

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 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:

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice-Chair
Mr. Jim Broome
Dr. Patricia Hanks
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mrs. Sandra Shealey
Mr. Brian Silas
Dr. John Bradley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent & 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 MOVED to amend the agenda to add Coach Parrish Deans under Special Orders of Business; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-5-1-10-23 Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 13, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 13, 2022; SECONDED by Mrs. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests This Meeting.
- The Aiken High Women's Volleyball Team 2022 4A State Champions were recognized.
- Coach Parrish Deans, Athletic Director/Coach at A.L. Corbett Middle School was recognized at SCAPES Coach of the Year for Middle Schools.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman Nuessle announced that there will be a Special Called Meeting – Budget Workshop on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, and asked members to develop their budget priorities for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 BOARD RESIGNATION: Dr. Bradley MOVED to accept with reluctance and sadness the resignation of District One Board Member Ms. Sandra Shealey effective January 11, 2023; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-2 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified personnel for school year 2022-23, classified personnel for school year 2022-23, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 RESULTS FROM ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 CONSIDERATION TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF FUND BALANCE: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to commit \$7 million in fund balance for future 1:1 technology replacements and \$1 million for 2023-2024 teacher sign-on bonuses; SECONDED by Ms. Shealey; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED TO AMEND ORIGINAL MOTION to solely vote to commit \$7 million on future technology replacements; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION TO AMEND ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 PROPOSED INCENTIVE FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT: Dr. Hanks MOVED to commit \$1 million for teacher sign-on bonuses once discussion and explanation in regards to item A-5 is complete; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED approve implementation of sign-on bonus for teachers in specified high need content areas; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Moulton, Mr. Silas and Mr. Smith opposed).

- A-6 GMP #3 FOR THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE NEW WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH PROJECT FROM MCMILLIAN PAZDAN SMITH ARCHITECTURE: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to authorize the administration to accept GMP #3 for the building package from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount \$39,565,677.00 and Construction Document Budget for the New Wagener-Salley High Project from McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture; SECONDED by Ms. Shealey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Laurence recommended that the student be released from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-2 CHANDLER LAW FIRM/EVERETT CHANDLER DONATION TO LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$1,200.00 Chandler Law Firm Donation to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-3 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION – ARTS IN BASIC CURRICULUM (ABC) GRANT SUBMISSION – NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE STEAM MAGNET SCHOOL – FY24 Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the South Carolina Arts Commission ABC Arts in Education Grant Application Submission in the amount of \$12,500.00, and receipt of funds and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant if awarded. \$3,862

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. 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.
- C-4 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2022: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-5 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-6 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-7 MONTHLY FIANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2022: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- AREA FIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Mr. Broome MOVED to appoint Mrs. Ashley Brittain to the Area Five Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

- No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence congratulated the Finance Department for the outstanding audit results, and thanked Ms. Shealey for her service as a member of the Board of Education.

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 – Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Two; Employment Matters - Administrative Appointment – Area Three, Employee Contractual Matter.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:31 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:40 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 10:11 p.m.

Dr. Bradley 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. 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 One, Student Appeal – Area One, Student Appeal – Area Two; Employment Matters – Administrative Appointment – Area Three – Employee Contractual Matter.

STUDENT MATTERS

a) Student Appeal – Area One

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One Middle School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of a 45-day placement at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1(Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson abstained)

b) Student Appeal – Area One

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One Middle School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of a 45-day placement in the district's alternative program and place the student in virtual classes for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) 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 45 days, once student has returned to school they will placed on strict probation for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Broome and Mr. Silas opposed).

d) Student Appeal – Area Two

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Two Middle School Student. Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of a 45-day placement at the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest; SECONDED by Mr. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

- Administrative Appointment – Area Three

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to accept the administration's recommendation for Principal at LBC Middle School; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Employee Contractual Matter

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to direct the administration to make a formal complaint to the State Board of Education regarding Employees A and B's breach of contract; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

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Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: