

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 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:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman  
Mr. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman  
Dr. John A. Bass  
Mr. Levi Green  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent  
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller  
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
Dr. Kevin O’Gorman, Associate Superintendent  
for Instruction and Accountability  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer  
for Middle School  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office  
for High School  
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant  
to Board of Education

Chairman English called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Levi Green.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the agenda as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; Mr. Hazen MOVED to amend the motion to include adding a discussion for fund balance; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Item C-4 Discussion of Fund Balance was added to the agenda. Item A-1 SchoolFusion was pulled from the agenda due to technical difficulties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 11, 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 11, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Celebrating Technology video was shown.
- Dr. Gary Senn, Director of USC-Aiken Ruth Patrick Science Education Center presented the 2011 RPSEC Teacher of the Year Award to Mrs. Debra Rood and the 2011 RPSEC Administrator of the Year Award to Dr. Elizabeth Everitt.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No request this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Change in Board Self Assessment Meeting: The Board will have a Special Called Meeting on November 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office for the purpose of a SCSBA Self-Assessment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 SCHOOLFUSION – This item was pulled from the agenda due to technical difficulties.

A-2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Duane Cooper presented a power point presentation regarding 2001 Legislative Session De-briefing.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Eldridge recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Academic Officers.

B-2 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 TO THE EAST AIKEN CEILING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept Change Order Number 1 for the East Aiken Ceiling Project in the amount of \$20,073.48.

- B-3 DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION READING IN THE DIGITAL AGE GRANT TO BUSBEE CORBETT ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Dollar General Literacy Foundation Reading in the Digital Age Grant to Busbee Corbett Elementary/Middle and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4 SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA ING UNSUNG HEROES GRANT TO AIKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Scholarship America ING Unsung Heroes grant to Aiken Middle School and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; and classified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY DA – FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS/PRIORITY OBJECTIVES – SECOND READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve all the proposed amendments to Policy DA as presented for second reading, after which an additional reading will be presented on the Consent Agenda at the next meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby.

C-3 AMENDMENT TO POLICY DKC – EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION REIMBURSEMENT – SECOND READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to adopt the proposed policy changes and procedures on second reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

C-4 DISCUSSION OF FUND BALANCE: After a brief discussion, Mr. Hightower MOVED to have the Administration bring back the considerations with regards to use of fund balance; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Dr. Bass and Mr. Hazen opposed).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update of events around the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Contractual Issue related to review of Superintendent's evaluation process; Administrative (contractual) consideration; and Legal briefing – brief update on three items of litigation, one unemployment appeal, and one minor property contract consideration.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:36 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:41 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issue related to review of Superintendent's evaluation process; Administrative (contractual) consideration; and Legal briefing – brief update on three items of litigation, one unemployment appeal, and one minor property contract consideration.

**CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:**

- a. REVIEW SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION PROCESS: No action necessary.
- b. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION: No action necessary.

**LEGAL BRIEFINGS:**

- The Board heard a legal briefing with no action necessary.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES:**

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

No appeals this meeting.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: