

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 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. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer for Operations
and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Mrs. Mattie Dillon, Interim Chief Officer
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
for Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
For Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Executive Director
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration
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 Mr. Tray Traxler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 19, 2016; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 19, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Mace abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- SMS HAM Radio Club was recognized for their awards received.
- SMS Space Camp Scholarship recipient Freddie Cheatham was recognized.
- NJROTC Units for AHS, SAHS, MVHS and SBHS was recognized.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of several upcoming events: 2DAC on May 11, 2016 has been canceled by the SCSBA; and Retirement Banquet will be held on May 16, 2016 at Newberry Hall.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No update this meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.

B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the request for out-of-district transfers.

B-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August for the 2016-2017 school year.

B-4 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS DONATION TO PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 donation to Paul Knox Middle School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-5 MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$5,000 Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina grant to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-6 SUBMISSION OF SC STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT TO APPLICATION BY NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the SC State Department of Education Arts Curricular Innovation grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-7 2016 REPLACEMENT OF BLEACHERS AT MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH AND WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$204,000.00 and enter into a contract with Master Craft Renovations Systems to replace bleachers to Midland Valley High and Wagener-Salley High.
- B-8 FACILITIES HEALTH AND SAFETY CLEANING PROGRAM FOR THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the proposal submitted by Augusta Janitorial Supplies & Equipment with a cost of \$4.00 per student and enter into a contract with the company.
- B-9 DEED OF EASEMENT TO S.C. ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY – AT SOUTH AIKEN HIGH: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the easement request and authorize the Chair and Superintendent to execute the proposed easement document.
- B-10 RUNNING TRACK-RESURFACING PROJECT FOR AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL AND SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with this project and enter into a contract with ATC Site Construction for the 2016-2017 Track for Silver Bluff High School and Aiken High for \$558,865.00 and the funds will come from the Athletic Facility Account.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; certified retiree rehires personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified retiree rehires personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; and certified supplement for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 COMPREHENSIVE REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed comprehensive Code of Student Conduct for each level as presented by the administration; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 GCCA – SHARED LEAVE (NEW POLICY): Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the Shared Leave Policy and Administrative Rule for First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-4 AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT LOGO RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the new Aiken County Public School District logo; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-5 2016-2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS AND STRATEGIES: Mr. Liner MOVED to ratify the goals and strategies established to accomplish the mission for Aiken County Public School District; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-6 2016-2017 TENTATIVE BUDGET: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the 2016-2017 tentative version of the budget; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

WorkKeys Retests power point presentation was presented.

Chairman English announced the Board will need to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board may choose: Office of District Superintendent: preliminary review of contractual and personnel aspects of a proposed departmental reorganization; Legal Briefing and Update: update on a personnel proceeding; consideration of a personnel contract matter associated with a reorganization; and Student Appeals: one appeal from Area 1.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:02 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:08 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:09 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Office of District Superintendent: preliminary review of contractual and personnel aspects of a proposed departmental reorganization; Legal Briefing and Update: update on a personnel proceeding; consideration of a personnel contract matter associated with a reorganization; and Student Appeals: one appeal from Area 1.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- CONTRACTUAL AND PERSONNEL ASPECTS OF A PROPOSED DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the Human Resources departmental reorganization plan and one salary adjustment for increasing a personnel contract to 12 months; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Atchley, Mr. Liner and Mr. Hazen opposed).

Mr. Mace MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: