

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 19, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 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. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. Jeremy Mace

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer for Operations
and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Mrs. Mattie Dillon, Interim Chief Officer
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
for Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
For Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Executive Director
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education

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. Rosemary English.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 15, 2016; minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 22, 2016; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 29, 2016; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 15, 2016; minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 22, 2016; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 29, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY for minutes for March 15, 2016 and March 22, 2016; Mrs. English abstained for March 29, 2016.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Palmetto Gold and Silver Winners were recognized.
- South Aiken High School DECA Winners were recognized.
- South Aiken High School Calliope National Award Winners were recognized.
- North Augusta High School FBLA State Winners were recognized.
- Ridge Spring-Monetta High School HOSA Winners were recognized.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of several upcoming events: First Year Teacher of the Year at Jackson Middle School on April 20, 2016; Teacher of the Year Banquet at Newberry Hall on April 25, 2016; and Groundbreaking Ceremonies: North Augusta High School on May 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. and Aiken High School on May 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2016: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update regarding Legislative issues.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.

- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the request for out-of-district transfers.
- B-3 REQUEST FROM AN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM SEEKING APPROVAL TO PLACE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN DISTRICT SCHOOLS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board recognize Cultural Homestay International as eligible to request placements of foreign exchange students in Aiken district schools.
- B-4 ADDITIONAL TEXTBOOK ADOPTION FOR 2016-2017: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services.
- B-5 SUBMISSION OF SC STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION BY NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the SC State Department of Education Arts Curricular Innovation grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-6 SUBMISSION OF SC STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY 17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the SC State Department of Education Arts Curricular Innovation grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-7 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House donation to Chukker Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-8 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House donation to Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-9 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House donation to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-10 BELK, INC. GRANT TO CLEARWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$1,328 Belk Angel Days grant to Clearwater Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-11 AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE 2A PROJECT FINAL ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Final Construction Contract drawings and budget for the Aiken High School Addition Phase 2A Project and allow the administration to proceed with advertising and the acceptance of construction bids.
- B-12 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FIVE-YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the proposed Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan as presented.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-12; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; certified retiree rehires personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified retiree rehires personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; classified personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified retiree rehires personnel for school year 2016-2017; certified supplement for school year 2015-2016; and classified supplement for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the 2016 update to the District Strategic Plan 2014-2019; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 READ TO SUCCEED DISTRICT READING/LITERACY PLAN: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the 2015-2016 Aiken County Reading Literacy Plan and its submission to the State Department of Education; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 2016-2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the 2016-2017 preliminary version of the budget; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Hightower discussed the loss of Superintendent Benny Bennett from Newberry. The Board observed a moment of silence for Superintendent Bennet and his family.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Ms. Hallman presented a power point presentation regarding ACPSD Compass Virtual Enrichment Program; and Ms. Cagle and Ms. Richardson presented a power point presentation regarding CDOC (Career Development & Occupational Credential).

Chairman English announced the Board will need to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board may choose: Brief Legal Update: on two pending property contract matters and a pending fixture contract bid; Student Appeals: three from Area 1; three from Area 2; and one from Area 3; Personnel Issues: a) Discussion consideration of a proposal concerning personnel contract matters; b) an administrative appointment.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:38 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:44 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:38 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Brief Legal Update: on two pending property contract matters and a pending fixture contract bid; Student Appeals: three from Area 1; three from Area 2; and one from Area 3; Personnel Issues: a) Discussion consideration of a proposal concerning personnel contract matters; b) an administrative appointment.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL REGARDING PERSONNEL ISSUES: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding proposal of personnel matter; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. West opposed).
- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Sonya Colvin, Principal of Busbee/Corbett Elementary/Middle Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the expulsion for the 2015-2016 school year and allow the student to enroll in the Adult Education Program; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3 (Mrs. English, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed).
- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent of the student withdrew the appeal. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mrs. English opposed).
- f. 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 the home school; MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- g. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to return the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Hightower opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: