

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 28, 2017

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 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
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ahmed Samaha
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. John Wesley Hightower

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 Mrs. Joy Shealy.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 28, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 28, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Google Winner, Alexander Fernandez from Byrd Elementary was recognized.
- Aiken High School was recognized as District Academic High School Winner.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief Legislative Update.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JANUARY 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: 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 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, 2017-2018: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- B-4 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT AIKEN ELEMENTARY, NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY, REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY AND REPLACE CHILLER PLANT AT SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$2,979,000.00 and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. for the HVAC Renovation Project at Aiken Elementary, North Augusta Elementary, Redcliffe Elementary and Silver Bluff High; and transfer \$1,839,000.00 from 2017-2018 Cyclic Roof Budget to fund this project.

B-5 SUBMISSION OF THE ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANTS (ACIG) – DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) GRANT FOR NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) grant for New Ellenton Middle School in the amount of \$18,000 and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-6 TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2017-2018: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees.

B-7 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DOCUMENT BASED QUESTIONS ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the purchase of the DBQ online subscription.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; 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; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2016-2017; and certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY DKA PAYROLL PROCEDURES/SCHEDULES – FINAL READING: Mr. Mace MOVED to adopt on final reading the proposed changes to Policy DKA; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 POLICY CHANGES RELATED TO REORGANIZATION – FIRST READING: Mr. Mace MOVED to approve on first reading the following Policies: KE, IHCA, GDJ, JJE, JJIC and Administrative Rule JJIC-R, JICEA, and Administrative Rule JJA-R; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY GBAA AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE GBAA-R SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on first reading Policy GBAA and Administrative Rule GBAA-R; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 CHANGES TO POLICY JI AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE JI-R STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on first reading Policy JI and Administrative Rule JI-R; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 CHANGES TO POLICY KF COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on first reading Policy KF; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED to conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the annual contract employees on the attached list not be renewed for the 2017-2018 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. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-8 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED to conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of those continuing contract employees shown on the attached list not be renewed for the 2017-2018 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-9 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL OF 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED to 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 2017-2018 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-10 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendations and authorize the re-employment for the 2017-2018 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 Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-11 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED to authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 school year); SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting;

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE: Dr. 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:
Appeals: Student Appeal from Area 1; Out of District Transfer Appeal from Area 2; and
Personnel: Consideration of Administrative Appointments.

Mr. Liner MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:41 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:48 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Appeals: Student Appeal from Area 1; Out of District Transfer Appeal from Area 2; and Personnel: Consideration of Administrative Appointments.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- Contractual Issue: Mr. Atchley MOVED to approve the new contractual agreement for continued services with Mr. William Burkhalter as Aiken County School District Legal Counsel for 2017-2018 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

F-3-A: No action on this item.

F-3-b: PRINCIPAL AT BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Renae Enlow, Principal of Byrd Elementary School; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 1): Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER (AREA 2): Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to enroll at North Augusta Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year with full tuition; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3 (Mr. Barber, Mr. West and Mr. Green opposed).

Mr. Mace MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: