

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 19, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 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
Dr. John A. Bass
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and Accountability
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 1
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 2
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 3
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 4
Dr. Randy Stowe, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 5
Mrs. Rose Puckett, Administrative Secretary
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 Mrs. Rosemary English.

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 21 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 21, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Randy Fultz was recognized as MVHS Honor Band of America Winner.
- Representative Roland Smith presented a House Resolution In Honor of Duke Kight to the Kight family.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mrs. English read a letter from Representative Roland Smith regarding educational budget issues.

Mrs. English extend an invitation to Board members from Aiken Women's Club regarding October Read – "Calling of the Wild" on October 20, 2011.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MAY 31, 2011: 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 BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation regarding Budget Update.

A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update on Legislative Issues.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Area Assistant Superintendents.

B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 1): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the requests for Out-of-District transfers with the stipulation that there will be no obligation on the part of the School District of Aiken County.

- B-3 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION AND BUDGET FOR THE JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with construction documents phase which is final drawings and specifications for this project.
- B-4 2011 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid and Alternates #1, #2, #3, #4, & #6 for a total project amount of \$341,014.00 and enter into a contract with Contracting South, Inc.
- B-5 SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS, AIKEN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP GRANT, FY 2011-2012: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the District's 4-K bid to receive First Steps funding for an additional Child Development classroom at North Aiken Elementary.
- B-6 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DUES: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize continuation of membership in the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Mr. Fleming MOVED to reappoint Larry Anderson to the Area 2 Advisory Council with term beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update of events around the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal briefing – update on three litigation matters; result of state committee's action on a charter school proposal; the status of two grievance/EEOC filings; three unemployment compensation claims; status to two personnel issues; concluding actions on an EPA claim; and a proposed contractual matter involving naming an access way; Administrative Appointments; Student appeals as follow: one student discipline appeal from Area 5, and one transfer appeal from Area 1; and Personnel Grievance matter.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:49 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:54 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:25 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal briefing – update on three litigation matters; result of state committee's action on a charter school proposal; the status of two grievance/EEOC filings; three unemployment compensation claims; status to two personnel issues; concluding actions on an EPA claim; and a proposed contractual matter involving naming an access way; Administrative Appointments; Student appeals as follow: one transfer appeal from Area 1 (student discipline appeal did not show); and Personnel Grievance matter.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- ACTION ON AN EPA CLAIM: Mr. Fleming MOVED that pursuant to the explanation and discussion in Executive Session, the Board authorizes the Superintendent, Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, to execute on behalf of the School District the attached sheet representing the consent order acknowledgement in connection with the settlement of the Alternative Energy Resources Superfund Cleanup cite in Augusta, Georgia, which the School District is one of over 1200 named potentially liable parties under the federal environmental law; SECONED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- NAMING REQUEST RELATED TO A FACILITY ACCESS WAY: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the request related to naming a facility access way as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve the administrative appointment as recommended by the Superintendent; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pamalia Schofield, Assistant Principal at Schofield Middle School

Cathy Ellis, Assistant Principal at North Aiken Elementary School

Samantha Nobles, Assistant Principal at Byrd Elementary School

Patricia Wilson, PT Assistant Principal/PT Teacher at Oakwood Windsor
Elementary School

Eliza Paige Day, Assistant Principal at North Augusta High School

Peter Kosko, PT Assistant Principal at North Augusta High School and PT
Special Education Coordinator

Clinton Sanders, Assistant Principal at Busbee-Corbett School

Leslie Bee, Assistant Principal at Redcliffe Elementary

- PERSONNEL GRIEVANCE: Mr. Fleming stated that based upon the Board's consideration and deliberation concerning the Record from the lower levels in this Grievance, and specifically the decision of Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, dated June 27, 2011, I MOVE that the Board uphold Dr. Everitt's determination as set forth therein; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: TRANSFER APPEAL: Mr. Green MOVED to approve transfer request as presented provided tuition is paid and space is available; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dr. Bass MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: