

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 21, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 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. 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. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and Accountability
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 1
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 2
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 3
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 4
Dr. Randy Stowe, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 5
Mrs. Rose Puckett, Administrative Secretary
to Superintendent

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mrs. Joy Shealy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved. Mrs. Wesby requested to add an item to the agenda in two parts. Mrs. Wesby MOVED that any Board member, who so chooses, be allowed to make a comment before public participation; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; Mr. Hightower MOVED to table the motion until the second part of Mrs. Wesby's motion be heard; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mrs. Wesby discussed her second portion of her motion. Mrs. Wesby MOVED that during the public participation portion, the Board give additional opportunities for constituents to sign up to speak with the 5 minute limitation and limit to a certain time depending on the start time for public participation and allow Board members to make comments at that time as well; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; Mr. Fleming MOVED to amend the motion to allow the Board members to make comments before and after public input; SECONDED by Mr. Green; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to bring the tabled motion back to the Board for a vote; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. TABLED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve the amended agenda; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 7, 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 7, 2011; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Jalen Hallums was recognized as the American Legion Auxiliary Essay Class 1 State Winner.
- Natasha Dicks from Aiken High School was recognized as the Girl's Triple Jump 4A State Champion.
- South Aiken High School ROTC Academic Winners were recognized.
- Aiken County School District received the Patriot Award as nominated by WSHS Guidance Counselor, Warren Wintrobe.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Smith spoke regarding tax raise.

Jane Page Thompson requested Mrs. English read a letter from the Legislative Delegation prior to her addressing the Board. Mr. Hightower MOVED to have the Board Chairman read the letter from the Legislative Delegation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Ms. Thompson spoke regarding tax raise.

Edward Abele spoke regarding issues related to Budget.

Carolyn Bazzle spoke regarding school budget.

Ann Willbrand spoke regarding Budget.

Margaret Frankling spoke regarding Budget.

Jim Saine spoke regarding Proposed Tax Increase.

Jet Beckum spoke regarding Budget.

Siva Aiken spoke regarding Proposed Tax Increase.

Dr. Judy Miller spoke regarding support of teachers.

Jane Page Thompson spoke regarding negative on tax milage.

Dr. Bob Miller spoke regarding Federal funds for education.

Dianne Parker spoke regarding Budget.

Betty Rucker spoke regarding positive tax increase.

Randy Sullivan spoke regarding Budget.

Jerry Guerin spoke regarding Income.

Deb Nix spoke regarding Budget.

Sally Berk spoke regarding Taxes.

David Cheek spoke regarding Taxes.

Claude O'Donovan spoke regarding Taxes.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No items this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-2 SAFE-T Update: Ms. Smalls and Mrs. Stanley presented a power presentation regarding SAFE-T Update.

A-3 SUBSTITUTE SERVICE: Ms. Smalls presented a power point presentation regarding Substitute Service.

A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to take a 3 minute break; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The Regular Session convened at 10:09 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Area Assistant Superintendents.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 4): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the requests for Out-of-District transfers with the stipulation that there will be no obligation on the part of the School District of Aiken County.
- B-3 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CE-MIST (CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN MIDDLE-LEVEL INTERDISCIPLINARY STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING) GRANT TO LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,985 University of South Carolina CE-MIST grant to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-4 NEGLECTED AND DELINQUENT APPLICATION – FY2011-2012: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the Neglected and Delinquent application to the State Department of Education and the implementation of the program for the 2011-2012 school year.
- B-5 2011 REPLACEMENT OF BLEACHER EQUIPMENT AT RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL HOME SIDE ONLY: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$34,720.00 and enter into a contract with MasterCraft Renovations Systems, LLC to replace bleachers at Ridge Spring-Monetta High School Home Side Only. This project budget will come from the code upgrades account.

- B-6 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2011: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending June 30, 2011.
- B-7 PILOT PROGRAM – SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve participation in the pilot program for the 2011-2012 school year for the schools noted.
- B-8 2012-2012 GRADUATION CEREMONIES IN USC-A CONVOCATION CENTER: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to rent the Convocation Center for the high school graduations.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified personnel for school year 2010-2011; and classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 2011-2012 BUDGET: Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation regarding the 2011-2012 Budget. Mr. Traxler fielded questions from Board members. Mr. Liner MOVED to divide the Budget into two parts (Debt Services and Operations) for voting purposes; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the Budget as presented for Fund 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9 as presented and all others funds dealing with Operations without raising taxes 3.8 mills; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the Budget as presented for Fund 4 (Debt Services) with a 9.0 mill increase; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Hightower and Dr. Bass opposed).

Mrs. Wesby MOVED to waive Board policy and extend the time for the Board meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The motion was made at 10:55 p.m.

C-3 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2011, NOT EXCEEDING \$16,500,000: Mr. Fleming MOVED approve the resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of \$16,500,000 general obligation bonds, series 2011; authorize the Administration to retain the McNair Law Firm, P.A. as bond counsel and Ross, Sinclaire and Associates as financial advisors for the 2011 general obligation bond series; and approve the issuance of 2011 general obligation bonds not exceeding \$16,500,000 to be delivered in July 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No update this meeting due to time constraints.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Administrative Appointments; and student appeal as follow: One from Area 5.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 11:17 p.m.

Executive session convened at 11:22 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 11:55 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Administrative appointments. The student appeal was not heard due to time length of the Regular meeting.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the administrative appointment as recommended by the Superintendent; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wendy Jacobs will be appointed Interim Principal of North Augusta Middle School until the Principal is able to return to work.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The appeal will be rescheduled.

Mrs. Wesby MOVED to enter Executive Session for the consideration of an Administrative Appointment and to review resume'; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 12:03 p.m.

Executive session convened at 12:04 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 12:13 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Administrative appointment and to review resume'.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the administrative appointment for Greendale Elementary as recommended by the Superintendent; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Green opposed).

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Chairman English called the Board back in Regular Session at 12:16 p.m. to vote on an administrative appointment. Mrs. Wesby, Mr. Hightower and Dr. Bass had left the meeting once adjourned but there was still a quorum to complete business.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Elementary Assistant Principal; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: