

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 19, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 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. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
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/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 Work Study for 2013-2014. Topics included in the presentation are as follow: Budget calendar overview; House projections; Education Finance Act (EFA) allocation; Budget input; and Funding options.

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: three from Area1; and two from Area 2.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:08 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:13 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:24 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: three from Area 1; and two from Area 2.

APPEALS:

- A-1 STUDENT APPEAL: Parent withdrew appeal on 3/15/13.
- A-2 STUDENT APPEAL: Parent withdrew appeal on 3/19/13
- A-3 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED By Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to allow the student to return to Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation. Also included in the motion the student will be suspended off the bus for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Liner opposed).
- A-6 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1-1 (Mr. Barber opposed; Mr. Fleming abstained).

A-7 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Fleming abstained).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: