

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, MAY 26, 2015, 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. 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
Mrs. Laurie Reese, 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/Superintendent

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Dr. Randy Stowe.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on May 5, 2015; and minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 12, 2015;; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on May 5, 2015; and minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 12, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- ACCTC HOSA Health Care Display Winners were recognized.
- Aiken County Young Entrepreneur Academy Participants were recognized.
- North Augusta High School was recognized as Most Outstanding FBLA Chapter for South Carolina.
- LMMS students, Shelby Dyer and Adrienne Prupis were accepted to the American Choral Directors of America Middle School Honor Choir.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bob Simpkins spoke regarding Bus Issues.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed the following: Superintendent Input Sessions: May 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at AHS, MVHS, RSMHS and JMS; and June 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at NAHS and WSHS; Superintendent Search Committee Meeting scheduled for May 26, 2015 has been cancelled; and Special Called Meeting scheduled for June 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for Public Input regarding Budget.

Superintendent Everitt introduced Elaine Grice, Manager of Finance Operations.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 UPDATE ON TESTING: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools as requested.

- B-3 LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$5,000 Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Toolbox for Education grant to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4 LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Toolbox for Education grant to Chukker Creek Elementary and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 DISCOVER CARD GRANT AWARD TO NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$6,000 Discover Card Grant Award to North Augusta High School and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-6 DEMOLITION OF THE 5TH HALL BUILDINGS AT NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the GMP Pricing of \$231,372.00 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. for the Demolition of the 5th Hall Buildings at North Augusta High School.

- B-7 INSTALLATION OF SYNTHETIC TURF AT NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the GMP Pricing of \$671,472.00 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. for the Installation of Synthetic Turf at North Augusta High School.
- B-8 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT PHASE 1: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of \$223906.18.
- B-9 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF MILK BID: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize School Food Service to award the milk bid to Borden Dairy, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- B-10 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF BREAD BID: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize School Food Service to award the bread bid to Derst Baking Company, LLC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. West MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; and classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-2 ANNUAL REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED adopt on second reading the proposed changes in the Code of Student Conduct 2015-2016, as amended; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 POLICY ADF- WELLNESS [ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS] – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed amendments to Policy ADF – Wellness; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 POLICY DKC – EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION/REIMBURSEMENT – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed changes on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL FOR 2015-2015 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED approve the re-employment for the 2015-2016 school year all non-instructional personnel under Service Agreements and not listed on the attached list. Personnel listed on the attached “HOLD” list may be recommended for employment at a later date; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Chairman English discussed Quantitative Rating Form and requested feedback. This item will be added to the agenda for the Special Called Meeting on June 2, 2015, for discussion.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave an update of events around the District.

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: Personnel Issues: Consideration of Administrative Appointments; Legal discussion points (only) on one pending personnel hiring issue; update on another pending personnel matter; Student Appeals as follow: one from Area 4; two from Area 1; and one from Area 5; and Legal Briefing: discussion consideration (only) of one proposed contractual negotiation; recent filing of a personal injury lawsuit; and scheduling of depositions in another pending litigation.

Mr. Mace MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:03 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:08 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:46 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: Consideration of Administrative Appointments; Legal discussion points (only) on one pending personnel hiring issue; update on another pending personnel matter; Student Appeals as follow: one from Area 4; two from Area 1; and one from Area 5; and Legal Briefing: discussion consideration (only) of one proposed contractual negotiation; recent filing of a personal injury lawsuit; and scheduling of depositions in another pending litigation.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

ATTACHMENT 1: Mr. West MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Davina Truitt, Assistant Principal at Busbee Elementary-Corbett Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTACHMENT 2: Mr. Green MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Brad Watson, Principal at Hammond Hill Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Patricia Wilson, Principal at North Augusta Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint John Metts, Principal at Millbrook Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The student and the parent left before the appeal was heard. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student from Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student from Area 5. Mr. Green MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year and allow the student to take exams at a time to be determined by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Mrs. English, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Mace, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Green and Mr. Barber opposed).
- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Barber MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year and allow the

student to take exams at a time to be determined by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Mr. Atchley, Mrs. English, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Mace and Mr. Hightower opposed). Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mrs. English and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Green MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year and allow the student to take exams at a time to be determined by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Atchley, Mr. Hightower, Mr. Mace and Mr. Hazen opposed).

Mr. Hightower requested to revisit Item C Student Appeal.

- c. STUDENT APPEAL: Mr. Hightower MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year and allow the student to take exams at a time to be determined by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mrs. English, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Mace opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: