

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 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
Dr. John A. Bass
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Dwight Smith

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.

Chairman English thanked Dr. Bass and Mrs. Wesby for the service to the children of Aiken County Public Schools during their time as Board members.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Richard Hazen.

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 9, 2012, were presented for approval. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 9, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests made for this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed a memo regarding Schedule and Procedures for Superintendent's Evaluation.

The Board will meet with the Aiken County Legislative Delegation on November 12, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in the Aiken County Council Building.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 COACHING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP: Academics Officers presented a presentation regarding Coaching for Instructional Leadership.

- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE JACKSO MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM RESTROOM ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner had no items to discuss this meeting.

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 CEDAR CREEK LADIES' CLUB DONATION TO GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Cedar Creek Ladies' Club donation to Greendale Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE HVAC RENOVATION PHASE IV AT SOUTH AIKEN HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from Gold Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$38,555.00.

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

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2012-2013; certified retiree rehire 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.

- C-2 PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY AAA – LEGAL STATUS OF AREA ADVISORY COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS – FINAL READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED that the Board approve the amended *Policy AAA, Legal Status of Area Advisory Councils and Administrative Areas* on Final Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Hightower discussed the memo sent to the Board regarding Schedule and Procedures for Superintendent's Evaluation.

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: Short legal briefing on four legal claims; consideration of an administrative appointment; and six student appeals as follow: three from Area 1; one from Area 2; and two 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 7:40 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:45 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:18 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Short legal briefing on four legal claims; considered an administrative appointment; and heard six student appeals as follow: three from Area 1; one from Area 2; and two from Area 4.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERATION: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVES to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mrs. Wesby abstained).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 4. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Also included in the motion, the student will not be able to participate in any sports; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 4. Mr. Fleming MOVED to expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year only; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-f: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Also included in the motion, was permission to enroll him in an accredited home school association. If student completes all coursework as required, the administration will determine placement for the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-2 (Dr. Bass and Mrs. Wesby opposed).

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: