

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2017

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 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
Mr. Ronnie West

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
Dr. DeeDee Washington, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
of Middle School
Mr. Scott Newman, Interim 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. Tray Traxler.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Mace abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- MLK Poster and Essay Contest winners were recognized.
- East Aiken School of the Arts was recognized as SC Exemplary Reading Award Winner.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items this meeting

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
 - Vice-Chairman Barber gave a brief update on the SCSBA Annual Conference in Hilton Head. The Board would like to thank Mr. Carl White, Mrs. Gina Bassford and Kennedy Middle on Stage for their outstanding participation in the SCSBA Annual Conference in representing Aiken County Public Schools.
 - Chairman Green wanted to thank Dr. Alford for his presentation to the Legislative Delegation on Monday, February 27, 2017.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief Legislative Update.

- A-2 STRATEGIC PRIORITEIS UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented the Strategic Priorities Update.

- A-3 CUSTODIAL TRAINING PROGRAM UPDATE: Dr. Foster and staff gave a brief update regarding Custodial Training Program.

- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL 2A & 2B ADDITION PROJECTS: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-6 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 2 A ADDITION PROJECT: 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 Hearing Officer.

- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Administration to release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION BY THE BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS INSURANCE TRUST RISK CONTROL GRANT – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust Risk Control Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE ACIG DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM GRANT – AIKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the ACIG Distinguished Arts Program grant for Aiken Middle School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE CURB APPEAL LANDSCAPING PROJECT PHASE II: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid and enter into a contract with The Groves Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$192,179.52 for the Curb Appeal Landscaping Project Phase II with Aiken County Public Schools: Fund I balance will be applied from Phase I Curb Appeal to Phase II Curb Appeal; and remaining funds necessary to complete Phase II Curb Appeal will come from the 5-year Plan Paving/Erosion Control Account.
- B-6 PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2017-2018: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the proposed calendar for 2017-2018.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6; SECONDED by Mr. Mace;
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified personnel for school year 2016-2017; and classified for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchiey; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Chairman Green discussed Board Sub Committees and requested participation.

Discipline Committee: Mr. Hightower, Mr. West, Mr. Barber and Mrs. English

Salary Committee: Mr. Liner, Mr. Samaha and Mr. Green

One Cent Sales Tax Committee: Mr. Mace and Mr. Samaha

Facilities Committee: Mr. Liner and Mr. Barber

Legislative Advocacy Committee: Mr. Liner, Mr. Samaha, Mr. Hightower and Mrs. English

Communications Committee: Mr. Mace and Mr. Hightower

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE: Dr. Alford gave a brief update of 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: Appeals: One student appeal (Area 2); Out-of-District Transfer Appeal (Area 2); Contractual Matters: consideration of proposed contractual request regarding charter school; and Brief Verbal Legal Update: one adversarial claim issue.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:08 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:15 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:01 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Appeals: One student appeal (Area 2); Out-of-District Transfer Appeal (Area 2); Contractual Matters: consideration of proposed contractual request regarding charter school; and Brief Verbal Legal Update: one adversarial claim issue

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- CHARTER SCHOOL REQUESTS: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: The Board received a legal update.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL (AREA 2): The Board heard an appeal from the parent from Edgefield County. Mr. Samaha MOVED to allow the students to enroll at North Augusta High School for the 2017-2018 school year provided tuition is paid; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained).

- b. STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 2): 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 Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: