

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 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:

Mr. Levi Green, Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Cecil Atchley
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ahmed Samaha
Mrs. Sandra Shealey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Mr. King Laurence, Chief Officer of Administration
Dr. DeeDee Washington, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mr. Alvin Pressley, Executive Director
of High School
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Jeremy Mace.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 23, 2018; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 23, 2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Mr. Chuck Deen was recognized as School Band/Orchestra Award winner.
- Aiken County Board of Education was recognized for their commitment to the students of Aiken County. The Board signed the SCSBA Ethical Principles as confirmation of their continued commitment to the Aiken County School District.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green reminded the Board the SCSBA Annual Convention will be held on February 15–18, 2018 in Hilton Head.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update regarding Legislative Issues.

A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2107: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2017: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.

B-2 DEMOLITION AND TREE REMOVAL PROJECT AT BYRD LEARNING CENTER: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$46,000.00 and enter into a contract with Thompson Building Wrecking Company.

- B-3 SUBMISSION OF THE SUMMER READING CAMP COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Summer Reading Camp Community Partnership Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) 2018-19 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2018-19 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) 2018-19 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY AIKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2018-19 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-6 SUBMISSION OF NBC's R.I.S.E. AMERICA PROJECT GRANT SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATIONAL THEATER FOUNDATION AND NBC BY SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of NBC's R.I.S.E. America Project grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-7 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) 2018-19 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE STEAM MAGNET SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2018-19 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-8 SUBMISSION OF THE KISNER FOUNDATION GRANT – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Kisner foundation grant in the amount of \$69,000.00 and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-9 GRADES 2 TO 8 COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION (CAI): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the purchase and implementation of the CAI Program Edmentum for three school years, to begin in the 2018-19 school year.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified personnel for school year 2018-2019; and classified retiree rehire personnel for school 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES – FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to adopt the proposed changes on first reading for Policy GCC and Policy GDC; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY JCA ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS –
FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to adopt changes to Policy JCA
Assignment of Students to Schools on first reading; SECONDED by Mrs.
English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-4 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SALARY COMMITTEE: Mr. Liner MOVED to
approve the Committee's proposed school psychologist scale, to take effect for
the 2018-2019 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley.

C-5 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING LOCATION CHANGES: Mr. Mace MOVED to
approve the following locations for upcoming school board meetings: February
27, 2018 – North Augusta High School; March 13, 2018 – Midland Valley High
School; March 27, 2018 – Silver Bluff High School; and April 17, 2018 –
Wagener-Salley High School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Resolution TERI/Retire will be brought back at the next meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Alford gave a brief update on events around the District.

Chairman Green 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: Contractual Issues: Discussion and consideration of a proposed contractual matter; Personnel Matter: Discussion and consideration of two Administrative Appointments; and Legal Briefing: Short verbal update on an EEOC matter, and an OCR Complaint; and litigation status.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:04 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:09

Regular session resumed at 8:55 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issues: Discussion and consideration of a proposed contractual matter; Personnel Matter: Discussion and consideration of two Administrative Appointments; and Legal Briefing: Short verbal update on an EEOC matter, and an OCR Complaint; and litigation status.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTUAL ISSUE: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Jennifer Hart, Human Resources Director; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Julie Revelle, Executive Director of Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

No items this meeting.

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: