

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2018

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 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, 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
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
Mr. Alvin Pressley, Executive Director
of High 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 Mr. Alvin Pressley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Green stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted. Mr. Liner MOVED to take item C-9 Recommendation to Adjust Elementary and High School Attendance Boundaries in Area One and make it a two part motion with Elementary becoming C-9 A and High School becoming C-9 B; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mrs. English opposed).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on January 6, 2018; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on January 6, 2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2018; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Mace abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Aiken Standard presented Aiken County Public Schools with a check for \$7,841.
- Moment of Silence was held for all the victims and their families affected by the shooting in Kentucky and the passing of Mr. Clarence Dickert, former Area 3 Superintendent.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jennifer Dalbec spoke regarding Rezoning and 6th Grade Academy.
- Ben Harm spoke regarding 6th Grade Academy.
- Dione Carrol spoke regarding Rezoning Hardships.
- George Rogers spoke regarding 6th Grade Academy and Rezoning.
- Jeff Galan spoke regarding Rezoning.
- Jennifer Hughes spoke regarding Grandfathering Siblings.
- Liz Henley spoke regarding 6th Grade Academy and Rezoning.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green reminded the Board the SCSBA Annual Convention will be held on February 15–18, 2018 in Hilton Head.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update regarding Legislative Issues.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2107: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-5 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 APPLICATION FOR IMPACT AID (SECTION 8003, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit the Application for Impact Aid (Section 8003, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965).
- B-3 SCHOLARSHIP DONATION IN HONOR OF LYNDON CAREY TO WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$10,000 scholarship donation to Wagener-Salley High School and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR LEAVELLE MCAMPBELL MIDDLE SITE GMP #1: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount \$193,340.00.
- B-5 PROPOSED CALENDARS FOR 2018-2019 AND 2019-2020: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the proposed calendars for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

- B-6 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL:
Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the Administration to dispose of items in the attachment by Electronic Recycling, and to procure a vendor for recycling electronic equipment.
- B-7 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Belvedere Elementary School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-8 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR CLEARWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Clearwater Elementary School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-9 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Greendale Elementary School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-10 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Kennedy Middle School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-11 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's national School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Redcliffe Elementary 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 SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for South Aiken High School, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-13 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR WARRENVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the South Carolina Department of Education's National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant application for Warrenville Elementary School, receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-14 SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board allow the Administration to negotiate an architectural basic services agreement with (LS3P Associates, Ltd., McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture, Goodwyn Mills Cawood. AAG and Cheatham Fletcher Scott Architects) for the future designs over the next five years as needed and determined by the Five Year Facility Improvement Plan as approved by the Board.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-14 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2017-2018; and classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY GCC PROFESSIONAL STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES AND POLICY GDC SUPPORT STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the proposed changes on first reading for Policy GCC and Policy GDC; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE GRADE CONFIGURATIONS FOR KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL, SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL AND AIKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation to change grade configurations for Kennedy Middle School, Schofield Middle School and Aiken Middle School, as referenced above, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mrs. Shealey, Mr. Hightower and Mr. Samaha opposed).
- C-4 RECOMMENDATION AND RESOLUTION TO SEEK REFERENDUM TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS NOT EXCEEDING \$90,000,000: Mr. Mace MOVED to approve the recommendation and adopt the resolution to seek a \$90 million bond referendum; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-5 RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES TO INCLUDE TROLLEY RUN STATION IN THE AIKEN ELEMENTARY, SCHOFIELD MIDDLE, AND AIKEN HIGH ATTENDANCE ZONE: Mr. Hightower MOVED to make no adjustments to attendance boundaries that include Trolley Run Station; MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the Administration's recommendation to adjust attendance boundaries for Trolley Run Station as defined in MAP Attachment B and include the following: (a) that the grandfathering provision for Trolley Run Station allow current students at Byrd Elementary and Leavelle McCampbell Middle to remain part of their current feeder pattern through high school; (b) allow siblings to attend same feeder pattern in accordance with the established procedures; and (c) parents who wish to take advantage of this option will submit an application for transfer in keeping with Policy JFABC, Admission of Transfer Students and that the application for these students not be subject to normal space available restrictions and allow siblings to attend the same path; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Samaha and Mr. Mace opposed).

- C-6 RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES TO INCLUDE THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF AREA ONE ALONG THE BARNWELL COUNTY LINE IN THE NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE AND SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation to adjust attendance boundaries to include the southern portion of Area One along the Barnwell County line in the New Ellenton Middle and Silver Bluff High School attendance zone; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mrs. Shealey opposed).

- C-7 RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES IN AREA THREE: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the recommendation to adjust middle school attendance boundaries in Area Three; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mrs. Shealey and Mr. Hightower opposed).

C-8 RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES IN AREA THREE: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the recommendation to adjust elementary attendance boundaries in Area Three; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mrs. Shealey and Mr. Hightower opposed).

C-9 RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES IN AREA ONE:

A: ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES IN AREA ONE: Mr. Liner MOVED to make no adjustments to elementary attendance boundaries in Area One; MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation to adjust elementary attendance boundaries in Area One; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Mace, Mrs. Shealey, Mr. Hightower and Mr. Liner opposed)

B: HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES IN AREA ONE: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation to adjust high school attendance boundaries in Area One; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-10 CHANGES TO POLICY JCA ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS – FIRST READING: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve changes to Policy JCA Assignment of Students to Schools on first reading; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Chairman Green announced the Board has no items for discussion or consideration in Executive Session this meeting.

Mrs. English MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: