

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 8, 2018

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 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  
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  
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 Middle School  
Mr. Alvin Pressley, 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. Sandra Shealey.

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 April 17, 2018; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 17, 2018; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Battle of the Books District winners were recognized.
- FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) World Championship winners were recognized.
- District Fine Arts recipients were recognized.
  
- Public Hearing on BUDGET

John Fogarty spoke regarding M'Aiken Magic.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- The Board wanted to thank everyone that was involved in the successful passing of the Bond Referendum. Countless hours were spent by individuals and businesses to achieve this success for the students of Aiken County. The community working together continues to make things happen in Aiken County.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2018: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSION: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.

B-2 THE DAIRY ALLIANCE GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the receipt of awarded goods from The Dairy Alliance Grant.

- B-3 SUBMISSION OF THE FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 GRANT BY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-4 2018 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING@JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY, LBC MIDDLE & SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bids and enter into a contract with Bonitz Flooring at Jefferson Elementary in the amount of \$119,981.00, Gieaton Floor Covering, Inc. at LBC Middle in the amount of \$194,000.00 and Ceiling & Floor Restoration, Inc. @ Silver Bluff High in the amount of \$72,610.00 with funding coming from the 2018-2019 Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan Flooring Budget.
- B-5 SCHEMATIC PLANS FOR THE NEW AREA 3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans, and preliminary construction cost estimate for the New Area 3 Elementary School Project as presented by Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC).
- B-6 INCREASE IN MEAL PRICES FOR 2018-29 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the increase in meal prices as indicated.
- B-7 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING FEDERAL PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Board Chair and Superintendent to execute the same.

Mrs. English MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve lists of certified 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 year 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Administration and release the student from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS – FINAL READING: Mrs. English MOVED to adopt the proposed changes for Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems – Final Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to adopt the final reading of the proposed Code Student Conduct for each level as presented by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. English MOVED that the Board conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the annual contract employees on the attached list not be renewed for the 2018-2019 school year, subject to the employees' appeal right pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-6 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. English MOVED that the Board conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of those continuing contract employees shown on the attached list not be renewed for the 2018-2019 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits of a hearing pursuant to South Carolina law; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Mace MOVED that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the employees shown on the attached list, all of whom are induction contracted employees, not be renewed for the 2018-2019 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-8 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Hightower MOVED that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation and authorize the re-employment for the 2018-2019 school year of the certified employees shown on the attached list, subject to the conditions, stipulations, requirements, or qualifications set forth for the employees; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-9 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Shealey MOVED that the Board authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2018-2019 school year of all certified personnel shown on the attached list (with the exception of employees who have given formal notice of retirement or of their intent to resign for relocation or other personal reasons before the start of the 2018-2019 school year); SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Mace MOVED to have the administration provide recommendations for members of the Bond Referendum Oversight Committee with same guidelines as One Cent Sales Tax Oversight Committee; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve the request to advertise for Bond Referendum Consultant position; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Dr. Washington presented a power point presentation regarding Summer Learning opportunities.

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: Administrative Appointments; and Legal Briefing: Short legal update on two patron appeal matters; settlement of a claim; and an upgrade on a charter application (not through the District).

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:49 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:55 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:35 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Matter: Administrative Appointments; and Legal Briefing: Short legal update on two patron appeal matters; settlement of a claim; and an upgrade on a charter application (not through the District).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

F-3-1 Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Phyllis Gamble, Executive Director of Middle Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-2 Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Christian Earl, Principal of Wagener-Salley High School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Liner and Mrs. Shealey opposed).



F-3-3 Mr. Barber MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Kippy Kelly, Assistant Principal of J.D. Lever Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-4 Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Caroline Barker, Principal of Greendale Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-5 Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Kenneth Lott, Principal/Director of Aiken County Career and Technology Center; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

No items this meeting.

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

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: