

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 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:

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith

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. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer
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

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman English announced the Board would enter into Executive Session for the purpose of hearing student appeals. Following the Executive Session meeting the Board will convene for the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. After the regular meeting, there is a planned second Executive Session to be held for further appeals and business as will be announced before going into the second closed session. Thereafter, the Board will convene back into regular session to hear motions for any necessary decisions in connection with such appeals and other business as taken up during these Executive Sessions.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:01 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:04 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board heard one student appeal from Area 1. Decisions made by the Board will be announced after the second Executive Session.

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Keith Liner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved. Mr. Fleming MOVED to request that Item C-6 be presented before Informational Items (A); SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2014; SECONDED BY Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- SAHS ROTC Cyber Team was recognized as State Champions.
- SAHS Calliope was recognized for their accomplishments.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Liner spoke regarding graduation supplies.

William Sennerfeit spoke regarding Transportation.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of Salute to Elected Officials – SCANA Corporation Barbecue Dinner on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Misty Lake at 6:30 p.m.

The Board will meet on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. to hear student appeals.

INDIVIDUAL ITEM:

- C-6 NEW PROPOSED PLAN FOR SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the plan as written for Legislative amendments finalization; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 FRESHMAN ACADEMY UPDATE: Dr. Yarborough presented a power point presentation regarding Freshman Academy Update.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2014: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board that the student be released from Aiken County Public Schools to attend school in another district with the stipulation that the District will have no responsibility for tuition of the receiving district.

- B-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange students listed for admission to the School District of Aiken County for the 2014-2015 school year.
- B-4 UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AT BYRD LEARNING CENTER: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$221,600.00 and enter into a contract with G&G Electrical Service for replacement of the existing electrical systems at Byrd Learning Center (BLC).
- B-5 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT GREENDALE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$2,963,000.00 and enter into a contract with R.D. Brown Contractors, Inc. for the HVAC Renovation at Greendale Elementary School.
- B-6 TITLE I SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Title I allocations for the 2014-2015 school year.
- B-7 MIGRANT EDUCATION BASIC FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize submission of the application to the State Department of Education, adjustment of the Fund 2 Budget to the amount of the grant award and implementation of the program.

- B-8 MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina grant to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-9 MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina grant to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-10 MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina grant to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-11 SUBMISSION OF 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER GRANT FOR MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for Midland Valley High School.
- B-12 SUBMISSION OF 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER ACADEMIC BRIDGE PROJECT GRANT FOR NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Academic Bridge Project for North Aiken Elementary School.

B-13 DISTRICT TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2014-2015: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services.

B-14 RICHARD YOUNG ASSOCIATES, LTD DONATION TO SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,865.49 Richard Young Associates, LTD donation to South Aiken School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-15 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,059.91 Sunshine House donation to Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-16 SUBMISSION OF 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER GRANT FOR WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for Wagener-Salley High School.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through 16; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2013-2014; certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified retire-rehire personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2013-2014; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 ANNUAL REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed changes in the Code of Student Conduct 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 SELECTION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK: Mr. Hazen MOVED to allow the Administration to negotiate a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. for the building of a New Leavelle McCampbell Middle School Project utilizing the Construction Management at Risk delivery system; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 SALARY AND STAFFING STUDY PROPOSALS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve funding for a salary and staffing study; and approve Student-Centered Education Consulting Group, LLC to conduct the study; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-5 TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2014-2015: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the Tentative Budget for 2014-2015 as presented and include Level 1 priorities as follow: step increase for non-teachers; revise formula for high school assistant principal allocation; revise formula for middle school assistant principal allocation; increase bus driver pay by 2%; fund 1 teacher for drama at East Aiken Elementary; and fund 1 teacher for dance at East Aiken Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; Mr. Hightower MOVED to amend the motion to include funding of 2 additional ESOL teachers and create a position for a science curriculum specialist; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ORIGINAL MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Fleming opposed).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Chairman English announced the Board would need to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board may choose: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 2; one from Area 5 and three from Area 1; Personnel Issues: an administrative appointment; and Legal Briefing: very brief request for authority on a proposed property sale.

Mr. Barber MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:06 p.m.

Mr. Hazen left the meeting due to illness.

Executive session convened at 9:11 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:11 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 2; and one from Area 1; Personnel Issues: an administrative appointment; and Legal Briefing: very brief request for authority on a proposed property sale.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- PROPOSED PROPERTY SALE: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the sale of proposed property; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Jill Jett, Principal of South Aiken High School; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

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

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

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

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. West abstained).

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation and have the Administration adjust student's schedule as discussed; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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

F-5-h: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation. Also included in the motion, student will not be allowed to have cell phone on school property and must pay restitution; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: