

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MAY 15, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, 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
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 Davidson, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, 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 Office
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
To Board of Education

Chairman English called the special called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman English noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to conduct a Budget Workshop.

Mr. Traxler began the Tentative Budget for 2012-2013 workshop with a power point presentation including the following: Budget Calendar, Fund 1 Budget Recap, Administration's Recommendations, Considerations, Motion on Floor, and Next Steps.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to bring tabled motion to floor for discussion; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Liner MOVED to discuss each of the three bullet items separately; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Liner MOVED to use fund balance to fund platform migration, wireless overlay and AP textbooks; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to fund security cameras out of Fund 5; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Liner, Mrs. Wesby, Mr. Hazen and Dr. Bass opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to discuss each item separately and do a show of hands if interested; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items discussed:

Technology – additional staff with minimal needs (9)

CATE (9) –

3 curriculum coaches (8)

Asst. Principal 5% increase (3)

2 FTE to East Aiken Elementary (8)

2 FTE to Strings Program (9)

Accounting Specialist for Special Revenue (8)

Volunteer Coordinator Position (7)

Attendance Clerk (6)

Instructional Supplies (1)

Janitorial Supplies (1)

Gang Awareness (1)

Title I allocations at highest poverty schools and hiring additional 1st grade teachers at 9 elementary schools were discussed. Mr. Hightower MOVED to increase Title I allocations at highest poverty school and use additional Title I dollars to hire a 1st grade Class Size Reduction Teacher at the 9 elementary schools; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the budget recommendations as follow: two new Educational Technology positions (\$164,022), contracted services for technology (repairs/maintenance services to reduce work order time) (\$150,000), three new curriculum coach positions (math, ELA, social studies) (\$225,000), additional allocation of 3.70 FTE teachers for CATE (was reduced by one-third of original recommendation) (\$203,500), 1 FTE teacher for East Aiken School of the Arts (reduced by 1 FTE from original recommendation) (\$55,000), 1 FTE teacher for strings program (.25 FTE each to four schools) (reduced by 1 FTE from original recommendation) (\$55,000), upgrade vacant accounting position (\$20,839), new volunteer coordinator position (\$47,157), full time attendance clerk at RSMHS, WSHS, and SBHS (.50 FTE formerly allocated) (\$30,106), and assistant principal salary scale by 2% (in addition to 2% increase for all employees) (\$76,541) for a total of 4.6 operating mill increase; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Green and Mr. Hightower opposed).

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Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: