

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 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. Ronnie West

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Jeremy Mace

**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  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer  
for Elementary 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. Tray Traxler.

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 May 26, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 26, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Jackson Middle School was recognized for receiving STEM Award.
- BUDGET OVERVIEW: Mr. Traxler gave an overview of the 2015-2016 Budget and Dr. Stowe gave an update on testing.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the increase in Technology Budget of \$337,961; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to increase teacher supply checks from \$250 to \$275 In the amount of \$4,000; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests made this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed scheduling a Special Called Meeting on June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent Search; and moving forward with the Board Salary Study Committee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MARCH 31, 2015: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF APRIL 30, 2015: 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 REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools as requested.

- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 14 FOR THE 2013 CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 14 from Contractors South, Inc. in the amount of \$75,436.00, which the paving account has adequate funds.
- B-4 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$7,500 South Carolina State Firefighters Association grant to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 GLAXOSMITHKLINE DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$7,500 GlaxoSmithKline donation to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-6 WILLIAM D. ROWZEE DONATION TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 William D. Rowzee donation to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified retiree rehires personnel for school year 2015-2016; classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; and classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 POLICY ADF- WELLNESS [ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS] – FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to adopt on final reading the proposed amendments to Policy ADF – Wellness; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 POLICY DKC – EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION/REIMBURSEMENT – FINAL READING: Mr. Hightower MOVED to adopt the proposed changes on final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the AUP on First Reading as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Green; 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: Personnel Issues: Consideration of Administrative Appointments; Contractual Issues: Discussion and Determination of Superintendent Candidate Interview Questions and related evaluation instrument for the Board's use in narrowing the candidate field and conducting interviews later with finalists; Student Appeals: One from Area 5: and Legal Briefing: Consideration, upon receipt of legal advice, concerning potential problem areas relative to one on-going proposed contractual process.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:04 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:09 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:12 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel Issues: Consideration of Administrative Appointments; Contractual Issues: Discussion and Determination of Superintendent Candidate Interview Questions and related evaluation instrument for the Board's use in narrowing the candidate field and conducting interviews later with finalists; Student Appeals: One from Area 5: and Legal Briefing: Consideration, upon receipt of legal advice, concerning potential problem areas relative to one on-going proposed contractual process.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION OF SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS AND RELATED EVALUATION INSTRUMENT FOR BOARD'S USE IN SELECTING FINALISTS AND INTERVIEWS WITH FINALISTS: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

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PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

ATTACHMENT 1: Mr. Green MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Charlene Heard, Principal of Warrentville Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed).

ATTACHMENT 2: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Perry Smith, Full-time Assistant Principal at North Augusta High School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchely; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the guardian of a student in Area 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. Also included in the motion, was permission to receive diploma and after successfully completing rehabilitation program, the permanent record will be expunged of the expulsion; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Green abstained).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: