

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 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. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, 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
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 Mrs. Janice Kitchings.

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 August 4, 2015; and minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on August 4, 2015; and minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Mr. Barber abstained on August 11, 2015).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Aiken High School was recognized as being one of the Nation's Best High School in U.S. World and News Report.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hazel Gregory spoke regarding Elementary School Issues.

Emily Joslin spoke regarding Elementary School Issues.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board the Listen and Learn Tour with the Legislative Delegation was scheduled for August 31, 2015, at the New Ellenton Community Center at 5:30 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No Legislative Update this meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools as requested.

B-2 MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GRANT TO SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina grant to South Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-3 SALE OF SURPLUS COMPUTERS TO GREAT CREATIONS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board allow the sale of the surplus computers indicated to Great Creations Child Development.

B-4 RENEWAL OF EMERGENCY CALLING SYSTEM: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the use of BlackBoard Connect for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

B-5 UNIVERSAL SCREENER FOR LITERACY: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the purchase of SRI College and Career licenses, professional development, and the unlimited hosting plan with additional information as discussed.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified retiree rehires for school year 2015-2016; classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified supplemental for school year 2015-2016; classified supplemental for school year 2015-2016; and non-employee supplemental for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) – FINAL READING: Mr. West MOVED to adopt the AUP on final reading as recommended by the Instructional/Technology Committee; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- PROPOSED SCHOOL LANDSCAPING PROJECTS: This item will be brought back.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Alford gave a brief 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: Appeals: one student from Area 2; and one transfer appeal from Area 2; and Legal Briefing: short verbal update on two recent Employment Workforce Decisions; and one follow-up report on a real property proposal.

Mr. Mace MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:48 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:53 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:34 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Appeals: one student from Area 2; and one transfer appeal from Area 2; and Legal Briefing: short verbal update on two recent Employment Workforce Decisions; and one follow-up report on a real property proposal.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- PROPOSED CONTRACT REGARDING REAL PROPERTY: Mr. Liner MOVED to authorize the Administration to finalize the negotiation on the real property proposal per the discussion during executive session; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained due to potential conflict of interest).

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to enroll at North Augusta High School for the 2015-2016 school years. Also included in the motion, tuition will be waived for the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).
- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: