

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 22, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 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. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer for Operations
and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Mrs. Mattie Dillon, Interim Chief Officer
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
for Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
For Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Executive Director
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration
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. Ronnie West.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 23, 2016; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 23, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Paul Knox Middle School and North Augusta High School was recognized as District Academic Team Winners.
- North Augusta High School Robotics Team was recognized.
- Tylus Madison was recognize as Aiken County Spelling Bee Winner.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - Inease Williamson spoke regarding Agricultural Education.
 - Doug Busbee spoke regarding Agricultural Education.
- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No items this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update regarding Legislative issues.
- A-3 TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR DEBRIEFING: Ms. Wiley gave an update regarding Teacher Recruitment Fair held on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the request for out-of-district transfers.
- B-3 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, 2016-2017: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- B-4 GMP FOR LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE BUILDING AND GMP FOR CHILLERS AT LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL, AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL & NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Alford recommended accept this information as presented by the administration.

B-5 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE 2016 SCRUBBBING & RECOATING OF GYMNASIUM FLOORS DISTRICT WIDE FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid and enter into a contract with Sports Court Solutions by Floor Action, Inc. in the amount of \$27,960.00 for the 2016 Scrubbing & Recoating of Gymnasium Floors District Wide for Aiken County Public Schools. The Five Year Facility Improvement Plan for 2016-2017 has the funds needed to complete these projects.

B-6 2016 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING@ BYRD LEARNING CENTER, AIKEN ELEMENTARY, NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY, CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE LEARNING AT PINECREST & BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Carpet Creations of Aiken, SC in the amount of \$236,099.00 for the 2016 Flooring of Aiken Elementary & North Augusta Elementary. Authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contact with Bonitz Flooring Group in the amount of \$69,900.00 for the 2016 Flooring of Center for Innovative Learning at Pinecrest. Also included in the motion, authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Ceiling & Flooring Restoration, Inc. in the amount of \$132,000.00 for the 2016 Flooring of Belvedere Elementary. Authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Gleaton Floor Covering for the 2016 Flooring of Byrd Learning Center and Alternate #1 in the amount of \$152,370.00.

B-7 POTASH DONATION TO BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S SCIENCE DAY FAIR – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$1,815 Potash donation to Belvedere Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-8 SUBMISSION OF VERIZON'S PROJECT LEAD THE WAY GATEWAY GRANT FOR JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of Verizon's PLTW Gateway grant for Jackson Middle School; and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-9 SUBMISSION OF VERIZON'S PROJECT LEAD THE WAY GATEWAY GRANT FOR NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of Verizon's PLTW Gateway grant for New Ellenton Middle School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-10 WATERFORD EARLY LEARNING SYSTEM: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the purchase and implementation of Waterford Early Learning.
- B-11 CORRECTION TO THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SOUND AND LIGHTING UPGRADES FOR THE AUDITORIUMS AT MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL AND SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the corrected amount totaling \$271,455.68 and allow the administration to enter into a contract with Troxell Communications.
- B-12 2016 PAINTING OF CENTER OF INNOVATIVE LEARNING AT PINECREST, GREENDALE ELEMENTARY, JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY, MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH, AIKEN ELEMENTARY (MEDIA ONLY) & NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY (MEDIA CENTER): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid of \$224,700.00 and enter into a contract with R.D. Brown Contractors, Inc. to paint Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest, Jefferson Elementary, Aiken Elementary (media only) and North Augusta Elementary (media only). Authorize the administration to accept the bid of \$300,000.00 and enter into a contract with S&A Enterprise, Inc. to paint Greendale Elementary and Midland Valley High.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-12; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; and classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Hightower 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 2016-2017 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. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-5 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendations and authorize the re-employment for the 2016-2017 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 on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. West opposed).

C-6 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Hightower MOVED to authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 school year); SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Hightower, Mr. Mace and Mrs. Piccolina presented a power point presentation regarding Communications Committee Update.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Alford discussed goals and implementation. Mr. Liner MOVED to adopt the goals as presented and begin implementation; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman English 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: Student Appeals: one out of district transfer appeals from Area 2; one student appeal from Area 4 and two student appeals from Area 2; Legal Briefing: Brief update on one litigation matter; Contractual Issue: Update on property transactions; and Personnel Issues: Discussion concerning personnel contract matters.

Mr. Liner MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:19 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:25 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:38 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeals: one out of district transfer appeals from Area 2; one student appeal from Area 4 and two student appeals from Area 2; Legal Briefing: Brief update on one litigation matter; Contractual Issue: Update on property transactions; and Personnel Issues: Discussion concerning personnel contract matters.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- UPDATE ON REAL PROPERTY STATUS: Mr. Mace MOVED to accept the resolution regarding the sale of Edgefield Avenue and purchasing Teledyne; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION ON PERSONNEL MATTERS: No action necessary.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard a transfer appeal from the parent of two high schools student in Edgefield County. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the students to enroll in North Augusta High School for the 2016-2017 school year provided tuition is paid and adequate space is available; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. TRANSFER APPEAL: The parents withdrew the appeal.
- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 4. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Hightower opposed).

- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 4. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Hightower opposed).

- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The appeal was postponed until 3/29/16.

- f. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- g. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. West opposed).

Mr. Mace MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: