

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 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. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction
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. Rose Puckett, Administrative Assistant
to 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 Mrs. Rosemary English.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 13, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 13, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mrs. English informed the Board the Boardmanship Workshop with SCSBA has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 2015 SUMMER CYCLIC STATUS REPORT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-2 CURB APPEAL LANDSCAPE PLANS: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No items to discuss this meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 SUBMISSION OF THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT (EEDA) PREPARING COLLEGE AND CAREER-READY GRADUATES GRANT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College and Career-Ready Graduates grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-2 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the approval by the Associate Superintendent for Administration for the program of home instruction for the students indicated.

- B-3 DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION YOUTH LITERACY GRANT TO MOSSY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grant to Mossy Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-4 SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR LEAVELLE McCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Equipment Assistance Grant to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT AIKEN ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$40,291.68>.
- B-6 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of <\$25,743.39>.
- B-7 PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET CALENDAR: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the proposed 2016-2017 budget calendar presented.

Mr. Barber MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7; SECONDED by Mr. Mace;
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; and certified supplemental for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 SUPERINTENDENT'S PATH FORWARD: Superintendent Alford and Administrative Staff presented a power point presentation regarding recommendations for Superintendent's Path Forward. Superintendent Alford met with Board members, in groups of three prior to the Board meeting, to present recommendations. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the Superintendent's Path Forward and recommendations as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- REPORTS FROM BOARD LIAISON TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES: Mr. Hightower gave an update on Communication Committee.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Alford 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:
Personnel Issues: Discussion and Consideration of Contractual Matters Regarding Personnel Issues.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:13 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:18 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:13 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: Discussion and Consideration of Contractual Matters Regarding Personnel Issues.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTUAL MATTERS REGARDING PERSONNEL ISSUES: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendations of the Administration regarding contractual matters related to job descriptions and salary schedule; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

No items this meeting.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: