

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 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:

Mr. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Ray Fleming
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman

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 Superintendent/Board

Vice-Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input for District Strategic Plan.

Mrs. Glover presented a power point presentation regarding the District Strategic Plan. Three community members were present to discuss concerns, goals and challenges the District faces.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Tray Traxler.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2014; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. West MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2014; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- SAHS ROTC Cyber Team was recognized as State Champions.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Green discussed the following: Right Choices scheduled for March 15 at SMS from 8-12; and SCSBA 2DAC scheduled for May 14, 2014 for Aiken County.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 TECHNOLOGY UPDATE PRESENTATION: Dr. Cox presented a power point presentation regarding Technology Update.

A-2 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 ADDITIONAL FY14 TITLE II IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY FUNDS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the adjustments to the FY2014 budget to reflect these additional funds, authorized expenditures, and implementation of the Title II program.

B-3 SUMMER READING CAMP (Proviso 1.84) ALLOCATION OF \$28,729.20: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the adjustments to the FY2014 budget for approved expenditures and the implementation of this program.

- B-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 5 FOR THE 2-13 CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 5 from Contractors South, Inc. in the amount of \$26,800.00.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

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

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- SCSBA NOMINATIONS: Mr. Hightower spoke of his desire to run for the position of SCSBA Treasurer at the SCSBA Delegation Assembly in December 2014. Mr. West MOVED to recommend Mr. Hightower for the position of Treasurer at the SCSBA Delegation Assembly in December 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Hightower spoke in regard to Mrs. English's desire to run for Region 10 Board Member seat. Mr. Liner MOVED to recommend Mrs. English for the position of Board member for Region 10; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- AREA 3 ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Smith MOVED to reappointment Roger Boyd, Sarah Johnson, Gwendolyn Hightower and Tim Wilson to the Area 3 Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- AREA 4 ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Mr. West MOVED to appointment Sandra Shealy to the Area 4 Advisory Council: SECONDED by Mr. Hightower: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Vice-Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 3; and one from Area 5; Contractual Issue: Additional Consideration and Discussion of RFQ/RFP Contract Proposal; Personnel Issue: Department Realignment; and Brief Legal Update on one Administrative Proceeding.

Mr. West MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:09 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:14 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:05 p.m.

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CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF RFQ/RFP PROPOSED CONTRACT: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- DEPARTMENT REALIGNMENT: No action necessary.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an elementary student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION failed on a vote of 2-6 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner, Mr. Green, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Fleming, and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation for short term assignment. Also included in the motion, the Administration and parents will work together determine the student's placement when they return to their home school once all requirements have been completed; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Hightower opposed).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 5. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-4 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Green, Mr. Hightower, and Mr. Barber opposed). Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program in Area 5 on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: