

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 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. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Ahmed Samaha

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
Dr. DeeDee Washington, Chief Officer of Instruction
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
of Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Executive Director
of High School
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 Dr. DeeDee Washington.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 15, 2016; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 15, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a voted 7-0-1 (Mr. Liner abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Aiken High School FFA presented the Board with Poinsettias.
- Frelicia Tucker was recognized as Wendy's High School Heisman National Winner.
- Jackson Smith was recognized as Carolina Panthers/WJBF News 6 Community Captain.
- ACIRA Distinguished Teachers of Reading were recognized.
- Dr. Gary Senn presented the Robert E. Alexander Administrator of the Year Award to Mr. King Laurence.
- SWEARING IN OF RECENTLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Burkhalter swore in Mr. Keith Liner as newly elected Board member.

- ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: Mr. Burkhalter reviewed the procedures for the election of Board Officers and distributed ballots for electing a chairman. Mr. Burkhalter counted the votes and announced the appointment of Mr. Levi Green as Chairman of the Board. Ballots were distributed for the election of the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Burkhalter counted the votes and announced the appointment of Mr. Tad Barber as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mr. Green and Mr. Barber expressed appreciation to fellow Board Members for their support.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items this meeting

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Legislative Advocacy Conference Update: The Board would like to congratulate Mr. Wesley Hightower on being elected as SCSBA President-Elect.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016: Ms. Michelle Jones and Mr. Michael Young with Elliot Davis Decosimo LLC gave a brief overview of the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2015.
- A-2 LLOYD KENNEDY CHARTER SCHOOL AND AIKEN PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE: Mrs. Keisha Lloyd-Kennedy gave an update regarding Lloyd Kennedy Charter School and Aiken Performing Arts.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL 2A & 2B ADDITION PROJECTS: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 2 A ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2016: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-8 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2016: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-9 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-10 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-11 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No update this meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 NFL FOUNDATION GRANT TO WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 0 FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$5,000 grant from the NFL Foundation to Wagener-Salley High School and adjustments to the FY17 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-2 IORIO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION GRANT TO OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$7,000 Iorio Charitable Foundation grant to Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School and adjustments to the FY17 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2016 FLOORING AT BLC, AIKEN ELEMENTARY, NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY, CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE LEARNING AT PINECREST AND BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit in the amount of \$13,600.00 from Bonitz Flooring Group, Inc.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH PHASE 2 DEMOLITION: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of \$28,101.45.
- B-5 SC DHEC GRANT TO NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$2,277.04 SC DHEC Recycling Education grant to North Augusta High School and adjustments to the FY17 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-6 SUBMISSION OF JOHN DEERE PROJECT LEAD THE WAY GATEWAY GRANT TO PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of John Deere PLTW Gateway grant for Paul Knox Middle School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-7 SUBMISSION OF JOHN DEERE PROJECT LEAD THE WAY GATEWAY GRANT FOR LANGLEY-BATH-CLEARWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of John Deere PLTW Gateway grant for Langley-Bath-Clearwater Middle School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-8 SUBMISSION OF JOHN DEERE PROJECT LEAD THE WAY GATEWAY GRANT FOR NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of John Deere PLTW Gateway grant for North Augusta Middle School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-9 SUBMISSION OF JOHN DEERE PROJECT LEAD THE WAY GATEWAY GRANT FOR NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE STEAM MAGNET SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of John Deere PLTW Gateway grant for New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-10 SUBMISSION OF JOHN DEERE PROJECT LEAD THE WAY GATEWAY GRANT FOR REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY AND JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of John Deere PLTW Gateway grant for both Redcliffe Elementary and Jackson Middle School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-11 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Wagener-Salley High School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-12 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Midland Valley High School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-13 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 2A PORTABLE ASBESTOS & DEMOLITION: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of \$92,886.00.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-13; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified personnel for school year 2016-2017; and non-employee supplemental for school year 2016-2017; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY DKC EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION/REIMBURSEMENT: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt the proposed policy DKC on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY DM CASH IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt the proposed policy DM on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY DK PAYMENT PROCEDURES: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt the proposed policy DK on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ED-R MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt the proposed policy ED-R on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 CHANGES TO POLICY DIAA* AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE DIAA-R* STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS MANAGEMENT: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt the proposed policy DIAA* and DIAA-R* on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 CHANGES TO POLICY DGD AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE DGD-R CREDIT CARDS AND PURCHASING CARDS: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt the proposed policy DGD and DGD-R on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-8 CHANGES TO POLICY DGA AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt the proposed policy DGA on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-9 CHANGES TO POLICY DG DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt proposed policy DG on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-10 CHANGES TO POLICY IJJ AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE IJJ-R TEXTBOOK SELECTION AND ADOPTION: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt the proposed policy IJJ and IJJ-R on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-11 CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE IKE-R PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt the proposed policy IKE-R on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-12 PROPOSED ONE-TIME USES OF FUND BALANCE: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve utilization of up to \$1,650,000 from fund balance to for one-time expenditures; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Hightower wanted to thank Mrs. Rosemary English for serving as Board Chair.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- HIGH SCHOOL THEMATIC PROGRAMS: Mr. Mace MOVED to approve the thematic designations for each of the seven high schools to begin implementation in the 2017-2018 school year and the continued venture and partnership with USC-Aiken to establish a scholars' academy to open in 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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: Brief Legal Update: and two litigation matters; Personnel Issues: Discussion regarding personnel matters; and Superintendent Office: Discussion and consideration of advocacy and Budget matter.

Mr. Mace MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:59 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:08 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:07 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Brief Legal Update: and two litigation matters; Personnel Issues: Discussion regarding personnel matters; and Superintendent Office: Discussion and consideration of advocacy and Budget matter.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER: No action necessary.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVOCACY AND BUDGET ISSUES: No action necessary.

APPEALS:

No appeals this meeting.

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

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: