

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 29, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Dr., Aiken, at 6:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and place of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. Jeremy Mace

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

Vice-Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance and noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is for Personnel Appointments and Student Appeals.

Vice-Chairman Green discussed the approval of the agenda. Mr. Liner MOVED to pull Individual Item #2 - Non-Renewal of Identified Continuing Contract Certified Personnel for 2016-2017 School Year requiring no action; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE CURB APPEAL LANDSCAPING PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

1. NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2016-2016 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED that due to the fact that the person included in last week's list had resigned prior to the Board taking action on the non –renewal of identified annual contracts, and since there are no additional persons to include this week, the action taken last week be vacated for the record since the issue was moot at the time the action was taken; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUIN CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2016-2016 SCHOOL YEAR: This item was pulled from the agenda.

3. RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Hightower 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 list, subject to the conditions, stipulations, requirements, or qualifications set forth for the employee; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner MOVED to authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2016-2017 school year of all certified personnel shown on the 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. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice-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: Student Appeal: two from Area 1; two from Area 2; and two from Area 5; and Contractual Issues: Discussion concerning personnel contract matters.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:10 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:15 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 7:49 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning the following matters: Student Appeal: two from Area 1; two from Area 2; and two from Area 5; and Contractual Issues: Discussion concerning personnel contract matters.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- 1-a. PERSONNEL CONTRACTUAL MATTER: Mr. Liner MOVED that the Board conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of a Professional Employee (with implied derivative Continuing Contract rights) not be renewed for the 2016-2017 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits in a hearing pursuant to South Carolina law; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an elementary student in Area 1. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Barber MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Also included in the motion, the administration will determine placement for the 2016-2017 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. West MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-2 (Mr. Atchley and Mr. Liner opposed).

- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to enroll in the Adult Education Program; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Barber 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. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: