

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

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 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. Ahmed Samaha
Mrs. Sandra Shealey

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jeremy Mace

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. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
of Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
of Elementary 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 Mr. Bill Burkhalter.

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 October 24, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 24, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchely; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Dr. Gary Senn presented the Spirit of Ruth Patrick Award to Ms. Kishni Neville and Robert Alexander Administrator Award to Mrs. Jeannie Glover.

- State Champions for South Aiken High School were recognized as follow: Boys Swimming Team and Individuals; and SCTA Best Supporting Actor – Caleb Fairchild.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- North Augusta High School Tour is schedule for Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
- Chairman Green thanked staff for the recognition of our Veterans at their school programs.
- SCSBA Legislative Delegation Conference will be held in Charleston on December 1-3, 2017. Mr. Hightower will be inducted as President of the SCSBA.
- Chairman Green gave a brief update on the tour of Aiken High School.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No update this meeting.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL 2A & 2B ADDITION PROJECTS: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 2A ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 AIKEN ROTARY CLUB PRESENTATION: The Aiken Rotary Club updated the Board on the following programs: Rotary Reader Program, Dictionary Program and Scholarship Program.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsions of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Barber MOVED to pull this item to discuss in Executive Session; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- B-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT – This item was pulled on 11/13/17.
- B-4 REMAIN AT HOME SENIOR CARE, LLC DONATION TO REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$3,000 Remain at Home Senior Care, LLC donation to Redcliffe Elementary School and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-5 REMAIN AT HOME SENIOR CARE, LLC DONATION TO SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL ROTC – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$3,000 Remain at Home Senior Care, LLC Donation to Silver Bluff High School ROTC and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 PREMIER CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC. DONATION TO KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 Premier Construction Services donation to Kennedy Middle School and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.

- B-7 IORIO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATION TO OAKWOOD WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$7000.00 Iorio Charitable Foundation Donation to Oakwood Windsor Elementary School and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-8 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH VISITOR'S SIDE RESTROOM & CONCESSION PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from J.E. Stewart Builders, Inc. credit in the amount of \$62,843.18.
- B-9 SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION BY THE BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS INSURANCE TRUST RISK CONTROL GRANT – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust Risk Control Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-10 WESTERN CAROLINA STATE FAIR DONATION TO THE AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – fy18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 donation to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10 (B-2 was pulled for Executive Session and B-3 was pulled prior to meeting); SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified supplemental for school year 2017-2018; classified supplemental for school year 2017-2018; and non-employee supplemental for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Chairman Green discussed Board Workshop on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Alford gave a brief update on 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 and Contractual Issues: Consideration of an Administrative Appointment; Discussion and consideration of a personnel matter; Legal Briefing: Short verbal update on several pending claims or proceedings; and Out-of-District Transfer (B-2) moved to Executive Session.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:09 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:59 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 and Contractual Issues: Consideration of an Administrative Appointment; Discussion and consideration of a personnel matter; Legal Briefing: Short verbal update on several pending claims or proceedings; and Out-of-District Transfer (B-2) moved to Executive Session.

INDIVIDUAL ITEM (B-2):

- OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the list for Out-of-District Transfer Requests as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Martha Messick, Principal of Aiken Scholars Academy; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL MATTER: Mr. Liner MOVED the Board use lapsed salary funds available to the School Psychologists allocations in order to fund signing bonuses in the amount approved, as discussed during Executive Session, for six present vacancies for School Psychologists, which is presenting a present critical need in the District, and has resulted in part as a result of substantially higher salaries in nearby school districts; SECONDED by Mrs. English; 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 Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: