

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, PRIL 21, 2015, 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. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Jeremy Mace  
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  
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
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 Board/Superintendent

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Burkhalter.

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 17, 2015; minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 24, 2015; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 31, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 17, 2015; minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 24, 2015; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 31, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY for minutes of March 24, 2015 and March 31, 2015; Mr. Green abstained for March 17, 2015.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Chukker Creek Elementary was recognized as State LEGO Champions.
- Gage Morris was recognized as South Carolina Litter Trashes Everyone Midlands Region Winer.
- Aiken High School was recognized as District Academic Team Winner.
- Shamesha Dunbar was recognized as Skills USA Commercial Baking Winner.
- Molly Gordon was recognizes as FCCLA State President.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of the Budget Work Study scheduled for April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Middle School Athletic recognitions will be May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM/STEAM UPDATE: Mrs. Shealy presented a power point presentation regarding Middle School STEM/STEAM Update.

A-2 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF JANUARY 31, 2015: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2015: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

- B-2 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 12 FOR THE 2013 CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 12 from Contractors South, Inc. in the amount of \$36,015.00, which the paving account has adequate funds.
- B-3 2015 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING@ SOUTH AIKEN HIGH, EAST AIKEN ELEMENTARY, MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY, BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY & CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY (HALLWAYS & NEW BUILDING): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Bonitz Flooring of Augusta, Georgia in the amount of \$147,222.00 for the 2015 Flooring of Millbrook Elementary, South Aiken High and Chukker Creek Elementary; and authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Ceiling & Floor Restorations, Inc. in the amount of \$231,928.00 for the 2015 Flooring of East Aiken Elementary and Belvedere Elementary.
- B-4 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT AIKEN ELEMENTARY, NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY AND REPLACE CHILLER AT REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$4,506,388.00 and enter into a contract with Gold Mech, Inc. for the HVAC Renovation Project at Aiken Elementary and North Augusta Elementary.
- B-5 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE 2015 SCRUBBING & RECOATING OF GYMNASIUM FLOORS DISTRICT WIDE FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the lowest and responsible and responsive bid and enter into a contract with Royalwood Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$25,746.00 for the 2015 Scrubbing & Recoating of Gymnasium Floors District Wide for Aiken County Public Schools. The Five Year Facility Improvement Plan for 2015-2016 has the funds needed to complete these projects.

- B-6 THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING FLOOR TILE AND MASTIC AT BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY, MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY AND SOUTH AIKEN HIGH PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the lowest responsible and responsive bid and enter into a contract with Asbestos & Demolition, Inc. in the amount of \$59,590.00 for Millbrook Elementary and enter into a contract with Chaplin and Sons Clearing and Demolition, Inc. for Belvedere Elementary in the amount of \$79,529.00 with the funds coming from the 2015-2016 Five Year Facility Improvement Plan.
- B-7 DONATION FROM TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board accept the donation of tools from Tractor Supply Company.
- B-8 REQUEST FOR DONATION OF TWO SURPLUS MOBILE UNITS FROM HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the request by Hollywood Baptist Church for donation of two surplus mobile units.
- B-9 TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2015-2016: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees and CTE instructors as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; and classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the Aiken County Public School District's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan – 2015 update; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 2015-2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation summary regarding 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve \$133,000 for Middle School STEM/STEAM; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

Mr. Barber MOVED to approve \$195,000 for Freshman Academy at South Aiken High School; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve \$4 per student for officer/copier supplies; MOTION failed for lack of second.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve full-time Assistant Principals at all elementary schools; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Hazen and Mr. Hightower opposed).

Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve the 2015-2016 preliminary version of the budget with changes from Board discussion; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to table further discussions on the 2015-2016 Budget to the Special Called Meeting scheduled for April 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Mace opposed).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave an update of events around the District.

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: Student Appeals as follow: one student appeal from Area 5; one from Area 1; and one from Area 4; Contractual Matters: consideration of Area 4 property disposition proposals; Consideration of Property proposal with the City of Aiken; Personnel Issues: Administrative appointments; and Legal Update: Briefing on pending litigation matter; update on administrative EEOC complaint; and update on an adversarial First Amendment matter.

Mr. Atchley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:03 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:08 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 11:15 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeals as follow: one student appeal from Area 5; one from Area 1; and one from Area 4; Contractual Matters: consideration of Area 4 property disposition proposals; Consideration of Property proposal with the City of Aiken; Personnel Issues: Administrative appointments; and Legal Update: Briefing on pending litigation matter; update on administrative EEOC complaint; and update on an adversarial First Amendment matter.

#### CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- CONSIDERATION OF AREA 4 PROPERTY PROPOSALS: Mr. Liner MOVED to accept the recommendation of the administration regarding proposal for Area 4 property; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote 7-2 (Mr. Green and Mr. Hightower opposed).
- CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY PROPOSAL FROM CITY OF AIKEN: Mr. Liner MOVED to accept the recommendation of the administration regarding property proposal from City of Aiken; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote 5-4 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Hightower, Mr. Hazen and Mr. West opposed).



LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

ATTACHMENT 1: Mr. Green MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Dr. Shawn Foster, Deputy Superintendent; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTACHMENT 2: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Kyle Blankenship, Principal of Ridge Spring-Monetta High School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. West opposed).

ATTACHMENT 3: Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Larry Dennis, Interim Assistant Principal at Schofield Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Barber, Mrs. English and Mr. Hightower opposed).

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: This appeal was withdrawn on 4/21/15.
  
- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. Also included in the motion, the Board will allow the student to attend Adult Education if they meet the requirements; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

Mr. Mace MOVED to waive the policy to extend the Board Meeting pass 11:00 p.m.; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 4. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Atchley, Mrs. English and Mr. Hightower opposed).

Mr. Mace MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: