

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 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
Dr. John A. Bass
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 1
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 2
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 3
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 4
Dr. Randy Stowe, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 5
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
To Board of Education

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Dr. Kevin O’Gorman.

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 February 16, 2011; minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on February 21, 2011; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2011, were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on February 16, 2011; minutes of the Special Called Meeting on February 21, 2011; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Mrs. Wesby abstained on the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on February 16, 2011; and Mr. Smith abstained on the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on February 21, 2011).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed a request by the South Carolina School Board Association. Mr. Liner MOVED to nominate Mr. Wesley Hightower as a candidate to run for the position of Secretary for the SCSBA; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman English distributed draft copies of letters to send to Rep. Roland Smith and Dr. Paul Krohne. With the Board's approval of these letters; Chairman English will send out letters as written.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 HIGH SCHOOL INTERVENTION STRATEGIES: Dr. O'Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding High School Intervention Strategies.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Area Assistant Superintendents.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the requests for Out-of-District transfers with the stipulation that there will be no obligation on the part of the School District of Aiken County.
- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4 TO THE TOTAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR TRANE CHILLERS AT MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH, SILVER BLUFF HIGH, AIKEN HIGH, AND CARRIER CHILLERS AT NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept Change Order Number 4 for Total Annual Maintenance Agreement for Trane Chillers and install new compressor at North Augusta High in the amount of \$33,865.00. Funding for Change Order Number 4 from Palmetto Air & Chiller Service, Inc. will come from the Maintenance Department.

B-4 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT APPLICATIONS, FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the 21st Century Grant application for North Aiken Elementary for FY12.

B-5 REVISION OF POLICY IKF-R GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – SECOND READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the revision to Policy IKF-R Graduation Requirements on Second Reading.

B-6 PROPOSED REVISION TO POLICY KD PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION – SECOND READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the proposed amendment to Policy KD on second reading and approve the suggested protocol that has been developed as a result of this undertaking.

Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2010-2011; and classified personnel for school year 2010-2011; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Wesley Hightower discussed SCSBA retreat on January 22 – 23, 2011 and topics of interest.
- Mr. Keith Liner discussed SCSBA Conference Follow-up and Presentation Request regarding Improving Student Achievement. ACTION ITEM: Schedule a Student Achievement Data 101 Workshop before May 31, 2011.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Everitt gave a brief update on events in the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Review of the District's Administrative Organizational Structure as it may impact on contract responsibilities; Legal briefing; Consideration of a proposed contractual arrangement; and Student appeals as follow: two appeals from Area 2; two appeals from Area 5; and two appeals from Area 1.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:24 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:29 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:31 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Reviewed the District's Administrative Organizational Structure as it may impact contract responsibilities; Legal briefing: Considered a proposed contractual arrangement; and Student appeals as follow: one appeal from Area 2; two appeals from Area 5; and two appeals from Area 1.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: No action taken.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent or student did not show for the appeal.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Smith, Dr. Bass, Mr. Hightower and Mrs. English opposed).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-5-1 (Mrs. Wesby, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. English, Dr. Bass, Mr. Liner opposed; Mr. Green abstained). Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2-1 (Mr. Hightower and Mr. Hazen opposed; Mr. Green abstained).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed; Mr. Green abstained).

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: This appeal has been postponed.

F-5-f: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to permanently expel the student from Aiken County Public Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mrs. English opposed).

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F-5-g: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an elementary student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to have the administration will evaluate the student to determine appropriate alternative placement. Also included in the motion the student will not be returning to their current school; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Green MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: