

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2023

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 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  
Dr. John Bradley  
Mr. Jim Broome  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

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 stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 10, 2023 were presented for approval; Mr. Smith MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 10, 2023; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests This Meeting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- NAMS Academic Team: A slide show presentation was shown recognizing the North Augusta Middle School's Academic Team who are this year's district champions.
- SCSBA School Board Appreciation Month: The Aiken County Board of Education was recognized for their support of students and staff.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman Nuessle thanked staff and students that participated in the video presentation recognizing board members for board recognition month.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2023-2024, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2023-24, certified personnel for school year 2022-23, classified personnel for school year 2022-23, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23, non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2022-23; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 UPDATE BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN: Mr. Smith MOVED to approve updates to Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 PROPOSED INCENTIVE FOR TEACHER RETENTION: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve implementation of retention bonus for returning teachers; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY IJK SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve Policy IJK Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3 (Dr. Bradley, Mr. Nuessle and Mr. Smith opposed).
- A-5 DEMOGRAPHIC ASSESSMENT & REZONING SCENARIOS: Ms. Silas MOVED to go forward with zoning options #2 and #6; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Dr. Hanks abstained); Mr. Smith MOVED to eliminate zoning options #3 and #4; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; Dr. Hanks MOVED to AMEND motion to include zoning option #1 going forward; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; MOTION TO ELMINATE ZONING OPTIONS #3 AND #4 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Nuessle MOVED to go forward with zoning option #5; 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 the action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 MIDLAND VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND OF CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$6,000.00 Midland Valley Elementary School Library Fund of Central Carolina Community Foundation Donation and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-3 ANONYMOUS DONATION TO NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$2,000.00 anonymous donation to North Augusta High School and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 SMART SAFES OF NORTH AUGUSTA DONATION TO NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY23: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the \$3,000.00 Smart Safes of North Augusta Donation to North Augusta High School and adjustments to the FY23 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-5 APPROVAL TO UTILIZE GOVDEALS ONLINE GOVERNMENT SURPLUS AUCTION SERVICES AS A METHOD OF DISPOSAL FOR ITEMS DECLARED TO BE SURPLUS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the Administration to dispose of items by online public auction utilizing GovDeals, an experienced and proven online government surplus auctions service to facilitate the process.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Smith;  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

No Items This Meeting

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

- Superintendent's Update – Superintendent Laurence congratulated Honor Court Members for the Upcoming Stars of Public Education Banquet that will be held in March.

## 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 Two, Student Appeal – Area Two; Employment Matters- Administrative Appointment – Federal Programs; Contractual Matters-Contractual Matter Concerning Early Learning.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:41 p.m.  
Executive Session convened at 7:50 p.m.  
Regular Session resumed at 9:13 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; 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 Two, Student Appeal – Area Two; Employment Matters- Administrative Appointment – Federal Programs; Contractual Matters-Contractual Matter Concerning Early Learning.

## STUDENT MATTERS

### a) Student Appeal – Area Two

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Two High School Student. Dr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of a 45-day placement at the Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest and alcohol and drug counseling; SECONDED by Mr. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) Student Appeal – Area Two

The Board heard an appeal from the grandparent of an Area Two High School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of expulsion and place the student in the district's alternative program for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-2 (Mr. Broome and Mr. Silas opposed).

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

- Administrative Appointment – Federal Programs

Dr. Bradley MOVED to accept the administration's recommendation for Director of Federal Programs; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

- Contractual Matter Concerning Early Learning – No Action Taken

LEGAL MATTERS

- No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: