

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
August 15, 2017

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 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. Cecil Atchley
Mrs. Rosemary English
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ahmed Samaha

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Tad Barber, Vice-Chairman

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 Middle 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. Levi Green.

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 July 18, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 18, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Mace abstained). Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on July 25, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on July 25, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Melvin Marshall spoke regarding three concerns: Teaching on “NO I” in Team; Early Release – Early Dismissal; and Substitute – Guest Teacher.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green spoke regarding the LMMS Dedication ceremony.

- Chairman Green discussed the SCSBA School Law Conference scheduled for August 19-20, 2017.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No update this meeting.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL 2A & 2B ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 2A ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH VISITOR'S SIDE RESTROOM AND CONCESSION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 REPORT OF MINORITY PURCHASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 REPORT OF SOLE SOURCE/EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 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-2 2018 GRADUATION CEREMONIES IN USC-A CONVOCATION CENTER: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board allow the administration to rent the Convocation Center for the high school graduations. The ceremonies will be held on June 7 & 8, 2018.
- B-3 AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE 2B PROJECT FINAL ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Final Construction Contract drawings and budget for the Aiken High School Addition Phase 2B Project and allow the administration to proceed with advertising and the acceptance of construction bids.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HGMP) FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WINDOW RETROFITTING PROJECT GRANT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the submission of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HGMP) for Aiken County Public Schools Window Retrofitting Project Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 NEGLECTED AND DELINQUENT GRANT APPLICATION – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Neglected and Delinquent application to the State Department of Education and the implementation of the program for the 2017-2018 school year.

B-6 FY18 APPLICATION FOR TITLE II, PART A OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the submission of the Title II application to the State Department of Education, adjustments to the FY2018 budget to reflect authorized expenditures and implementation of the program.

B-7 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #2 FY2017, GENERAL FUND (FUND 1) AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (FUNDS 2, 3, 8, AND 9): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #2.

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

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Samaha spoke regarding attending Advocacy meetings throughout the State.
- Mr. Hightower gave a brief Legislative Update.

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: Legal Briefing: Legal briefing on two Administrative Hearing decisions; consideration of a proposed energy contractual issue; an Administrative Court proceeding status; and a potential legal claim; and Student Items: two Out-of-District transfer requests (Area 2).

Mr. Liner MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:48 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:55 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal Briefing: Legal briefing on two Administrative Hearing decisions; consideration of a proposed energy contractual issue; an Administrative Court proceeding status; and a potential legal claim; and Student Items: two Out-of-District transfer requests (Area 2).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- PROPOSED ENERGY CONTRACTUAL ISSUE: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed energy contractual issue as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 REQUEST (AREA 2): The Board heard an appeal from the parents of a student in Edgefield County. Mr. Mace MOVED to allow the student to attend North Augusta High School for the 2017-2018 school year with full tuition; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 2): The parent and student did not show for the meeting.

Mrs. English MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: