

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 7:30 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. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
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 7:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. David Caver.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on November 29, 2011; minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on November 30, 2011; and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on November 29, 2011; minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on November 30, 2011; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman English discussed the following: Special Called Meeting scheduled for January 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for student appeals; follow-up on Board Self-Assessment information received from Ms. Gwen Hampton; and Bi-partisan Bill S566 scheduled to be discussed on January 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aiken County Council Building.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUATERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Academic Officers.
- B-2 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the approval by the Associate Superintendent for Administration for the program of home instruction for the students indicated.
- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE HVAC RENOVATION PHASE II AT SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from R.D. Brown Contractors in the credit amount of \$64,087.83.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE HVAC RENOVATION PHASE III AT SOUTH AIKEH HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from Gold Mechanical, Inc. in the credit amount of \$40,310.50.

B-5 SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT 611 (REGULAR) FUNDS AND 619 (PRESCHOOL) FUNDS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Department of Special Programs grant application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 611 (Regular) funds in the amount of \$5,189,276.44 and the grant application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 619 (Preschool) funds in the amount of \$191,724.91.

Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

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

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

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: Contractual Clarification Related to the Superintendent's Employment Contract; Legal briefing related to a prior disciplinary matter and follow-up on some procedures related to the same; Student appeals as follow: two from Area 1; one from Area 2; and two from Area 3.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:45 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:50 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:57 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issue: Contractual Clarification Related to the Superintendent's Employment Contract; Legal briefing related to a prior disciplinary matter and follow-up on some procedures related to the same; Student appeals as follow: two from Area 1; one from Area 2; and two from Area 3.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- CONTRACTUAL CLARIFICATION RELATED TO SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: 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 middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Hightower, Mrs. English and Mrs. Wesby opposed).

F-5-f: PATRON APPEAL: This appealed was withdrawn on 1-9-12.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: