

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, 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
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. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Dr. Cecelia Davidson, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction/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 special called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student appeals as follow: two from Area 1 and one from Area 3.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:01 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Hightower arrived at 6:50 p.m. due to prior commitment.

Regular Session resumed at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered the following matters: Student appeals as follow: two from Area 1 and one from Area 3.

AAPEALS:

- A-1: 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 and provide a formal apology to the Tribunal (letter or in person); SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained).

- A-2: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained).
- A-3: STUDENT APPEAL: Parent withdrew appeal.
- A-4: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Smith MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2-1 (Mr. Hazen and Mr. Green opposed; Mr. Hightower abstained).

REGULAR SESSION

- TIF PRESENTATION BY POPE ZEIGLER, LLC AND TOWN OF JACKSON OFFICIALS: Mr. Pope presented a detailed overview of the TIF Proposal and Redevelopment of the Town of Jackson and the impact it will have on the Aiken County School District. A motion was made to approve the agreement and seconded. After much discussion from several Board members and concerns regarding public input, the motion was withdrawn. The item will be placed on the agenda for December 6, 2011, for public input.
- BUDGET WORKSHOP 101: Mr. Traxler gave a brief overview of the outline for the Budget 101 Workshop which included the following: Budget Calendar; Demographics; Funds and Fund Descriptions; Budget Types; Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances; Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs); Student Projections and Staffing Ratios; and Recap of Reductions – Years 2008-09 through 2010-11.

Mr. Traxler presented a power presentation outlining each topic in detail. After completing his presentation Mr. Traxler addressed several questions from the Board members.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: