

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 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. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith

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. 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 Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. West MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- BOARD APPRECIATION RECOGNITION: Dr. Everitt expressed appreciation to Board Members for their service and commitment to the students and staff of Aiken County Public Schools. Board members were presented with artwork created by a student in their area.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed the following: Aiken County Career and Technology Center Legislative Breakfast on February 10, 2014; Update on Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax; and Consideration of Board Meeting Time.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- 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 APPLICATION FOR IMPACT AID (SECTION 8003, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit the Application for Impact Aid (Section 8003, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965).

- B-3 PROCUREMENT AUDIT REPORT FOR THE THREE YEAR PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2013: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board accept as information the procurement audit for the three year period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE HVAC RENOVATION PHASE III AT SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from R.D. Brown Contractors credit in the amount Of \$41,486.00.
- B-5 GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION DONATION TO MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the General Mills Box Tops for Education donation to Millbrook Elementary School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-6 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIVE COURSES FOR 2013-2014 (THROUGH 1/21/14): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Local School Board Elective Courses (new) for 2013-2014 to date.
- B-7 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #3; FUND #2, 3, 8 AND 9(FY14): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #3; Fund #2, 3, 8 and 9 (FY14).
- B-8 LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT TO J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$4,995 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant to J.D. Lever Elementary School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen;
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

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

C-2 POLICY JIH – AMENDMENT TO POLICY JIH – STUDENT SEARCHES, INTERROGATIONS, & ARRESTS – FINAL READING: Mr. West MOVED to adopt on final reading Policy JIH, as amended; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- AREA 3 ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Mr. Hightower MOVED to appoint Ms. Rita Turner to the Area 3 Advisory Council with term ending June 30, 2017; 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: three from Area 1; two from Area 2; and one from Area 5; a very short, verbal legal briefing update on these items: filing of a negligence claim by parents; and information related to upcoming proposed charter contract matters; and proposed property consideration; Contractual issue pending – changes to a proposed RFQ/RFP; Personnel Issue: Board's review on the Record of Proceedings of a Grievance Appeal.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:42 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:47 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:50 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: three from Area 1; two from Area 2; and one from Area 5; a very short, verbal legal briefing update on these items: filing of a negligence claim by parents; and information related to upcoming proposed charter contract matters; and proposed property consideration; Contractual issue pending – changes to a proposed RFQ/RFP; Personnel Issue: Board's review on the Record of Proceedings of a Grievance Appeal.

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.

Mr. Hightower excused himself from the meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- CONSIDERATION OF A PERSONNEL APPEAL RECORD AND A REQUEST FOR HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 59-28-40 (H) OF THE CODE OF LAWS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to deny hearing request and uphold the Superintendent's recommendation; 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 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 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to allow the student to return to Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation until an Educational Evaluation is completed; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent did not show for the appeal. The Board 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 long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen 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 on a vote of 5-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Hazen opposed).

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

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: