

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 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. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

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. Joy Shealy, Academic Office
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Officer
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration
Mrs. Rose Puckett, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent

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. David Caver.

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 December 10, 2013; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on December 17, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2013; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on December 17, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Joerg Klisch was recognized as the Association for Career and Technical Education Award of Merit winner.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pattie Bourbeau spoke regarding Internship.

Jet Beckum spoke regarding Common Core.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed the success of the meeting with the Aiken County Legislative Delegation on Monday, January 13, 2014.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 COMMON CORE UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding Common Core Update.
- A-2 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board received and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF AUGUST 31, 2013: The Board received and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013: The Board received and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2013: The Board received and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2013: The Board received and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update. Mr. Hightower MOVED to re-establish communication sub-committee to get information out to the public regarding upcoming issues; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION ABC ARTS IN EDUCATION GRANT – EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Arts Commission ABC Arts in Education grant to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-3 POTASHCORP DONATION TO NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$10,000 PotashCorp donation to North Augusta High School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4 POTASHCORP DONATION TO PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$10,000 PotashCorp donation to Paul Knox Middle School and adjustments to the Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 POTASHCORP DONATION TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$10,000 PotashCorp donation to Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-6 POTASHCORP DONATION TO NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –
FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$5,334
PotashCorp donation to North Augusta Elementary School and adjustments to
the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and
expenditures.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6; 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; and classified
supplemental personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. West;
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 POLILCY JIH – AMENDMENT TO POLICY JIH – STUDENT SEARCHES,
INTERROGATIONS, & ARRESTS – FIRST READING: Mr. West MOVED to
approve the proposed changes to Policy JIH on first reading; SECONDED by Mr.
Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Hazen discussed Governor Haley's Educational Proposal.
- Mr. Fleming discussed Invitation from North Augusta 2000.

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: one from Area 4; one from Area 3; one from Area 2; and one from Area 5; a very short legal briefing update on these items: status of one EEOC claim; one unemployment claim; a bid protest; two First Amendment issues dismissal of the District from a bus claim; status on a tort suit; and two items related to proposed contract matters.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:28 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:33 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:23 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 4; one from Area 3; one from Area 2; and one from Area 5; a very short legal briefing update on these items: status of one EEOC claim; one unemployment claim; a bid protest; two First Amendment issues dismissal of the District from a bus claim; status on a tort suit; and two items related to proposed contract matters.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Dr. Debbie Bass, Temporary Assistant Principal at Chukker Creek Elementary for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; 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 high school student in Area 4. Mr. West MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; MOTION failed for lack of second. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and on long term assignment; MOTION failed for lack of second. Mr. Hazen MOVED to allow student to return to school on strict probation and not allowed to participate in extracurricular activities; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-6 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mrs. English, Mr. Hightower, and Mr. Fleming opposed). Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and on short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Hightower, Mrs. English and Mr. Hazen opposed).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to return to school on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Smith opposed and Mr. Hightower abstained).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The appeal was postponed until January 28, 2014.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard and appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-e: 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. Green, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: