00, and receipt of funds and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.

- B-7 AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) GRANT ADJUSTMENT – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the submission of the Office of Head Start ARP Funding Grant application and the receipt of funds if awarded.

- B-8 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Laurence recommended to ratify the approval by the Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services for the program of home instruction for the students indicated on the attached list.

- B-9 GMP #2 FOUNDATIONS, BUILDING PAD, AND STEEL PACKAGE FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept GMP #2 Foundations, Building Pad, and Steel Package for the Wagener-Salley High School Project in the amount of \$6,046,282.00 and enter into a CM at Risk contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc.
- B-10 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2022 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$16,796.50> from Carpet Creations.
- B-11 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE PROTOCOL, LLC INDOOR AIR IONIZATION PROJECT: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order Number 1 for Protocol, LLC Indoor Air Ionization Project in the amount of \$43,682.50 with funds to be paid from 8%.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-11 as presented;
SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE AIKEN HIGH AUDITORIUM SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- 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.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Barry Moulton
 - Cell Phones – Mr. Moulton discussed the district’s current cell phone policy, in regards to student discipline.
 - Here Comes the Bus App – Mr. Moulton MOVED to receive an update at a future meeting in regards to new bus application the administration is currently reviewing; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Brian Silas
 - Audio Enhancement Update – Dr. Murphy gave an update on the installation and completion dates of the new audio enhancement systems purchased by the district.
- Mr. Cameron Nuessle
 - E-Learning Days – Mr. Nuessle discussed an email from a parent in regards to E-Learning days for 4K and Special Needs Students.
 - Policy IJK – Mr. Nuessle MOVED to ask the administration to look into revising policy IJK – Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption and to present a revision for review at the first meeting in January; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence congratulated the Aiken High Women's Volleyball Team on winning the 4A State Championship.

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 One, Student Appeal – Area Two, Student Appeal – Area Four, Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Three.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:11 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:21 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:03 p.m.

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

Chairman Bradley 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. Student Matters – Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Two, Student Appeal – Area Four, Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Three.

STUDENT MATTERS

- Student Appeal – Area One
The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One Middle School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion and place the student in the alternative program at CIL for the remainder of the year; MOTION failed for lack of a SECOND. Mr. Nuessle MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 6-1 (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed)
- Student Appeal – Area Two
The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Two High School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for 45 days; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Student Appeal – Area Four
The Board heard an appeal from the parents of an Area Four High School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for 45 days; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Student Appeal – Area One
The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One Middle School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed).

- Student Appeal – Area Three

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Three Middle School Student. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion and place the student at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION FAILED on a vote of 2-5 (Mr. Moulton, Mr. Nuessle, Dr. Hanks, Mr. Silas, Mr. Broome opposed). Mr. Nuessle MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 5-2 (Dr. Bradley, Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed)

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

- No items This Meeting

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

MS. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: