

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
January 6, 2018

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 9:00 a.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
Mrs. Sandra Shealey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. DeeDee Washington, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
of Middle School
Mr. Alvin Pressley, Executive Director
of High School
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education

Chairman Green called the special called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

- **WELCOME:** Superintendent Alford welcomed those in attendances and gave a brief update on town hall meetings, transparency & public input.
- **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CONCEPT PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:** Dr. Washington gave a brief overview of Intermediate School Concept recommendation #1. Dr. Washington introduced Mr. Jess Hutchinson, Principal at Crossroads Intermediate School in Lexington-Richland School District 5. Mr. Hutchinson gave an overview of the Intermediate School Model and fielded questions from the Board members.
- **ATTENDANCE LINES ADJUSTMENT PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:** Mr. Laurence gave a detailed presentation regarding Attendance Lines Adjustments with recommendations 2 through 5 with priorities of utilization, balance and contiguous zones.
- **SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION:** Mrs. Gwen Hampton gave a brief overview of the Board's roles and responsibilities.
- **NEW BUILDING/RENOVATION PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Dr. Foster gave a detailed update regarding New Building/Renovation Project Recommendations. Recommendation 6 includes the following: expansion of Midland Valley High School; renovation and expansion of Hammond Hill Elementary, Belvedere Elementary, and Millbrook Elementary; and construction of a new elementary school and middle school between Graniteville and North Augusta.

- FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS: Mr. Traxler gave a detailed overview of Capital Improvement through 8% Funds and One Cent Sales Tax Funds. Mr. Mike Gallagher with Compass Municipal Advisors spoke regarding Funding & Debt Portfolio. Mrs. Frannie Heizer, Esquire with McNair Law Firm, P.A. spoke regarding Critical Decisions – Bond Referendum.

Chairman Green thanked everyone in attendance and the Administration and Staff for their hard work. The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: