

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 17, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Dr., Aiken, at 6:00 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. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Dr. Cecelia Davidson, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction/Accountability
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant to
Board of Education/Superintendent

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman English welcomed those in attendance and noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to have a Budget Work Study and to hear student appeals.

Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation regarding Budget Calendar Overview, Other Funds (Special Revenue, EIA, Debt Service, School Building, and School Food Service), Budget Input to Date and Other Considerations.

Mr. Traxler fielded questions from Board members.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 4; and three from Area 1.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchely; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:47 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:52 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:26 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 4; and three from Area 1.

APPEALS:

- A: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel your son, Ahmad Williams, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- B: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 4. Mr. Liner MOVED allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. West opposed).
- C: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mrs. English opposed).
- D: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Mace MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school. Also included in the motion, the student will be allowed to take qualified on-line courses as approved by the Administration and if the student successfully completes all course requirements, placement options for the 2015-2016 school year will be determined by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Hazen abstained).

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: