

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2018

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 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, Chairman
Mr. Cecil Atchley
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ahmed Samaha
Mrs. Sandra Shealey

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Tad Barber, Vice-Chairman
Mr. John Wesley Hightower

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Mr. King Laurence, Chief Officer of Administration
Dr. DeeDee Washington, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
of Middle School
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education

Chairman Green called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mrs. English.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 22, 2018; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 22, 2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Mace abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- South Carolina Cyber Award was presented to LBC Middle School.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green thanked Board members for their participation in all graduation ceremonies this past week.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No update this meeting.
- A-2 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding Strategic Plan Two Year Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 SCHOLARSHIP FROM SOUTH CAROLINA HOSA TO RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 scholarship to Ridge Spring-Monetta High School and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-2 LOWE’S TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT TO NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$5,000 Lowe’s Toolbox for Education grant to North Augusta Middle School and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-3 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PRESENTATION AND BUDGET FOR THE RIDGE SPRING HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE II PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Final Construction Document drawings and budget for the Ridge Spring Monetta High School Addition Phase II Project and allow the administration to proceed with advertising and the acceptance of construction bids.

B-4 SURPLUS TEACHNOLOGY ITEMS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the trade of surplus equipment of \$26,650.00 with Network Craze.

B-5 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DUES: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize continuation of membership in the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified personnel for school year 2018-2019; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2018-2019; classified personnel for school year 2018-2019; and classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Administration and release the student from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Samaha MOVED that the Board direct the Superintendent to create a task force to examine issues involving teacher recruitment and retention and how to create a more positive working and learning environment in our schools. The task force would make recommendations base on their findings; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Ms. Beth Taylor presented a power point presentation regarding Special Education End of Year Updates.

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: Contractual Issue: Discussion and Consideration of a Proposed Contractual Issue; Personnel Matters: Administrative Appointments; Legal Briefing: Legal update on four litigation matters; an Employment Security Claim; two administrative matters before the EEOC and the State Human Affairs Commission; and one on-going contractual matter; and Appeals: Transfer Appeal from Area 3.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:28 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:35 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:31 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issue: Discussion and Consideration of a Proposed Contractual Issue; Personnel Matters: Administrative Appointments; Legal Briefing: Legal update on four litigation matters; an Employment Security Claim; two administrative matters before the EEOC and the State Human Affairs Commission; and one on-going contractual matter; and Appeals: Transfer Appeal from Area 3.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTUAL MATTER: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

F-3-1 Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Kimbra Meek, Principal of North Augusta Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-2 Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Nathan Lobaugh, Assistant Principal of Oakwood-Windsor Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-3 Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Debra Scott, Assistant Principal of Clearwater Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-4 Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Charidy Simon, Assistant Principal of Jefferson Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-5 Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Casey Rodgers, Assistant Principal of LBC Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. TRANSFER APPEAL (AREA 3): Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the transfer request as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Samaha MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: