

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2018

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at North Augusta High School, 2000 Knobcone Avenue, North Augusta, 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. Tad Barber, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Cecil Atchley
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ahmed Samaha

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Sandra Shealey

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 Elementary 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 Dr. Janice Kitchings.

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 February 13, 2018; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 13, 2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Aiken County District Spelling Bee Winners were recognized.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green discussed the SCSBA Annual Convention held in Hilton Head on February 15-18, 2018. Chairman Green wanted to thank Ms. Paige Day, Assistant Principal of North Augusta High School, for an outstanding presentation at the convention.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update regarding Legislative Issues.

- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2107: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 SUBMISSION OF THE USDA FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM GRANT – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-2 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, 2018-2019: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-2 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner 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; and classified retiree rehire personnel for school 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- RESOLUTION TERI/RETIRE: Mr. Hightower MOVED to accept the content as presented with recommended changes, as discussed, bring back for Board review; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Alford gave a brief update on events around the District.

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: Student Appeal: Area 1; Contractual Issues: Discussion and consideration of a proposed contractual Issue; Personnel Issues: a) Administrative appointments; b) Personnel issue consideration; and Legal Briefing: Explanation of legal nature of a patron appeal and procedural needs to implement process.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:04 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:09

Regular session resumed at 8:55 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeal: Area 1; Contractual Issues: Discussion and consideration of a proposed contractual Issue; Personnel Issues: a) Administrative appointments; b) Personnel issue consideration; and Legal Briefing: Explanation of legal nature of a patron appeal and procedural needs to implement process.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTUAL ISSUE: Mr. Barber MOVED to appoint the Salary Study Committee to evaluate options for Legal Service and make recommendation based on findings; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:
 - a-1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Dr. Mendi Tucker, Executive Director for Elementary; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- a-2. Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Celeste Spires and Valerie Collins, Assistant Principals for the 2018-2019 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. PERSONNEL ISSUE: No action necessary.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 1): The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a student in Area 1. Mr. Samaha MOVED to allow the student to enroll in Aiken County Virtual School for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mrs. English opposed).

Mr. Mace MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: