

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, 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. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
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 Officer
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
To Board of Education

Chairman English called the special called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance and noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to receive a presentation and notice of intended inclusion of the District in an amended Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Plan and to hear student appeals.

Mr. Todd Glover, City Administrator for North Augusta, presented a power point presentation regarding Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Dianne L'tleureux spoke regarding the TIF.
- Jim Newman spoke regarding the TIF.
- Steve Donohue spoke regarding the TIF.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to schedule a Special Called Meeting to hear the pros and the cons from the public; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to schedule the Special Called Meeting regarding public comments for North Augusta TIF Plan on Monday, February 25, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of hearing student appeals: one from Area 1; two from Area 2 and two from Area 3.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Executive session convened at 7:56 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board heard five student appeals: one from Area 1; two from Area 2 and two from Area 3.

APPEALS:

- A-1 STUDENT APPEALS: 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 from the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Fleming opposed).

- A-2 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Also included in the motion was to have the administration to evaluate the student's record for 2013-2014 placement; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-3 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Barber and Mrs. English opposed).

- A-4 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Fleming abstained).

- A-5 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming 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. Also included in the motion, the Administration will evaluate course work to determine placement at home school; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-5 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to regular school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: