

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 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. Tad Barber  
Mr. Ray Fleming  
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. Peggy Trivelas, 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 Superintendent/Board

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. Ray Fleming.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved. Mr. Hazen MOVED to add an item for discussion under Board member section regarding Committee for RFP; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes this meeting.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest Winners were recognized.
- District Spelling Bee Winners were recognized.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed establishing dates for make-up days due to inclement weather. Mr. Hightower MOVED not to establish make-up days at the present time; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION failed on a vote of 3 – 6 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mrs. English, Mr. Hazen, and Mr. Fleming opposed). Mr. Barber MOVED to establish March 7, 2014 and March 21, 2014 as two of the make-up days for student; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Mr. Geof Fountain presented a power point presentation regarding Community Facilities Committee.
  
- A-2 SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE UPDATE: Mrs. Glenda Wafford presented a power point presentation regarding Smart Snacks.
  
- 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 REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the students requesting to be released from Aiken County Public Schools to attend the out-of-district schools.
  
- B-3 KIMBERLY CLARK FOUNDATION GRANT TO JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 Kimberly Clark Foundation grant to Jefferson Elementary School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-4 OBTAIN CONTRACTS SERVICES PROVIDED BY PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP (PCG) FOR MEDICAID BILLING AND SECTION 504 DATABASE: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve contract services provided by Public Consulting Group (PCG) for Medicaid Billing and Section 504 Database.

B-5 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS 2014-2015: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Mr. West MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-58; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2013-2014; and classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 RENEWAL CONTACT FOR MIDLAND VALLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: Mr. Hightower MOVED to authorize the Board Chair to sign the proposed and recommended charter contract and renewal document with Midland Valley Preparatory School immediately as required by the amended charter laws; SECONDED By Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed). Mr. Hightower MOVED that the Administration proceed with attempting to negotiate and secure charter renewals with Lloyd Kennedy and Aiken Performing Arts – the other charters in the District upon negotiating similar documents with them, as required by the amended charter laws; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- COMMITTEE FOR RFP/RFQ: Mr. Hazen MOVED to form a committee of two board members with no more than four to review the RFP/RFQ's; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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; one from Area 4; one from Area 5; and two from Area 3; a short, verbal legal briefing update on these items; status of a due process appeal hearing; review of a decision letter on a personnel contract; and outcome of an employment compensation proceeding.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:41 p.m.

Mr. Smith left the meeting due to illness.

Executive session convened at 8:46 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:45 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 2; one from Area 4; one from Area 5; and two from Area 3; a short, verbal legal briefing update on these items; status of a due process appeal hearing; review of a decision letter on a personnel contract; and outcome of an employment compensation proceeding.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- REVIEW OF UPDATES TO PROPOSED CONTRACT (RFP/RFQ): Mr. Hazen MOVED to have the Administration move forward with the RFP/RFQ for Construction Management; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; Mr. Hightower MOVED to table the motion until February 11, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION failed on a vote of 2-6 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mrs. English, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Hazen opposed). Mr. Barber MOVED to call for the question of the motion on the floor; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ORIGINAL MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed).

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- CONSIDERATION OF DISMISSAL UNDER THE TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND DISMISSAL ACT: Mr. Green MOVED to authorize the Board Chair to sign a proposed order for the file, dismissing any necessary measures under the Teacher Employment and Dismissal Act, in light of the resignation received in reference to this employment action; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. 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.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 4. Mr. Liner 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 on a vote of 6-2 (Mrs. English and Mr. Barber opposed).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an elementary student in Area 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Barber MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mrs. English, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Fleming opposed).

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: