

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MAY 20, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 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. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Tad Barber  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Ray Fleming

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent  
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office  
for High School  
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant to  
Board of Education/Superintendent

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chairman English welcomed those in attendance and noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to hear transfer appeals and student appeals.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Transfer appeals from Areas 2 and 1, respectively and Student appeals as follow: one from Area 3; one from Area 2; and six from Area 1.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:02 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:07 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:19 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Transfer appeals from Areas 2 and 1, respectively and Student appeals as follow: one from Area 3; one from Area 2; and six from Area 1.

#### APPEALS:

A-1 TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard a transfer appeal from the parents of an elementary student. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the transfer provided tuition is paid and reimbursement from zoned County as discussed; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-2 TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the transfer to Area 3 for the 2014-2015 school year. Also included in the motion, transportation needs to be provided, space availability, and must follow the Code of Student Conduct; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-3 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner. Mr. Hazen MOVED to amend the motion to include the following: Administration evaluate student for eligibility of 504 Plan and determine placement for the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-4 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-5 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Green MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year and allow the student to take exams at a time determined by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

A-6 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

- A-7 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-8 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year and allow the student to take exams at a time determined by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).
- A-9 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-10 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-4 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mr. West, and Mr. Hightower opposed). Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest of strict probation for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Smith and Mrs. English opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: