

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 2017

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 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 Mr. King Laurence.

Chairman Green offered a moment of silence for those involved in the accident near Greendale Elementary.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on April 11, 2017; and the Regular Meeting on April 18, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on April 11, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Green abstained). Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 18, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Schofield Middle School Math Counts Team was recognized.
- Cheer for Children – Dr. Winslow Shock was recognized for donating 7500 books for children to read.
- District-Wide All State Band and Chorus was recognized.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green will distribute copies of Regional Economic Benchmarking Report for Aiken County – 2017 Update received at the meeting with Aiken Chamber and Economic Development Partnership.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2017: 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 2016-2017: 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 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-4 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August for the 2017-2018 school year.
- B-5 2017 INSTALLATION OF CARPET & VINYL COMPOSITION TILE AT CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY, OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Gleaton Floor Covering, Inc. of Sumter, SC in the amount of \$344,822.00 for the 2017 Flooring at Chukker Creek Elementary' and authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Carpet Creations of Aiken, SC in the amount of \$194,954.00 for the 2017 Flooring at Oakwood-Windsor Elementary.
- B-6 RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS AT GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY AND MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$102,400.00 and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. for the Restroom Improvements at Gloverville Elementary with the funding coming from the Facilities Code Upgrades Account for Year 2017-2018.

- B-7 MODULAR CLASSROOM UNITS WITH RESTROOMS AT BYRD ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the base bid of \$192,420.00 and enter into a contract with Modular Technologies, Inc. for 4-Modular Classroom Units with Restrooms at Byrd Elementary with the funds coming from the Fund Five Reserves account in the 5 Year Facility Improvement Plan.
- B-8 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE 2017 SCRUBBING & RECOATING OF GYMNASIUM FLOORS DISTRICT WIDE FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid and enter into a contract with Ram Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$49,640.00 for the 2017 Scrubbing & Recoating of Gymnasium Floors District Wide for Aiken County Public Schools; and authorize the administration to accept the bid and enter into a contract with Royalwood Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$30,699.00 for the 2017 Scrubbing & Recoating of Gymnasium Floors District Wide for Aiken County Public Schools.
- B-9 INCREASE IN MEAL PRICES FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the increase in meal prices as indicated.
- B-10 RENAMING THE FREEDMAN PARENTING AND FAMILY LITERACY CENTER: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the name Freedman Early Learning Center, and authorize the Chairman to sign this resolution for the Board's records.

Mr. English MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified personnel for school year 2016-2017; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2016-2017; certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; and classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the 2017-2018 tentative version of the budget with any changes resulting from Board discussion; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Hightower announced a town hall meeting will be held at Midland Valley High School on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. All Board members are invited to attend.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- No update this meeting.

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 of Administrative Appointments as a proposed employment matter; and Student Appeals: Out of District Transfer Request (Area 1).

Mr. Barber MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:52 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:02 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:37 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: Consideration of Administrative Appointments as a proposed employment matter; and Student Appeals: Out of District Transfer Request (Area 1).

#### CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

#### LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No items this meeting.

#### PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

F-3-a: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR HIGH SCHOOLS: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent including compensation and appoint Alvin Pressley, Executive Director of High Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-b: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY:  
Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Elizabeth Rabb, Assistant Principal of Hammond Hill Elementary School; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

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

Mrs. English MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: