

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Dr., Aiken, at 6:00 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. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board/Superintendent

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman English noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to consider Personnel Issues and Contractual Consideration regarding Superintendent Search and Hiring Procedures; and hear Student Appeals.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Personnel Issues and Contractual Consideration regarding Superintendent Search and Hiring Procedures; and Student Appeals as follow: one from Area 3; and two from Area 2.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:01 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:03 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:53 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues and Contractual Consideration regarding Superintendent Search and Hiring Procedures; and Student Appeals as follow: one from Area 3; and two from Area 2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- PERSONNEL ISSUES (and also CONTRACTUAL CONSIDERATIONS):
SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH AND HIRING PROCEDURES: Mr. Hightower MOVED that pursuant to our discussion, the Board authorize Mr. Burkhalter to bring back at the February 24, 2015, meeting a proposed advertisement for the Superintendent Search; a recommendation for the application packet; a proposal for the places the advertisement should be run and for how long' and recommendations from legal counsel and/or the Board members for a person to serve as a clearinghouse/facilitator on a contracted services basis and rate or flat fee to be determined by the Board; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING: Mr. Hightower MOVED to schedule a Special Called Meeting on March 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss specifics regarding UNANIMOUSLY.

APPEALS

- A: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Hightower opposed).

B: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Hightower MOVED to vacate temporarily the existing expulsion determination by the Tribunal, which had upheld the Administration's recommendation under the Code of Conduct, and hold this interim action open until February 24, 2015, to work with the District's General Counsel on a possible agreement; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

C: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Hazen and Mr. Hightower opposed).

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: