

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Dr., Aiken, at 6:00 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. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer for Operations
and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Mrs. Mattie Dillon, Interim Chief Officer
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
for Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
For Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Executive Director
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance and noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is for Budget Work Study and Student Appeals.

Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation regarding student enrollment projections, determining staffing allocations, consideration of “must” items, consideration of other budget changes, estimating revenue and evaluating funding options, and tracking legislation throughout the State’s budget process. Mr. Traxler field questions from the Board.

Chairman English 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: Student Appeals: one student appeal from Area 5; one student appeal from Area 2; one student appeal from Area 3; and five student appeals from Area 1; Personnel Issues: Administrative Appointments; and Contractual Issues: Consideration of one property matter contractual update; and consideration of one additional proposed contractual matter involving property.

Mr. Mace MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:04 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:09 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:42 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Student Appeals: one student appeal from Area 5; one student appeal from Area 2; one student appeal from Area 3; and five student appeals from Area 1; Personnel Issues: Administrative Appointments; and Contractual Issues: Consideration of one property matter contractual update; and consideration of one additional proposed contractual matter involving property.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2015-106 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION failed on a voted of 3-5 (Mr. Atchley, Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mrs. English and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to return to school with time served; SECONED by Mr. Green; MOTIO failed on a vote of 2-6 (Mr. Atchley, Mr. Liner, Mrs. English, Mr. Mace, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Atchley MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION failed on a vote of 2-6 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mrs. English, Mr. Mace, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mr. Atchley, Mr. Liner and Mrs. English opposed).

- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mrs. English and Mr. Hightower opposed).

- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Mace MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and permanently expel the student from Aiken County Public Schools; MOTION failed for lack of second. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a voted of 7-1 (Mr. Mace opposed).

- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and allow the administration to determine when student is eligible to return to the home school; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and remainder of the assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- g. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Barber MOVED to return the student to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and remainder of the assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- h. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and allow the administration to determine when student is eligible to return to the home school; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- a. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Eric Jeffcoat, Principal of Hammond Hill Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. West MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Michelle Padgett, Principal of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mark Dugar, Center of Innovative Learning Director; SECONDED by Mr. Green, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- CONSIDERATION OF ONE PROPERTY MATTER CONTRACTUAL UPDATE: Mr. Mace MOVED to accept the resolution regarding Perry Park; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: