

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 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. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer for Operations
and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Mrs. Mattie Dillon, Interim Chief Officer
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
for Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
For Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Executive Director
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education

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. Keith Liner.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 9, 2016; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 9, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DeKoda Watson with the New England Patriots introduced Koda's Kids Foundation and gave a brief overview of programs and scholarships available to Aiken County students.

Butch Dorman spoke regarding Area 4 Property and New Holland Fire Department.

Doug Busbee spoke regarding Agricultural Education.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English gave a brief update on the SCSBA Annual Conference held February 17 - 21, 2016. Fran Altringer, Sharon Woorley and Dustin Fowler presented at the conference on Aiken County Virtual School. Presentation by Jack Gallagher - Prospective on Autism was very informative.

Chairman English reminded the Board of the MTU Tour on Friday, February 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 2016 STATE ASSESSMENTS UPDATE: Dr. Stowe presented a power point presentation regarding 2016 State Assessments Update.
- A-2 DISTRICT REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE: Dr. Stowe distributed information regarding District Registration Fee Schedule. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the District Registration Fee Schedule as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update regarding Legislative issues.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.
- B-2 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House donation to Chukker Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-3 RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPAIRS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid of \$23,400.00 and enter into a contract with Summit BSR Roofing for the Roof Repairs at Ridge Spring-Monetta High.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2015-2016; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Alford gave a brief update of events around the District. Dr. Yarborough introduced Shae Tigue and James Rickter with South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance. Mr. Rickter presented a power point regarding South Carolina Future Makers.

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: One student appeal from Area 1; Contractual Issues: Update on a real property disposition issue; Personnel Issue: Consideration and discussion of projected staff allocations and the effect on personnel; and Legal Briefing: Briefing update on one litigation matter; consideration and discussion of issues concerning a charter contract relationship.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:09 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:15 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:09 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeals: One student appeal from Area 1; Contractual Issues: Update on a real property disposition issue; Personnel Issue: Consideration and discussion of projected staff allocations and the effect on personnel; and Legal Briefing: Briefing update on one litigation matter; consideration and discussion of issues concerning a charter contract relationship.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPERTY PROPOSAL: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CHARTER SCHOOL: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING ALLOCATIONS: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the continuation the allocations as discussed for one additional year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: