

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2017

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 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  
Mr. Ronnie West

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. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director  
of Elementary School  
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director  
of Elementary School  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director  
of Middle School  
Mr. Scott Newman, Interim Executive Director  
of High School  
Mrs. Rose Puckett, Administrative Assistant  
to Superintendent

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. Ronnie West.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 28, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 28, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Regional Spelling Bee Winner, Carla Rose Padgett was recognized.
- Kennedy Middle School District Champions: Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball and Mathcounts Team were recognized.
- Schofield Middle School District Champions: Academic Team, Football Team, Boys Basketball Team and HAMS Radio Club were recognized.
- North Augusta High School Girls Basketball AAAA State Champions were recognized.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
  - Misty Mitchell spoke regarding Discipline/Communication.
  - Marsha Harris spoke regarding Discipline.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green announced the Budget Work Study scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Administration to release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 SUBMISSION OF SC STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION APPLICATION, DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) GRANT, NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the SC State Department of Education Arts Curricular Innovation grant for North Augusta Elementary and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2016-2017; and certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY DKA PAYROLL PROCEDURES/SCHEDULES: Mrs. English MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed changes to Policy DKA; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Hightower thanked Dr. Alford and staff for their assistance with his meeting at Midland Valley High School.
- Chairman Green discussed Board Sub Committees and requested participation.

**Discipline Committee:** Mr. Hightower, Mr. West, Mr. Barber and Mrs. English

**Salary Committee:** Mr. Liner, Mr. Samaha and Mr. Green

**One Cent Sales Tax Committee:** Mr. Mace, Mr. Samaha, Mr. Barber and Mr. Green

**Facilities Committee:** Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Atchley and Mr. Green

**Legislative Advocacy Committee:** Mr. Liner, Mr. Samaha, Mr. Hightower and Mrs. English

**Communications Committee:** Mr. Mace, Mrs. English and Mr. Hightower

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE: Dr. Alford gave a brief update of events around the District. Dr. Alford thanked AECOM and SRNS for their contributions to Aiken County Public Schools.
- Mr. Barber and Mr. Green shared their experiences at the Middle School Open House.

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 one personnel contractual matter.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:05 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:08 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 one personnel contractual matter.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTUAL ISSUE:  
No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: The Board received a legal update.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ISSUE: No action necessary.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

No appeals this meeting.

Mrs. English MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: