

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2017

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 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
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
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 Dr. DeeDee Washington.

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 September 26, 2017; were presented for approval. Mrs. English MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 26, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Mace abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green discussed scheduling Board Work Sessions. Dates and times are as follows: October 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. and 4 p.m.; and October 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- Chairman Green shared a letter received from Senator Nikki Setzler in regards to Transportation letter sent to Governor McMaster.
- North Augusta High School walk through is scheduled for Friday, October 20 at noon.0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No update this meeting.

A-2 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT AIKEN ELEMENTARY, NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY, REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY AND REPLACE CHILLER PLANT AT SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 for the HVAC Renovation Project at Aiken Elementary, North Augusta Elementary, Redcliffe Elementary and Replace Chiller Plant at Silver Bluff High Project from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount of \$39,079.00 with adequate Project Contingency funds.

B-2 PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET CALENDAR: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the proposed 2108-2019 budget calendar as presented.

B-3 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the approval by the Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services for the program of home instruction for the students as presented.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3; 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 2017-2018; certified personnel retiree rehire for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel retiree rehire for school year 2017-2018; and classified supplemental personnel for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY LDA AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE LDA-R STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS – FINAL READING: Mr. Hightower MOVED to adopt the proposed changes on final reading; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Liner opposed).
- C-3 NEW COURSE APPROVAL FOR CAMBRIDGE THEMATIC PROGRAM AT AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve the ten Cambridge courses to be offered at Aiken High School beginning the 2018-2019 school year and submit the ten courses to the South Carolina Department of Education for approval; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017: Mrs. English MOVED to approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending December 31, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- REPORTS FROM BOARD LIAISON TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES:
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SALARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. English
MOVED to approve the following: Increasing the bus driver scale by 7%
(7% increase would increase the hourly range to \$12.51 to \$20.13);
continuing the use of the current service credit formula while removing the
four-step cap for all pay scales; guaranteeing 30 hours of work time (per
full work week) for employees with bus driver/bus monitor only
responsibilities; and changing pay rates effective October 16, 2017, the
start of the new pay period for bus drivers which would be reflected in
paychecks November 20, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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:
Appeal: one transfer appeal from Area 2.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED
by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:18
p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:23 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:02 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or
received information concerning, the following matters: Appeal: One transfer appeal
from Area 2,

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL (AREA 2): The Board heard a request for transfer to Area 2 schools. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the transfer request to Area 2 schools for the 2018-2019 school year with tuition paid; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Mace MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: