

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 23, 2017

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 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. 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 Mrs. Janice Kitchings.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- North Augusta Chapter of Aiken County Heart Association presentation.
- Frelicia Tucker was recognized as the Presidential Scholar Award Winner.
- Aiken County 12 Year Perfect Attendance Students were recognized for this great achievement.
- Spring Sports State Champions were recognized.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green thanked staff for a great retirement banquet held on Monday, May 22, 2017.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief Legislative Update.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL 2A & 2B ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 2A ADDITION PROJECT: 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 Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2017-2018: 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 FERNANDO ESPINOSA DONATION TO NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the donation to North Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY17 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-4 NEXT STAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DONATION TO THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 donation to the Transportation Department and adjustments to the FY17 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-5 AWARDING FINE ARTS HONOR CREDIT FOR ACGATEWAY SUMMER PROGRAM: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Honors weighting for the acGateway Summer Program.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; 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; certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; and classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the re-employment for the 2017-2018 school year all non-instructional personnel under Service Agreements and not listed on the attached list. Personnel listed on the attached "HOLD" list may be recommended for employment at a later date; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 POLICY CHANGES RELATED TO REORGANIZATION – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed changes (Policies: GBGC, GBK-R, GCF-R, IJ, JH, and GCCAAA) on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. ATchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY JQ STUDENT FEES, FINES AND CHARGES: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed changes to Policy JQ on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 CHANGES TO POLICY EF AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE EF—R FOOD SERVICE-NUTRITION EDUCATION: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed change to Policy EF and Administrative Rule EF-R on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Atchely; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed Code of Student Conduct for each level as presented by the Administration with recommendations by the Board; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 CONSIDERATION OF BUS DRIVER SERVICE CREDIT: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve bus driver service credit for the 2017-2018 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchely; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. West announced his resignation from the Aiken County Board of Education effective July 18, 2017. Chairman Green thanked Mr. West for his service to the students of Aiken County. An official date for a special election will be announced.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Alford gave a brief update of 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 Issues: Consideration (discussion) of Administrative Appointments (as proposed employment contract matters): Appeals: Out of District student transfer appeals: two from (Area 2) and Legal Briefing: short verbal briefing on two litigation matters.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:01 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:09 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:02 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: Consideration (discussion) of Administrative Appointments (as proposed employment contract matters): Appeals: Out of District student transfer appeals: two from (Area 2) and Legal Briefing: short verbal briefing on two litigation matters.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

F-3-a: This item was pulled from the agenda.

F-3-b: PRINCIPAL AT L.B.C. MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Paul Spadaro, Principal of L.B.C. Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-c: PRINCIPAL AT SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. Mace MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Berkeley Postell, Principal of Silver Bluff High School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL (AREA 2): The Board heard an appeal regarding a request for Out of District transfer. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the transfer request with tuition paid for the 2017-2018 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained).

F-5-b: OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL (AREA 2): The Board heard an appeal regarding a request for Out of District transfer. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the transfer request with tuition paid for the 2017-2018 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained).

Mrs. English MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: