

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 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. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
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. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary 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 Mr. Levi Green.

SWEARING IN OF RECENTLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Burkhalter swore in Mr. Tad Barber, Mr. Ronnie West, Mr. Keith Liner and Mr. Richard Hazen as newly elected Board members. New Board members introduced their family and friends attending the meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2012, were presented for approval. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-0-4 (Mr. Barber, Mr. West, Mr. Green and Mr. Smith opposed).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- North Augusta High School State Swim Champions were recognized.
- Dr. Gary Senn presented Jennifer Holley, North Augusta High School, with the Spirit of Ruth Patrick Award.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests made for this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English made remarks regarding the meeting with Aiken County Legislative Delegation. Mr. Liner discussed setting up a meeting at the Legislative Advocacy Conference to receive input from other Districts regarding one cent sale tax option. Mr. Fleming MOVED to set up an informal meeting with other Districts and Mr. Duane Cooper to discuss one cent sale tax options at the Legislative Advocacy Conference; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL 21st CENTURY CLASSROOM: Mrs. Wendy Jacobs presented a power point presentation regarding North Augusta Middle School 21st Century Classroom.
- A-2 MAP TESTING: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding MAP testing.
- A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner discussed several legislative issues and presented a Resolution regarding Sequestration. The Resolution will be brought back at the December 11, 2012, Regular Board meeting for further discussion and decision.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the release of the student to attend the out-of-district school with no financial responsibilities.

B-3 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #3 (fy13) – FUND #1 (GENERAL): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #3 (FY13) – Fund #1 (General).

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2012-2013; classified personnel for school year 2012-2013; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2012-2013; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2012-2013; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Green thanked Ms. Tomiko Smalls, Mr. Brooks Smith and Dr. Sal Minolfo for their willingness to participate in several programs in Area 5.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update of events around the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal briefing; two foreign exchange student appeals and one student appeal from Area 1.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:20 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:25 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal briefing and two foreign exchange student appeals (student appeal was a no show).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the foreign exchange student to enroll in Aiken County Public Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the foreign exchange student to enroll in Aiken County Public Schools and it be retroactively; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student left prior to the appeal hearing.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: