

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 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  
Mr. Levi Green  
Mr. Tad Barber  
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 Board of Education/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 Dr. Randy Stowe.

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 November 19, 2013; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 26, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on November 19, 2013; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 26, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Hayley Neiling was recognized as Legion of Valor Bronze Cross Achievement Award winner.
- Mr. Caver recognized Mr. Dal Stanley and Mr. Allen Mayberry for their many years of service to Aiken County Public Schools.
- ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: Mr. Burkhalter reviewed the procedures for the election of Board Officers and distributed ballots for electing a chairman. Mr. Burkhalter counted the votes and announced the appointment of Mrs. Rosemary English as Chairman of the Board. Ballots were distributed for the election of the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Burkhalter counted the votes and announced the appointment of Mr. Levi Green as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mrs. English and Mr. Green expressed appreciation to fellow Board Members for their support.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed the following: Budget Work Study scheduled for December 17, 2013; Aiken County Legislative Delegation Meeting scheduled for January 13, 2014; and AdvancED Standards Committee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 AUDIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013: Ms. Michelle Jones with Elliot Davis LLC presented the Audit Financial Statements for the year ended on June 30, 2013 and fielded questions from the Board.

A-2 ADVANCED ACCREDITATION PROGRES REPORT: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding AdvancED Accreditation Report.

A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

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 REQUEST: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the list of students to be released from Aiken County Public Schools to attend school in other districts.

B-3 PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2014-2015: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed calendar for 2014-2015. In addition June 13, 20 and 27, 2014 are part of Four Day Week for this year.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3; 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; and classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK: Mr. Barber MOVED to have the Administration prepare an RFP with quote for Construction Management At Risk; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION failed on a vote of 2-7 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner, Mr. Green, Mrs. English, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed). Mrs. English MOVED to have the Administration prepare a draft list of questions needed in order to prepare an RFP for Construction Management At Risk at the January 14, 2014, Board Meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hazen abstained).

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 2; and one from Area 3; and other considerations related to the Superintendent's contract.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:46 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:53 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:38 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeal from Area 3; and other considerations related to the Superintendent's contract.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: Mr. Fleming MOVED to modify the Superintendent's contract to include 20 days of annual leave beginning January 1, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The parents of a high school student in Area 2 did not show for the appeal. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parents of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: