

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 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. Levi Green  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent  
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent  
for Instruction and Accountability  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer  
for Middle School  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office  
for High School  
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant  
to Board of Education

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. Mr. Fleming requested the Advisory Council Appointment – Item D-1 (Mr. Fleming and Mr. Liner) be pulled from the agenda. No objections were made to the request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2011; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Golden Harvest/United Way Back Pack video was shown.
- Mr. Robert Giancoce, President/CEO of Mr. Central Home Services, LLC presented the Board with gift cards for employees totaling \$3500.00.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Darlene Rittel spoke regarding Aiken's Wild Read.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Board Committee on Capital Funding – Members and Purpose:  
Mr. Hazen, Mr. Green, Mr. Hightower and Mr. Fleming will serve  
on this committee.

The Board will have a Special Called Meeting on October 26,  
2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office for the purpose of a SCSBA  
Self-Assessment.

ROAR will present information on Tax Reform at a meeting  
scheduled on October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at South Aiken High  
School.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 Dr. Yarborough presented a power point presentation regarding Advanced Placement and SAT scores.
- A-2 Mrs. Kitchings and Mrs. Trivelas presented a power point presentation regarding Kindergarten Report Card Update.
- A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a legislative update presentation. Mr. Liner informed the Board that Mr. Duane Cooper will be presenting Legislative Information at the Regular Board Meeting scheduled October 25, 2011.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION S.T.I.R. I.T. UP! (Scientifically Teaching Independent Research with Informational Text) GRANT TO J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$3,000 Dollar General Literacy Foundation S.T.I.R. I.T. up! grant to J.D. Lever Elementary School and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-2 REQUEST FOR DONATION OF ONE SURPLUS MOBILE UNIT BY THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WINDSOR: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the request by the First Baptist Church of Windsor for donation of a surplus mobile unit.
- B-3 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #7 (FY11): FUND #1 (GENERAL FUND), FUND #2 (SPECIAL REVENUE), FUND #4 (DEBT SERVICE FUND), AND FUND #5 (SCHOOL BUILDING FUND): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #7 (FY11), Fund #1 (General Fund), Fund #2 (Special Revenue), Fund #4 (Debt Service Fund) and Fund #5 (School Building Fund).
- B-4 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #1 (FY12); FUND #1 (GENERAL) AND FUND #4 (DEBT SERVICE): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #1 (FY12).

- B-5 AMENDMENT TO POLICY CFC – ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER OF BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS – SECOND READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the proposed changes on second reading.
- B-6 AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GBK-R – STAFF CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES – SECOND READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt on second reading the proposed changes to Administrative Rule GBK-R.
- B-7 AMENDMENT TO POLICY JICFAA – HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING – SECOND READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt on second reading the recommended amendment to Policy JICFAA.
- B-8 NAMING NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY OUTDOOR CLASSROOM: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the facility to be named the Leadership North Augusta Learning Pavilion.
- B-9 RENAMING THE PINECREST CENTER TO THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE LEARNING AT PINECREST: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the name change of the Pinecrest Center to the Aiken County Public Schools Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest.
- B-10 ROLLBACK OF 2011-2012 MILLAGE FOR REASSESSMENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve operating and debt service at 131.6 mills and 31.5 mills for 2010-2011.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2011-2012; and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

1. Advisory Council Appointment: Mr. Smith MOVED to reappointment Keith Herrington to the Area 3 Advisory Council with term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. Email Questions: Mr. Fleming discussed concerns regarding the District email. Mr. Caver addressed questions and concerns regarding the District email.

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: Contractual Issue related to budget procedures and recommendations; Legal briefing – brief update on four items of litigation and several unemployment compensation claims; and Student appeals as follow: two from Area 1 and two from Area 4.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:40 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:45 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:45 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issue related to budget procedures and recommendations; Legal briefing – brief update on four items of litigation and several unemployment compensation claims; and Student appeals as follow: two from Area 1 and two from Area 4.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- BUDGET PROCEDURES/RECOMMENDATIONS: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board heard a legal briefing with no action necessary.

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 4. Dr. Bass MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and permanently expel the student from Aiken County Public Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: 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 ACPS Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mrs. Wesby opposed).

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 uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-4-1 (Mr. Hightower, Mr. Hazen, Mrs. Wesby and Mr. Liner opposed; and Dr. Bass abstained). Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the ACPS Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Dr. Bass abstained).



Mr. Hazen MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: