

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 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. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O’Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and Accountability
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services
Mrs. Rose Puckett, Administrative Secretary
to 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 Mr. Bill Burkhalter.

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 January 17, 2012, minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2012, and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on February 7, 2012; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on January 17, 2012, minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2012, and the Special Called Meeting held on February 7, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- South Aiken High School student, David Stoner, was recognized for a perfect score on the SAT in Math.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Jeremy Johnson spoke regarding Early Release.
- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
 - Chairman English discussed the Board Work Study on the Budget scheduled for February 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 NEW TEACHER HIRING PROCEDURES: Dr. Hewett and Ms. Smalls presented a power point presentation regarding New Teacher Hiring Procedures.
- A-2 SUBSTITUTE CALLING SYSTEM: Dr. Stowe presented a power point presentation regarding Substitute Calling System - SmartFindExpress.
- A-3 SCHOOL USE OF WINTER MAP DATA: Dr. O’Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding School Use of Winter MAP Data.
- A-4 FRESHMAN ACADEMY PILOT APPLICATIONS: Superintendent Everitt presented information regarding Freshman Academy Pilot Applications.
- A-5 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

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. Mr. Green requested that additional information be provided on the 6th student listed on page one of the ratification list before making a decision..

B-2 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CE-MIST (CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN MIDDLE-LEVEL, INTERDISCIPLINARY STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING) TRAVELING TRUNK GRANT TO BUSBEE CORBETT ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,400 University of South Carolina CE-MIST grant to Busbee Corbett Elementary/Middle School and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-3 DONATION OF \$10,000 FROM JOHN POWELL TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS STRINGS PROGRAM – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Donation of \$10,000 from John Powell to East Aiken School of the Arts Strings Program – FY12.

Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; and substitute recommendations for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 POLICY CHANGES RELATED TO REORGANIZATION – SECOND READING: Mrs. Wesby MOVED to adopt on second reading changes to various policies consistent with the administrative reorganization; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY DIE AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE DIE-R (AUDITS/FINANCIAL MONITORING) – FIRST READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve on first reading the changes to Policy DIE and Administrative Rule DIE-R; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update of events around the District and discussed www.OurEducationVision.com.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Very short legal briefing related to two proposed contractual matters involving properties – information only; and student appeals as follow: six from Area 1.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:12 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:17 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Very short legal briefing related to two proposed contractual matters involving properties – information only; and student appeals as follow: four from Area 1 (two appeals did not show).

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: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from an elementary school student in Area 1. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Dr. Bass opposed).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Dr. Bass, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Hightower opposed).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Green, Mr. Hazen, Mrs. Wesby and Mr. Smith opposed).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent 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 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-f: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent did not show for the appeal. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-g: STUDENT APPEAL: The appeal was rescheduled for February 28, 2012.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: