

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 17, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 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. 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. Rosemary English, Chairman
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer
for Middle School
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education

Vice-Chirman Fleming called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Dwight Smith.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on June 19, 2012 and Regular Meeting held on June 26, 2012, were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on June 19, 2012 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 26, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Mr. Hightower abstained on the minutes for June 19, 2012).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Gateway Video presentation.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No information this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-2 UPDATE ON LEVEL STRUCTURE: Dr. Everitt presented an update on Level Structure.

A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented an Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Academic Officers.

B-2 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DUES: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize continuation of membership in the South Carolina School Boards Association.

B-3 REQUEST FROM THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the Administration to enter into an agreement with the North Augusta High School Athletic Booster Club to allow for fund raising, planning and building a Student Athletic Center in conjunction with school's Master Plan.

B-4 USC-AIKEN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN MIDDLE-LEVEL INTERDISCIPLINARY STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING GRANT TO LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,945 USC-Aiken Center of Excellence in Middle-Level Interdisciplinary Strategies for Teaching grant to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-5 2012 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE EAST AIKEN ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$85,000.00 and enter into a contract with Contracting South, Inc.

B-6 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION AND BUDGET FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH ADDITION PHASE I 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.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1, B-2, B-4 and B-5 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Item B-3 – Mr. Hightower MOVED to have the administration include the proper protocol in the Memorandum of Understanding prior to construction; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed). Item B-6 - Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to 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; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2012-2013; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2012-2013; classified personnel for school year 2012-2013; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2012-2013; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2012-2013; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2012-2013; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY KBE - *RELATIONS WITH PARENT ORGANIZATIONS*: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the suggested amendments on First Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONALLY APPROVED 2012-2013 BUDGET ITEMS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve use flexible State dollars to the extent possible to offset the loss of funding noted above. Should flexible State dollars be insufficient to offset the entire \$999,192, assuming the Governor's veto is not overridden, approve use to fund balance to offset the remaining shortfall; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR AREA 4: Dr. Bass MOVED to reappoint Debra McCormick, Jay Jackson and Malcolm Rawls to the Area 4 Advisory Council with term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES: Mr. Hazen discussed school construction procedures and notifications.

- RETIREE REHIRES: Mr. Smith discussed hiring of retirees. Superintendent Everitt will provide information as requested.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Vice-Chairman Fleming announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal Briefing as follows: dismissal of an administrative complaint; updates on three litigation items; and Consideration of an administrative appointment.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:46 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:51 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:57 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal Briefing as follows: dismissal of an administrative complaint; updates on three litigation items; and Consideration of an administrative appointment.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board heard a legal briefing with no action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Jennifer Warner, Assistant Principal of Aiken High School; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

No appeals this meeting.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: