

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
July 18, 2017

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 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:

Mr. Levi Green, Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Cecil Atchley
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Ahmed Samaha
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jeremy Mace

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Mr. King Laurence, Chief Officer of Administration
Dr. DeeDee Washington, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Laurie Reese, 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 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Dr. Shawn Foster.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 27, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 27, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green discussed the work session scheduled for July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- Chairman Green discussed the SCSBA School Law Conference scheduled for August 19-20, 2017.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief Legislative Update.

A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL 2A & 2B ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 2A ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH VISITOR'S SIDE RESTROOM AND CONCESSION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 TRUANCY INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND COURT UPDATE: Ms. Sarina McDaniel, Juvenile Prosecutor with the Office of Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit presented a power point presentation regarding a partnership with the Aiken County School District utilizing a Truancy Intervention Program (TIP) to examine the problems associated with children who are truant from school and develop a long term action plan for improvement that involves both the student and the parent or guardian.
- A-8 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MAY 31, 2017: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2017-2018: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Administration to release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.

B-2 FY2017 APPLICATION FOR TITLE 1, PART A OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the submission of the Title 1 application to the South Carolina Department of Education, adjustments to the FY2018 Budget to reflect authorized expenditures, and implementation of the program.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-2; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Ronnie West addressed the Board as follow: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-13-460©, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 as amended, I shall not participate and will excuse myself from the Board Room for the next few minutes, as Item C-(1) is considered and acted upon by the Board. Since this item may substantially and directly affect me both in my employment-related circumstances, and otherwise, it is therefore appropriate that I recuse myself from participating or deliberating in this matter. I will return after the Board has completed any action on this Agenda Item.

I have provided a copy of this statement to you and the other Board members, and will ask that the Board's Administrative Assistant and recording Secretary, Mrs. Durden, include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. West left the Board meeting for Item C-1 to be considered and acted upon by the Board.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified retiree rehires personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2017-2018; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Several Board members thanked Mr. Ronnie West for his service to the students and staff of Aiken County. They also spoke of his kindness, friendship and especially being a prayer warrior. He will truly be missed but all wish him well in his new adventure.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Alford gave a brief update of events around the District.

Chairman Green 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: Personnel Issues: Consideration (discussion) of Administrative Appointments (as proposed employment contract matters); Legal Briefing: Verbal briefing on one Administrative matter and one procedural matter; and Student Appeals: two Out-of-District transfer requests.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:55 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:05 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:14 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: Consideration (discussion) of Administrative Appointments (as proposed employment contract matters); Legal Briefing: Verbal briefing on one Administrative matter and one procedural matter; and Student Appeals: two Out-of-District transfer requests.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

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PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

F-3-a: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Lindsey Hager, Assistant Principal of North Augusta Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-b: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF EAST AIKEN ELEMENTARY: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Anna Harbeson, Assistant Principal of East Aiken Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-c: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Ryacus Dean, Assistant Principal of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 2): The Board heard an appeal from the parents of a student in Edgefield County. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to continue at North Augusta High School for the 2017-2018 school year with tuition being waived; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 2): The Board heard an appeal from the parents of a student in Edgefield County. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to continue at North Augusta High School for the 2017-2018 school year with tuition being waived; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Berber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: