

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 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, the 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  
Dr. John Bradley, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Jim Broome  
Dr Patricia Hanks  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education

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 September 10, 2024, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2024; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Requests This Meeting

#### 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 2024-25, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2024-25, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-2025, and classified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 POLICY GCLE UNENCUMBERED TIME, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Approve Policy GCLE Unencumbered Time, First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.

- B-2 OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district.
- B-3 AILEEN S. ANDREW FOUNDATION DONATION TO NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$3,000.00 Aileen S. Andrew Foundation Donation to North Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION YOUTH LITERACY GRANT AWARD TO BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$3,000.00 Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grant Award to Byrd Elementary and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC DONATION TO THE CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE LEARNING (CIL) – FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$20,883.36 donation from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC to the Center for Innovative Learning (CIL) and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-6 MODULAR CLASSROOM UNITS AT BYRD ELEMENTARY; Superintendent Murphy recommended authorizing the administration to accept the base bid of \$317,459.00 and enter into a contract with Modular Technologies, Inc. for one single and one double Modular Classroom Unit with Restrooms at Byrd Elementary with the funds coming from the Fund Five Reserves account in the 5 Year Facility Improvement Plan.
- B-7 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PLUMBING SERVICES FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Murphy recommended allowing the administration to enter a contract with AAA Accurate H2O Plumbing per RFP# 91224 on a Time and Material Basis.

B-8 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH ATHLETIC FIELDS PHASE 4, ROAD WIDENING AT KNOBCONE AVENUE: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving Change Order #1 from H.G, Reynolds, Company, Inc. in the amount of \$437,241.00 for the North Augusta High School.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-8 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY...

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

C-1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2024: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

##### AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

SCHOOL LAWN MAINTENANCE REQUEST – No Information was requested.

##### CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

#### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update

Dr. Murphy discussed the end of the first quarter of school and the upcoming fall break. He also reminded the audience of the community outreach/engagement events regarding the One Cents Sales Tax Renewal. The Superintendent also discussed the video produced along with local law enforcement regarding recent online school threats.

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. Student Matters – a.) Student Appeal Area One, b.) Student Appeal Area One, c.) Student Appeal – Area Three. Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment-Executive Director of Technology, and Legal Matters – Legal Advice – Resolution Agreement.

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

Regular Session recessed at 6:17 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:27 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:05 p.m.

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

Chairman Nuessle announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matter for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Student Matters – a.) Student Appeal Area One, b.) Student Appeal Area One, c.) Student Appeal – Area Three. Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment-Executive Director of Technology, and Legal Matters – Legal Advice – Resolution Agreement.

#### STUDENT MATTERS

- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE: Mr. Silas MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer of return to school with probation and place the student in the District’s Alternative Program for a 45-day placement pending rights of appeal; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE: Mrs. Tyler MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer of a 45-day placement in the District’s Alternative Program and place the student in the SOAR Program pending rights of appeal; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA THREE: Mr. Silas MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer of return to school with a behavior contract and place the student in the District’s Alternative Program for a 45-day placement pending rights of appeal; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### EMPLOYEE MATTERS

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Executive Director of Technology; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

- LEGAL ADVICE – RESOLUTION AGREEMENT – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: