

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 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
Dr. John A. Bass
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

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
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and Accountability
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services
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 approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on November 1, 2011; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 8, 2011; were presented for approval. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on November 1, 2011; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 8, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No request this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- SCSBA Self Assessment will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.
- Chairman English discussed adding student appeals to the meeting scheduled on November 29, 2011 – no objections were made. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Chairman English informed the Board of the request from a board member to attend the No Child Left Out Conference. No objections were made.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 REPORT CARD UPDATE: Dr. O'Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding Report Card Update.
- A-2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update. Mr. Liner informed the Board that Mr. Scott Price, General Counsel for SCSBA, will provide a legal update on legislative issues at the Board Meeting scheduled January 10, 2012.
- A-3 RECOMMENDATION FOR USE OF FUND BALANCE ON CYCLIC MAINTENANCE: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

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 BYRD LEARNING CENTER (BLC) FOOD SERVICE OPERATION CENTER PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve and authorize the administration to accept the low construction bid amount of \$1,547,000.00 which includes Alternate #1 and enter into a contract with R.D. Brown Contractors, Inc. for construction of the Byrd Learning Center (BLC) Food Service Operation Center Project.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-2 as recommended; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; and substitutes recommended for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 REVISION OF POLICY AD – SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION – FIRST READING: Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed revision of Policy AD so that our Board Policy and district strategic plan are consistent; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

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: Contractual Issues: Discussion of Superintendent's Employment Evaluation and Contract; Legal briefing: An information-only distribution was made regarding updates on two litigation items, an Employment Workforce hearing, and a proposed contractual matter; Personnel Issue: Contract Consideration; and Student appeals as follow: one from Area 1 and one from Area 4.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:06 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:11 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:21 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issues: Discussion of Superintendent's Employment Evaluation and Contract; Legal briefing: An information-only distribution was made regarding updates on two litigation items, an Employment Workforce hearing, and a proposed contractual matter; Personnel Issue: Contract Consideration; and Student appeal from Area 1 (student from Area 4 did not show for appeal).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- a. DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT EVALUATION AND CONTRACT: Mr. Fleming MOVED that, as a result of the Superintendent's overall very good evaluation, we authorize the Board Chair to execute an amendment to the Superintendent's contract extending it by one year, or through June 30, 2015. The Superintendent did not receive an additional increase as a result of the evaluation. However, she previously received a 1% increase along with all other employees effective July 1, 2011; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; Mr. Hightower asked for the record to reflect that he truly enjoyed being a part of this process in Executive Session today but he still believes that, as he had mentioned earlier, it has nothing to do with the Superintendent but there [are] some things when he looks at the evaluation...he thinks the Superintendent has made a good effort but he is really concerned about a major area and, with that being said, he wanted to make sure whatever vote that he cast, that the Superintendent or anyone else, [did not] see it as being something about the Superintendent; it's about looking at the results. MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board received an information-only distribution.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- a. CONTRACT CONSIDERATION: No action necessary.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent did not show for the appeal. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student from Area 1. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: