

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 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. King Luarence.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on January 19, 2016; and the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 26, 2016; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on January 19, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a voted of 7-0-1 (Mr. Mace abstained). Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 26, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- MLK Poster and Essay Winners were recognized.
- Elementary and High School Robotic Teams were recognized.
- PKMS Future City Winners were recognized.
- A.L. Corbett Middle School was recognized as Aiken County Middle School Football Champions.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English informed the Board the Budget Workshop scheduled for February 16, 2016, is cancelled. Chairman English also congratulated the winners in the District Spelling Bee held on February 1, 2016. Rosenwall Schools will be playing at the Aiken Playhouse on February 10, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the students indicated be released from Aiken County Public Schools to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 WESTERN CAROLINA STATE FAIR DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Western Carolina State Fair donation to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the money of the award and expenditures.

- B-4 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-5 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FOR THE SELECTIVE ROOF REPLACEMENT BYRD LEARNING CENTER: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 2 from Lloyd Roofing Company, Inc. in the credit amount of \$122,725.00.
- B-6 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE SELECTIVE ROOF REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS AT BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY & METAL ROOF REPAIRS TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY & NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 for the Selective Roof Replacement/Repair at Belvedere Elementary & Metal Roof Repairs to Aiken Elementary & North Augusta Elementary in the credit amount of \$72,665.00.
- B-7 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$2,498,500.00 and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds, Inc. for the HVAC Renovation Project at Redcliffe Elementary.
- B-8 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House donation to Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-9 CAROLINA PANTHERS FOUNDATION FOR THE CAROLINA GRANT FOR MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Carolina Panthers Foundation for the Carolinas Grant to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant and expenditures.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; and classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY DA – FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS-PRIORITY OBJECTIVES – FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on final reading the recommended amendments to current Policy DA – Fiscal Management Goals-Priority Objectives; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 RECOMMENDED POLICY ON DEBT MANAGEMENT – POLICY DCC – DEBT MANAGEMENT – FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on final reading the proposed Policy DCC – Debt Management; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 POLICY DFA – REVENUES FROM INVESTMENTS [RECOMMENDED NEW POLICY] – FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on final reading the proposed new Policy DFA – Revenues from Investments; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Hightower announced his intentions to run as SCSBA President Elect at the SCSBA Annual Conference and would like the support of the Board. Mr. West MOVED to support Mr. Hightower's bid to run for SCSBA President Elect; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Alford gave a brief update of events around the District. Mrs. Glover presented a power point presentation regarding Strategic Planning - Vision Process.

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 and one student appeal from Area 4; Contractual Issues: Update on two real property contractual matters: one concerning a small corner portion of the Aiken Elementary property; and one concerning the present status of the District Operations Center property; also, and update on one personnel contractual matter; and Legal Briefing: Briefing on one personnel matter and an update on two litigation issues and two agency administrative issues.

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.

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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 and one student appeal from Area 4; Contractual Issues: Update on two real property contractual matters: one concerning a small corner portion of the Aiken Elementary property; and one concerning the present status of the District Operations Center property; also, and update on one personnel contractual matter; and Legal Briefing: Briefing on one personnel matter and an update on two litigation issues and two agency administrative issues.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- AIKEN ELEMENTARY LAND SALE: No action necessary.
- OPERATIONS CENTER: No action necessary.
- PERSONNEL CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:
 - Mr. Mace MOVED to authorizes the administration to move forward with declaring and advertising an administrative vacancy at an elementary school, as discussed during personnel contractual issue in executive session; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained).
 - Mr. Hightower MOVED to authorize the administration to move forward with advertising administrative vacancies resulting from letters of intent; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an elementary school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to return the student to school on time served; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 4. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program in Area 4 on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mr. Hightower, Mr. Barber and Mrs. English opposed).

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: