

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 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. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

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 Dr. Cecelia Hewett.

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 October 14, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 14, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hazen abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- NEW TO POSITION ADMINISTRATOR FOR 2014-2015: Mr. Perry Smith, Part-time Assistant Principal and Part-time Teacher at North Augusta High School, was introduced.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English recognized Mr. Ray Fleming and Mr. Dwight Smith for their dedication, support and service as a Board member for the students of Aiken County.

Chairman English reminded the Board of AdvancED interviews scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014 from 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please notify Dr. Everitt if you will be able to attend.

A power point presentation of the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony of Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle School was presented.

Mr. Hazen left the meeting due to personal matters.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY UPDATE: Mrs. Kitchings and Mrs. Sanders-Pee presented a power point presentation regarding North Aiken Elementary Update.

A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: 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 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.

B-2 SUBMISSION OF 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER GRANT FOR WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for Wagener-Salley High School.

- B-3 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION ABC ARTS IN EDUCATION GRANT – EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Arts Commission ABC Arts in Education grant to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-4 AIKEN COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL CITIZENS, INC. DONATION TO NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY 15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,050 Aiken County Association for Special Citizens, Inc. donation to North Augusta Elementary School and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 PROPOSED 2015-2015 BUDGET CALENDAR: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed 2015-2015 budget calendar as presented.
- B-6 REQUEST FROM AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER TO ACCEPT A DONATION MADE TO THE MACHINE TOOL DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the acceptance of the donation totaling \$2200, and allow the local machinists to remove the three lathes from the school.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINE: Mr. Hightower gave a brief update on the information regarding a request from a parent to provide bus transportation for his child. Mr. Green MOVED to support the recommendation of the Administration as outlined by the State Department for Transportation in regards to request; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Deputy Superintendent Caver wanted to thank everyone for their hard work and support on providing the community with accurate information regarding the Education Capital Use and Sales Tax that will be on the ballot Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

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: one from Area 5; Short Legal Briefing as follows: one law suit status; one unemployment compensation appeal; one recent assertion of a liability claim; one personnel update; and one pending property contractual matter.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Fleming left the meeting prior to Executive Session.

Executive session convened at 8:25 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:06 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 5; Short Legal Briefing as follows: one law suit status; one unemployment compensation appeal; one recent assertion of a liability claim; one personnel update; and one pending property contractual matter.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

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 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Green abstained).

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: