

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 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. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman
Dr. John A. Bass
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and Accountability
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 1
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 2
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 3
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 4
Dr. Randy Stowe, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 5
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 Dr. O’Gorman.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 19 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 19, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mrs. Wesby abstained due to being absent).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of the Special Called Meeting on August 16, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a workshop regarding the Five Year Facility Improvement Plan.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 FIVE YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN SUMMARY: Mr. Caver presented the information to the Board for review.
- A-3 PASS/AYP: Dr. O'Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding PASS/AYP.
- A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update on Legislative Issues. Mr. Hazen MOVED to schedule a public event to allow ROAR (Reduce Our Awful Tax Rates) a statewide coalition of citizens trying to reduce taxes to present a power point presentation to the Board of Education and community members; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed). After further discussion, Mr. Hightower stated that he would like for the vote to be reconsidered. Mr. Hazen MOVED to reconsider the motion to schedule a public event to allow ROAR to present a power point presentation to the Board of Education and community members; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 4): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the requests for Out-of-District transfers with the stipulation that there will be no obligation on the part of the School District of Aiken County.

- B-2 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS DONATION TO JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$40,000 Public Education Partners donation to Jackson Middle School and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-3 SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES CONTRACTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve contracts for related services.
- B-4 THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.
- B-5 PURCHASE OF TEXTBOOKS FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the utilization of up to \$2350 from Fund 1 contingency to purchase textbooks for a new AP Environmental Science class at South Aiken High School (Friedland, 1st edition).

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5 as recommended; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Dr. Bass MOVED to reappoint Gene Brown and Ronald West to the Area 4 Advisory Council with term beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hazen MOVED to amend the agenda to include a discussion with Mr. Traxler regarding the bank ratings and decline in economic ratings: SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Traxler fielded questions regarding bank ratings and economic decline from several Board members.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal briefing – Briefing on a litigation matter; and one unemployment compensation claim; and student transfer appeal from Area 2.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:54 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:59 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:25 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal briefing – Briefing on a litigation matter; and one unemployment compensation claim; and student transfer appeal from Area 2.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board heard a legal briefing with no action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student from Augusta, GA. Mr. Green MOVED to grant the transfer to Area 2 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: