

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
May 21, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 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. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

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. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Office
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Officer
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education/Superintendent

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman English welcomed those in attendance and noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to go into Executive Session to hear student appeals; return to open session to receive public input on North Augusta TIF; and conduct a Budget Work Study.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:04 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:08 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: two student appeals.

APPEALS:

- A-1 STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Green opposed).
- A-2 STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-3 STUDENT APPEAL: This appeal was withdrawn by the parent on 5-21-13.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NORTH AUGUSTA TIF:

The following individuals spoke regarding the North Augusta TIF – Project Jackson:

Steve Donohue
Rick Brisson
Cindy Scott
Fred Ilardi
Katrina Flowers
Tom Fisher
Gina Reddy
Scott Gudith
Patricia Donohue
David McGhee
Catie Rabun
Dianne L'Heureux
Sheri Alexander
Bob Gilbert
Jeremy Mace
Kelly Zier
Randy Sullivan
Jane Page Thompson
Jet Beckum
Walker Posey
Turner Simkins
Ed Presnell
Rachel Franklin
Todd Glover
Bill Harrell
Tom Greene
Will Williams

BUDGET WORK STUDY started at 9:05 pm:

Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation regarding the 2013-2014 Budget.

Board members discussed items they would like to include in the 2013-2014 Budget.

OPTIONS REGARDING SHORTFALL: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the options for decreasing the funding shortfall by swapping the millage, flexing funds for science kits, and closing all facilities seven days at Winter Break; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board members discussed in detail the \$1.2 million shortfall still facing the District after approving the options as stated previously.

Mr. Liner MOVED to include the shortfall of \$1.2 million and pay for high school bus drivers for athletic events with a not to exceed millage increase of 3.5 mills; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. West, Mrs. English, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Smith opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to use fund balance to fund 8 Reading Interventionist; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. English, Mr. Hazen and Mr. West opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the increase for SFS managers salaries by 4% thru SFS Fund (not a Fund 1 request); SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Consideration of Proposed Easement Request.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to waive the policy to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m.; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 10:52 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Consideration of Proposed Easement Request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED EASEMENT REQUEST: No action required. The Administration will discuss this matter and bring back a recommendation at a later date.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: