

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 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. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Jeremy Mace  
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent  
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller  
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent  
for Instruction/Accountability  
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Office  
for Middle School  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Officer  
for High School  
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant  
to Board/Superintendent

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. Tad Barber.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. West MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Liner abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- S. C. International Reading Association Grants Recipients were recognized.
- North Augusta High School Robotics Teams were recognized.
- South Aiken High School Cyber Patriots were recognized.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carolyn Byrd spoke regarding Field Turf.

Brad Siverhus spoke regarding Field Turf.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of the Special Called Meeting on March 17, 2015, Budget Work Study at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.

B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the transfer request as recommended by the Director of Administrative Services.

B-3 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House donation to Chukker Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-4 MIGRANT EDUCATION BASIC FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize submission of the application to the State Department of Education, adjustment of the Fund 2 Budget to the amount of the grant award, and implementation of the program.
- B-5 SELECTIVE ROOF REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS AT BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY & METAL ROOF REPAIRS TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY & NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid of \$650,989.00; Alternate #1 (\$393,590.00); Alternate #2 (\$393,590.00) and enter into a contract with C.E. Bourne & Co., Inc. for the Selective Roof Replacement/Repairs at Belvedere Elementary & Metal Roof Repairs to Aiken Elementary & North Augusta Elementary.
- B-6 SELECTIVE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT BYRD LEARNING CENTER: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid of \$942,770.00 and enter into a contract with Lloyd Roofing Company, Inc. for the Selective Roof Replacement at Byrd Learning Center.
- B-7 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 11 FOR THE 2013 CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 11 from Contractors South, Inc. in the amount of \$25,650.00.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No update this meeting.

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: Contractual Issues: Personnel-related and contractual considerations pertaining to the pending Superintendent Search; Student Appeals as follow: one appeal from Area 3; one appeal from Area 4; one appeal from Area 2; and two appeals from Area 1; and Legal Briefing: one recent student injury claim; a recent decision on an unemployment compensation claim; and a follow up proposed final disposition on one student appeal from February 17, 2015.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:50 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:55 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:02 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issues: Personnel-related and contractual considerations pertaining to the pending Superintendent Search; Student Appeals as follow: one appeal from Area 3; one appeal from Area 4; one appeal from Area 2; and two appeals from Area 1; and Legal Briefing: one recent student injury claim; a recent decision on an unemployment compensation claim; and a follow up proposed final disposition on one student appeal from February 17, 2015.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- PERSONNEL-RELATED ISSUES AND CONTRACTUAL CONSIDERATIONS PERTAINING TO THE PENDING SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH: Mr. Hightower MOVED to authorize Legal Counsel to process the ads and application presented to the Board; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to authorize Legal Counsel to proceed with consultant group contractual proposal; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation for time spent; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-4 (Mr. Hazen, Mr. Liner, Mr. Atchley and Mrs. English opposed). Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-5 (Mr. Barber, Mr. West, Mr. Mace, Mr. Atchley and Mr. Hightower opposed). Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mrs. English, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Atchley opposed).
  
- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 4. Mr. Barber MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- c. 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 attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Atchley opposed).
  
- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent or student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Barber MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: