

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 15, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 7:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and place of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman
Mr. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Ray Fleming
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction/Accountability
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Office
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Officer
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board

Chairman English called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mrs. Janice Kitchings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 18, 2014; and Regular Meeting held on March 25, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 18, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hazen abstained). Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 25, 2014; SECONDED BY Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- AHS FCCLA were recognized as State Champions.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

William Sennerfeit spoke regarding Transportation.

Jet Beckum spoke regarding Building.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed Wellness Policy Update and requested representation from the Board. Mr. Hazen agreed to represent the Board.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM UPDATE: Mrs. Shealy presented a power point presentation regarding Middle School STEM Update.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2014: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update. Mr. Liner MOVED that the District continue with conceptual plans and schedule for proposed projects agreed upon on March 25, 2014, Board meeting and the District present factual material to community groups as requested as such groups organize and develop a campaign for the one percent sale tax ballot referendum if available in November 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Academic Officers.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board that the student be released from Aiken County Public Schools to attend school in another district with the stipulation that the District will have no responsibility for tuition of the receiving district.

- B-3 BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS TIRE OPERATIONS, LLC DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,500 Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC donation to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4 WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB DONATION TO RSM ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Woman's Study Club \$2,000 donation to RSM Elementary/Middle School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-5 2013-2014 ADDITIONAL TITLE I SUPPORT ALLOCATION OF \$19,297 TO AIKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the use of the Title I Focus funds and the implementation of the strategies for the 2013-2014 school year.
- B-6 GRANITEVILLE TLC DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,500 Graniteville TLC donation to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-7 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,054.41 Sunshine House donation to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-8 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,406.34 Sunshine House donation to Chukker Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-9 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,967.83 Sunshine House donation to Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-10 2014 PAINTING OF WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH AND SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOLS AND CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE SILVER BLUFF HIGH PHASE III HVAC PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order #2 from R.D. Brown Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$381,295.00 for the Silver Bluff High HVAC Project; and transfer 2014-2015 Painting funds necessary to administer this project.
- B-11 THE INSTALLTION OF CARPET AT GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY, NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE & SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL (REMAINING AREAS): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Carpet Creations of Aiken, South Carolina in the amount of \$158,700.00 for the Installation of Carpet at Gloverville Elementary, New Ellenton and Silver Bluff High School (Remaining Areas).
- B-12 2014 ROOF REPLACEMENT AT BYRD LEARNING CENTER (BLC): This item was pulled from the agenda.

B-13 2014 SELECTIVE ROOF REPAIRS AT BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY, AIKEN ELEMENTARY AND NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY: This item was pulled from the agenda.

B-14 2014 HVAC RENOVATION AT GREENDALE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low bid and enter into a contract with the bidder as recommended under separate cover for the 2014 HVAC Renovation at Greendale Elementary.

Mr. Barber MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-11 and B-14 (B-12 and B-13 was pulled from the agenda); SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2013-2014; certified retire-rehire personnel for school year 2013-2014; and classified personnel for school year 2013-2014;; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2019: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the Aiken County Public School District's Strategic Plan for 2014-2019.

C-3 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2014-2015: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the position requested in Human Resources and Aiken High School Freshman Academy; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen: Mr. Liner MOVED to amend the motion to include requested positions for Assistant Principals at middle school and high school; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; AMENDED MOTION failed on a vote of 3 – 6 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed). ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update on events around the District.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 1; two from Area 2; and one from Area 3; and Personnel Issues: Administrative Appointments.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:59 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:04 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:18 p.m.

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CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve the recommendations of the Superintendent to appoint Elizabeth Taylor, Administrator for Instructional Planning and Phillip Young, Administrator of Evaluation and Student Services.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The appeal was rescheduled for May 13, 2014.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: Parent withdrew appeal on 4/14/14.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Also included in the motion, the Administration will determine placement for the 2014-2015 prior to registration; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Also included in the motion, the Administration will provide an opportunity for the student to be evaluated prior to registration for the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Liner opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: