

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 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. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Ray Fleming

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
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. Dwight Smith.

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 9, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 9, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- 2014-2015 New to position Administrator was introduced to the Board.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bernard Wade spoke regarding Transportation.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of several meeting dates regarding Education Capital Sales and Use Tax.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 DISTRICT ACCREDITATION THROUGH ADVANCED: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding District Accreditation through AdvancED.

- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS & GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY BREEZEWAY ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-4 MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ACT UPDATE: Mr. Laurence gave a brief update on McKinney-Vento Homeless Act.

- A-5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner reminded the Board of the Legislative Update Webcast on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. You will also be able to view the webcast for 2 weeks after the live stream.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 EDUCATION CAPITAL SALES AND USE TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Caver distributed information to the Board regarding the Education Capital Sales and Use Tax Oversight Committee.

- B-2 2015 GRADUATION CEREMONIES IN USC-A CONVOCATION CENTER AND PROPOSED GRADUATION SCHEDULE: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the Administration to rent the Convocation Center for the high school graduations and approve the attached graduation ceremony schedule.
- B-3 PERMISSION FOR SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAMSUNG SOLVE FOR TOMORROW 2014/2015 TECHNOLOGY GRANT CONTEST – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the request for South Aiken High School to participate in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2014/2015 Technology Grant Contest and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-4 SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve contracts for related services.
- B-5 CEDAR CREEK LADIES CLUB DONATION TO GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,800 Cedar Creek Ladies Club donation to Greendale Elementary School and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-6 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending September 30, 2014.
- B-7 RESTROOM/CONCESSION STAND AT PERRY PARK: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the Concerned Ministers Fellowship in conjunction with the City of Aiken to construct restroom/concession stand facilities at Perry Park on Schofield's Campus.

- B-8 ADDITIONAL DISTRICT TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2014-2015:
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the updated textbook recommendations of the teacher committees as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8; SECONDED by Mr. West;
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Hightower MOVED to pull item C-1 Personnel Appointments for discussion in Executive Session; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT (FY15) – FUND #1 (GENERAL): Mr. Liner MOVED to allocate \$25,000 to schools for discretionary substitute budgets. Allocations would be based on student enrollment and with the stipulation that funds would only be used for substitute teachers and/or classroom aides who attend required training; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; 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: one from Area 1; one from Area 5; Administrative Appointment – Approval on Interim Assistant Principal by the Administration; Short Legal Briefing as follows: report on two unemployment compensation appeals; one FMLA claim; one law suit status; one Dismissal by the State Human Affairs Commission of a Discrimination appeal.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:05 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:09 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 1; one from Area 5; Administrative Appointment – Approval on Interim Assistant Principal by the Administration; Short Legal Briefing as follows: report on two unemployment compensation appeals; one FMLA claim; one law suit status; one Dismissal by the State Human Affairs Commission of a Discrimination appeal.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT:
 - NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mr. Gene Robbins, Interim Assistant Principal at North Augusta High School; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green 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; classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified (exempt) supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified (non-exempt) supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1-1 (Mr. West opposed, Mr. Hazen abstained).

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. Liner MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: