

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 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. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Ray Fleming
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction/Accountability
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Superintendent/Board

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. Ronnie West.

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 June 24, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 24, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Hazen abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jet Beckum spoke regarding Sales Tax.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of the Special Called Meeting on July 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering personnel appointment recommendations by the Superintendent for the 2014-2015 school year and discussion regarding question relative to the 1% Educational Capital Sales and Use Tax.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MAY 31, 2014: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board release the student from Aiken County Public Schools to attend school in another district with the stipulation that the District will have no responsibility for tuition of the receiving district.
- B-3 MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT GRANT SUBMISSION – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant of \$50,000; adjustments to the FY15 Fund 2 Budget to reflect the amount of the grant and the expenditures; and implementation of the program.

- B-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FOR THE SELECTIVE ROOF REPLACEMENT & REPAIRS AT GREENDALE ELEMENTARY AND PAUL KNOX MIDDLE: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 2 from Lloyd Roofing Company, Inc. as described above for the Selective Roof Replacement & Repairs at Greendale Elementary.
- B-5 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 TO THE UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AT BYRD LEARNING CENTER (BLC): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from G&G Electrical Service as described for the additional items needed at South Aiken High & BLC for \$120,651.67 and transfer \$120,651.67 from the code upgrade account.
- B-6 2014 REPLACEMENT OF BLEACHERS AT NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to enter into a contract with MasterCraft Renovations Systems LLC in the amount of \$66,850.00. The funding of \$80,000 will come from the Code Upgrades Account.
- B-7 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, series 2014.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Hightower MOVED to delay this item for discussion in Executive Session; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the proposed changes on first reading of Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 DISCUSSION ON QUESTION RELATIVE TO THE 1% EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL SALES AND USE TAX: Ms. Heizer with McNair Law Firm gave an overview of the 1% Educational Capital Sales and Use Tax. Mr. Burkhalter and Ms. Heizer fielded several questions from the Board.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Laurence gave a brief update on events around the District.

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: Legal Briefing as follows: update and consideration of a proposed contract amendment issue; Personnel Issues: Administrative Appointment; and Confirmation of Superintendent's Recommendation on a personnel matter.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:52 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:58 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:33 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal Briefing as follows: update and consideration of a proposed contract amendment issue; Personnel Issues: Administrative Appointment; and Confirmation of Superintendent's Recommendation on a personnel matter.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- MIDLAND VALLEY PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL: Mr. Hightower MOVED that the Board approve a request submitted by the Executive Director of Midland Valley Preparatory School wherein and whereby the school seeks to change its incorporated name to *Horse Creek Academy* and that the chair be authorized upon receipt of approvals by both Secretary of State and the South Carolina Department of Education, to enter into an amendment to the Charter agreement dated February 18, 2014 acknowledging and authorizing the change of name as far as our charter with them is concerned; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ITEM C-1, PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified (exempt) supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified (non-exempt) supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Phyllis Gamble, Principal of North Augusta Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- CONFIRMATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON A PERSONNEL MATTER: Mr. Green MOVED that the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation for non-renewal of a certified employee and authorize you to sign an order to document the record that no due process hearing was pursued in this matter; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Hazen abstained).

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

No items this meeting.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: