

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 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. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
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 of Education

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 Regular Meeting on October 27, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 27, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- East Aiken School of the Arts was recognized for hosting The State's Arts in Basic Curriculum Meeting.
- South Aiken High School Welding Instructor, Oscar Rushton was recognized for his publication in Welding Magazine.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Judy Beck, Dean of the School of Education at USC Aiken introduced herself and shared information regarding the School of Education.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mrs. English informed the Board the Boardmanship Workshop with SCSBA has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Leavelle McCampbell Middle School is scheduled for November 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update. Mr. Liner also gave a brief update regarding Salary Study Sub Committee.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

B-2 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student listed for admission to the School District of Aiken County for the spring semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

B-3 PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the cancellation of the Winter Recess Day scheduled for January 4, 2016 for students and staff and utilize this day as the second of two mandated make-up days.

B-4 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE NEW LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with the contract documents and final working drawings and specifications for this project.

B-5 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with the contract documents and final working drawings and specifications for this project.

Mr. West MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

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

C-2 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY GCD – PROFESSIONAL STAFF VACATION AND HOLIDAYS – FIRST READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve on first reading the recommended amendments to Policy GCD in order to establish a consistent number of vacation days earned for all twelve month employees, establish a cap for accruing unused vacation days, and adjust the holiday leave as outlined; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY GDD – SUPPORT STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS – FIRST READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve on first reading the recommended amendments to Policy GDD in order to establish a consistent number of vacation days earned for all twelve month employees, establish a cap for accruing unused vacation days, and adjust the holiday leave as outlined; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-4 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY CFA SCHOOLS PRINCIPALS/BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS – FIRST READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed amendments to Policy CFA – Principals/Building Administrators; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-5 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY ECB – BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE – FIRST READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed amendments to Policy ECB – Buildings and Ground Maintenance; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Alford gave a brief update of events around the District. Dr. Alford introduced Mrs. Denise Smith, Interim Principal at Aiken Middle School. Ms. Smalls gave a brief update on ICARE.

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: Contractual Issue: Discussion and Consideration Regarding Job Title; Student Appeal: Area 3; and Legal Briefing: short verbal update on two legal claims.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:05 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:10 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:05 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issue: Discussion and Consideration Regarding Job Title; Student Appeal: Area 3; and Legal Briefing: short verbal update on two legal claims.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- CONTRACTUAL ISSUE CONSIDERATION REGARDING JOB TITLE: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding Job Title change effective immediately; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Mace opposed).

Mr. Green MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Atchely; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: