

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 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. Tad Barber
Mr. Ray Fleming
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

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. 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 Mr. Wesley Hightower.

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 on September 23, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 23, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Fleming abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steven Petersen spoke regarding One Cent Sales Tax.

William Senterfeit spoke regarding School Bus Route.

Bob Pettit spoke regarding STEM.

Bernard Wade spoke regarding Transportation.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle School Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding Curriculum and Assessment Update.
- A-2 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No Legislative items to update Board this meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the request to release students from Aiken County Public Schools to attend school in another district and with no financial obligations to the receiving district.
- B-2 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student for admission to the School District of Aiken County in January for the spring semester of the 2014-2015 school year.
- B-3 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the approval by the Associate Superintendent for Administration for the program of home instruction for the students indicated on attachment.

- B-4 SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT FOR MIDLAND VALLE HIGH SCHOOL – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve South Carolina Department of Education's Arts Curricular Innovation Grant to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant and expenditures.
- B-5 WARRENVILLE ELEMENTARY'S TITLE I DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL NOMINEE GRANT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$5,000 Title I Distinguished School Nominee Grant to Warrenville Elementary School.
- B-6 DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION YOUTH LITERACY GRANTS TO BUSBEE-CORBETT ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$6,000 Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Grants to Busbee-Corbett Elementary/Middle School and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-7 TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINE: Mr. Hightower MOVED to gather additional information and bring back findings on October 28, 2014, Regular Board Meeting to make a final decision regarding Transportation request; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Item B-7 was voted on separately).

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Everitt gave a brief 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: Student Appeals as follow: Student Appeal as follow: one from Area 1; Administrative Appointment: Approval of Assistant Principal recommendation; and Contractual Issues: Contractual issues related to personnel allocations; and Consideration of Amendment to Superintendent's Evaluation Timeline.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightiwer; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:08 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:13 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:35 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeals as follow: Student Appeal as follow: one from Area 1; Administrative Appointment: Approval of Assistant Principal recommendation; and Contractual Issues: Contractual issues related to personnel allocations; and Consideration of Amendment to Superintendent's Evaluation Timeline.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- CONTRACTUAL ISSUES RELATED TO PERSONNEL ALLOCATIONS: No action necessary on this item.
- SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION TIMELINE: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding all changes to the Evaluation Timeline as requested; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT:
 - NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mr. Sheldon Higgenbottom, Full Time Assistant Principal at North Augusta High School; and further approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mr. Perry Smith, Part-time Assistant Principal and Part-time Teacher at North Augusta High School; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation on long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Liner opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: