

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 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. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, 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 of Education/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 Special Called Meeting held on June 4, 2013 and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on May 21, 2013; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - Regina Reddy spoke regarding Project Jackson
 - Jet Beckum spoke regarding Common Core
 - Dr. Tim Shannon and Dr. Monty Hunter spoke regarding SAHS Training Program
 - Steve Donahue spoke regarding Project Jackson

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No items this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETA HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 BACKGROUND ON HEALTH SCIENCE CLASS: Dr. Yarborough presented a power point presentation regarding Background on Health Science Class.
- A-4 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 approve the recommendation to release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 CEDAR CREEK LADIES' CLUB DONATION TO GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the

\$2,500 Cedar Creek Ladies' Club donation to Greendale Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-4 JOHN POWELL AND MELINDA LERNER DONATION TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$10,000 John Powell and Melinda Lerner donation to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-5 ATT&T CAREER EXPLORATORY GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$6,000 Career Exploratory Grant to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-6 ROTARY CLUB OF AIKEN GRANT TO GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,550 Rotary Club of Aiken grant to Greendale Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-7 FY2014 APPLICATION FOR TITLE I NO CHILD LEF BEHIND: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the submission of the Title I application to the South Carolina Department of Education, adjustments to the FY2014 Budget to reflect authorized expenditures, and implementation of the program.

B-8 NEGLECTED AND DELINQUENT APPLICATION – FY2013-2014: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the

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Neglected and Delinquent application to the State Department of Education and the implementation of the program for the 2013-2014 school year.

B-9 2013 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the Administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$349,000 and enter into a contract with Contractors South, Inc.; and transfer \$190,000 from the 2012-2013 Undesignated Funds.

B-10 2013 SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the Administration to accept the lowest quote from either H.G. Reynolds or Contractors South in order to complete improvements needed in the front student lot to avoid interference ahead of The New Project Addition before August 14, 2013.

B-11 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2013: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending June 30, 2013.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-11; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2013-2014; and classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 ANNUAL REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – SECOND READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to adopt on second reading the proposed changes in the Code of Student Conduct 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 2013-2014 BUDGET: Mr. Traxler gave an overview of the proposed 2013-2014 Budget. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the 2013-2014 Budget as recommended by the Administration to include all steps as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; Mr. Fleming MOVED to amend the motion to include a one-time 1% bonus for all non-instructional employees and teachers on Step 0, 1, 2, and 22 with funding coming from Fund Balance; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Barber opposed). ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to include in the Budget, \$400,000 for the Athletic Departments as a one-time disbursement from Fund Balance; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-6 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mrs. English, Mr. Green, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed).

Mr. Liner MOVED to fund the 2013-2014 Budget shortfall with a tax increase of 3.3 mills; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the increase for SFS managers salaries by 4% thru SFS Fund (not a Fund 1 request); SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

LOANS – Mr. Hightower requested to move this item to the meeting scheduled on July 16, 2013, due to time constraints.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Due to time constraints, Dr. Everitt will give a brief update at the meeting on July 16, 2013.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal Update on Proposed Contractual Negotiation – Intergovernmental Agreement with North Augusta; Legal Briefing on two EEOC items; one litigation item; and Administrative Appointment.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:38 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:41 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:33 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal Update on Proposed Contractual Negotiation – Intergovernmental Agreement with North Augusta; Legal Briefing on two EEOC items; one litigation item; and Administrative Appointment.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- LEGAL UPDATE ON PROPOSED CONTRACTED NEGOTIATION – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTH AUGUSTA: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the Administrative Appointments as presented by the Superintendent; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The appointments are as follow:

- Patricia Wilson, Assistant Principal split between J.D. Lever Elementary and Gloverville Elementary
- Diane Cole, Part-time Assistant Principal and Part-Time Reading Interventionist at Oakwood Elementary

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 10:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: