

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2018

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at Midland Valley High School, 227 Mustang Drive, Graniteville, at 6:00 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  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant  
to Board of Education

Chairman Green called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. King Laurence.

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 27, 2018; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 27, 2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green discussed the Community Meetings as follow: March 1 for Area 5; March 19 for Area 2; March 29 for Area 3; April 9 for Area 1; and April 10 for Area 4.

SCSBA 2DAC for Aiken County will be Thursday, April 12. Please let Ms. Durden know if you are planning to attend.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

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 SUBMISSION OF THE VERIZON INNOVATIVE LEARNING PROJECT LEAD THE WAY GATEWAY GRANT FOR RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY19/FY20: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of Verizon Innovative Learning PLTW Gateway grant for Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-3 2018 REPLACEMENT OF BLEACHERS AT A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE & SOUTH AIKEN HIGH: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low bid of \$180,250.00 and enter into a contract with Learning Environments, Inc. to replace bleachers at A.L. Corbett Middle and South Aiken High. This project budget will come from the athletics funds account.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified personnel for school year 2018-2019; and classified personnel for school 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 CONTRACT FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposal submitted by ESS Source4Teachers, and authorize a budget increase of \$140,000 for the fiscal year 2018-19; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Salary Study Committee will meet on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

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: Personnel Matter: Discussion and Consideration of an Administrative Appointments; Appeals: Student transfer from Area 2; two Student appeals from Area 1; and Parent Petition hearing from Area 1.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:54 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:59

Regular session resumed at 9:34 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Matter: Discussion and Consideration of an Administrative Appointments; Appeals: Student transfer from Area 2; two Student appeals from Area 1; and Parent Petition hearing from Area 1.

#### CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

#### LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

#### PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Attachment 1: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Sandra Hawkins, Caroline Barker, and Patrick Newsome, Assistant Principals for the 2018-2019 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attachment 2: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Deborah Tyler, Purchasing Director; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT TRANSFER (AREA 2): Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to enroll at Paul Knox Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year with tuition; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 1): Mr. Samaha MOVED to allow the student to enroll in Virtual School in lieu of expulsion for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).
- c. STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 1): Mr. Samaha MOVED to allow the student to enroll in Virtual School in lieu of expulsion for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

- d. PARENT PETITION HEARING (AREA 1): The Board heard the petition from the parents in Area 1. There was no action necessary.

Mr. Liner MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: