

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 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. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Keith Liner

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. Laurie Reese, 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. Laurie Reese.

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 on January 20, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 27, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on January 20, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 27, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Daniel Coffen was recognized as the First Chair Tuba State Performance Award winner.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of the Special Called Meeting on February 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. (Executive Session Only) for the purpose of Superintendent Search and Hiring Procedures and hearing Student Appeals.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: Dr. Cox presented a power point presentation regarding Technology Update.

A-2 ADVANCED FINAL REPORT: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding AdvancED Final Report.

A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No update this meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the transfer request as recommended by the Director of Administrative Services.

B-3 APPLICATION FOR IMPACT AID (SECTION 8003, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit the Application for Impact Aid (Section 8003, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965).

- B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council Grant for the Department of Special Programs and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 NAMING THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the request of the North Augusta High School faculty and name the new Science and Technology addition the Dorothy K. Flanagan Science and Technology Wing.
- B-6 SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the contracts for related services.
- B-7 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 10 FOR THE 2013 CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 10 from Contractors South, Inc. in the amount of \$23,700.00.
- B-8 BECHTEL-FTC DONATION TO NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL'S ROBOTICS CLUB – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Bechtel-FTC donation to North Augusta High School's Robotics Club and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-9 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the South Carolina Community Block Grant Application for Midland Valley High School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-10 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR LBC MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the South Carolina Community Block Grant Application for LBC Middle School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

Mr. West MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

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

C-2 REVISION TO PROCEDURES: HIRING OF RETIREES: Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve the revisions to the District Procedures in order to provide more flexibility to the administration in the hiring process, including the hiring of retirees as discussed in this item and the elimination of negotiated salaries; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Wesley Hightower announced he would be seeking the office of Vice-President with the SCSBA. Mr. Mace MOVED that the Aiken County Board of Education support Mr. Hightower as he seeks office of Vice-President with the SCSBA; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Wesley Hightower recognized staff and volunteers of the Communications Committee.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update on 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: three student appeals from Area 1; one student appeal from Area 2; one student appeal from Area 3; and one student appeal from Area 5.

Mr. Atchley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:17 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:22 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:29 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeals as follow: three student appeals from Area 1; one student appeal from Area 2; one student appeal from Area 3; and one student appeal from Area 5.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. This appeal was pulled from the agenda.
- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent or the student attended the appeal. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder for the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent or student attended the appeal. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an elementary school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation and with an Administrative placement for the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- g. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 5. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchely; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Mace and Mr. Barber opposed).

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: