

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 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:

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:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman
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. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board/Superintendent

Vice-Chairman Green 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: Vice-Chairman Green stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 15, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 15, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- ACT's WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate Platinum Level Recipients recognized.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mr. Green reminded Board members of their scheduled appointments on Friday, October 16, 2015 with Superintendent Alford.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No items to discuss this meeting.
- A-2 SALARY STUDY COMMITTEE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Salary Study Committee Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION ABC ARTS IN EDUCATION GRANT – EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY16: Superintendent Alford 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 FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-2 CHARLES WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DONATION TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$4,350 Charles Wesley United Methodist Church donation to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-3 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House donation to Chukker Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-4 SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION BY THE BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS INSURANCE TRUST RISK CONTROL GRANT – FY16: This item was pulled from the agenda.

B-5 AIKEN COUNTY GIFTED AND TALENTED ACADEMIC/ARTISTIC PLAN: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the annual update to Aiken County Public School's Gifted and Talented Academic/Artistic Plan.

B-6 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIVE COURSES FOR 2015-2016: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Local School Board Elective Courses (new) for 2015-2016 to date.

B-7 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending September 30, 2015.

Mr. West MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7 (B-4 was pulled from the agenda); SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified retiree rehires for school year 2015-2016; classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified supplemental for school year 2015-2016; and non-employee supplemental for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Alford gave a brief update of events around the District.

Vice-Chairman Green 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:
Appeals: four student appeals from Area 1.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:37 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:43 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:55 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Appeals: three student appeals from Area 1. One student appeal was postponed until 10/13/15.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew student appeal on 9/28/15.
- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3 (Mr. Green, Mr. Mace, and Mr. Liner opposed).
- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. STUDENT APPEAL: This appeal was postponed until 10/13/15.

- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Atchley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: