

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 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. Tad Barber
Mr. Levi Green
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. 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 Board/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. Keith Liner.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on December 4, 2012; minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2012; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on December 18, 2012; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on December 4, 2012; the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2012; and the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on December 18, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Photo Year End Review for 2012 was presented.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests made for this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed the following: Special Called Meeting scheduled on January 15, 2013, for the purpose of a Budget Workshop starting at 6:00 p.m. and a Special Called Meeting scheduled on January 29, 2013, for the purpose of a Five-Year Facility Workshop starting at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 TECHNOLOGY NEWSLETTER: Ms. Terry Hallman presented a power point presentation regarding Technology Newsletter.

A-2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner discussed resolution sent to Board for review.

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 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FOR THE HVAC RENOVATION PHASE IV AT SOUTH AIKEN HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 2 from Gold Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$104,500.00 and transfer \$200,640.00 from Fund Five Reserve Contingency Account to South Aiken High HVAC Phase IV Project.

B-3 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid and Alternate #1 totaling \$2,206,000.00 and enter into a contract with R.D. Brown Contractors, Inc. for the HVAC Renovation at Silver Bluff High School Phase III.

B-4 SAVANNAH REMEDIATION, LLC STAR EDUCATION GRANT TO GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$5,000 Savannah River Remediation, LLC

STAR Education grant to Greendale Elementary and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-5 AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 2 for \$40,281.00 and deduct from project contingency balance.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5; 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 2012-2013; classified personnel for school year 2012-2013; classified personnel related to Board Member/Administrator for school year 2012-2013; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2012-2013; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2012-2013; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update of events around the District. Dr. Everitt introduced teacher Marla Herlong and congratulated her on publication of "Building Number Sense."

Mr. Caver discussed safety issues and concerns.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: a written briefing update on potential legal claim(s) and an update on one litigation item; and hearing four student appeals as follow: one from Area 5; one from Area 4; one from Area 3; and one from Area 1.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Hightower had to leave the Board meeting unexpectedly.

Executive session convened at 7:40 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:56 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: a written briefing update on potential legal claim(s) and an update on one litigation item; and heard four student appeals as follow: one from Area 5; one from Area 4; one from Area 3; and one from Area 1.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

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 5. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to enroll in the Alternative Program on strict probation after the completion of the 10 days out of school suspension. Also included in the motion, the student must write an apology letter to the staff member that the incident involved; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 4. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Fleming 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, to provide resources to parents for alternative education; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Smith abstained).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. West MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: