

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2018

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at Silver Bluff High School, 64 DeSoto 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 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 Mrs. Laurie Reese.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2018; were presented for approval. Mrs. English MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2018; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- North Augusta High School Girls Basketball team were recognized as 4A State Champions.
- North Augusta High School Amari Young was recognized as Gatorade Player of the Year.
- South Aiken High School Cyber Patriot winner was recognized.
- AMP – SRNS was recognized.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Green discussed the Community Meetings as follow:  
March 29 for Area 3 at MVHS; April 9 for Area 1 at AHS; April 10 for Area 4 at WSHS; and April 16 for Area 1 at SAHS.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update regarding Legislative Issues.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 SUBMISSION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA): ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY ACT (AEFLA) PROGRAMS FEDERAL GRANT – FY19-21: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Programs Federal grant for Adult Education, and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-3 SUBMISSION OF THE ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY ACT (AEFLA): CORRECTIONS EDUCATION FEDERAL GRANT – FY 19-21: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA): Corrections Education Federal grant and receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) 2018-19 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY19: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2018-19 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-5 DART FOUNDATION GRANT TO NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY18:  
Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$5000.00 DART Foundation Grant to North Augusta High School and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-6 AWARDING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT WITH HONORS WEIGHTING FOR THE acGATEWAY SUMMER PROGRAM: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve high school credit with Honors weighting for the acGateway Summer Program.
- B-7 CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR THE NEW LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE GMP #3 BUILDING PACKAGE: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 3 for GMP #3 Building Package from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. credit in the amount of \$1,127,363.38.
- B-8 GMP#1 FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY ADULT EDUCATION RENOVATIONS PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept GMP #1 for the Midland Valley Adult Education Center project in the amount of \$1,437,684.00 and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. and transfer budget needed from unspent roofing and land acquisition dollars in the Five Year Cyclic Plan.
- B-9 MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM RESTROOMS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$798,000.00 and enter into a contract with J.E. Stewart Builders, Inc. for the Midland Valley High School Football Stadium Restrooms with the funding coming from the Athletic account for Year 2108-2019.

B-10 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION AND BUDGET FOR THE RIDGE SPRING HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE II PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with construction documents phase which is the final drawings and specifications for this project.

B-11 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #1; FUND #2, 3, 8 AND 9 (FY18): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #1; Fund #2, 3, 8 and 9 (FY18).

B-12 2018 PAINTING OF OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY, J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY & PAUL KNOX MIDDLE: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid of \$55,000.00 and enter into a contract with S&A Enterprises, Inc. to paint Paul Knox Middle.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-12 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; 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 rehire personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; and certified personnel for school year 2018-2019; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Administration and release the student from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Mrs. Shealey MOVED to appoint Nikki Batchelor to the Area 4 Advisory Council beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Alford gave a brief update on events around the District. Aiken Scholar Academy presentation from Ms. Messick.

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: Personnel Matter: a) Discussion and Consideration of a Personnel Issue; b) Administrative Appointment; Legal Briefing: short verbal update on a claim on behalf of the District and an appeal matter; and Parent Petition Hearing from Area 1.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:35 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:41 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:24 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Matter: a) Discussion and Consideration of a Personnel Issue; b) Administrative Appointment; Legal Briefing: short verbal update on a claim on behalf of the District and an appeal matter; and Parent Petition Hearing from Area 1.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ISSUE: No action necessary.
- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Mace MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Samuel Fuller, Principal at South Aiken High School; SECONDED by Mr. Samaha; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. PARENT PETITION HEARING (AREA 1): The Board heard the petition from parents in Area 1. There was no action necessary.
- b. DECISION LETTER TO PARENTS FROM MARCH 13, 2018 MEETING: Mr. Samaha MOVED to approve the decision letter requesting to be sent to the parents from March 13, 2018 meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: