

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 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:

Mr. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman

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. Janice Kitchings, 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

Vice-Chairman Fleming called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. David Caver.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on January 15, 2013, minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2013, and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on January 20, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on January 15, 2013, minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2013, and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on January 29, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (January 15 and January 29, 2013). MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 for the minutes of January 22, 2013 (Mr. Green abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Royce Cook a student at North Augusta High School was recognized for receiving the Aspiration in Computing Award.
- Grace Thompson a student at South Aiken High School was recognized for receiving the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement Award.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Marcia Nash, Aiken County First Steps Executive Director spoke regarding current collaboration and re-authorization of First Steps.
- Tina Bevington spoke regarding LMMS.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Fleming reminded the Board of a Special Called Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. for Public Input regarding TIF and also, ACPS Honor Court Reception will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at District Office (Room 54) at 5:45 p.m. for Board members.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 CENTER OF INNOVATIVE LEARNING AT PINECREST AND ALTERNATIVE LEARNING UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest and Alternative Learning Update.

A-2 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS 1982-83 TO 2011-2012: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief overview of Legislative issues.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Academic Officers.
- B-2 SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS DONATION TO WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 Savannah River Nuclear Solutions donation to Wagener-Salley High School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-3 STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY'S CELEBRATE MY DRIVE DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company's \$2,500 Celebrate My Drive donation to Midland Valley High School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 7 FOR THE NEW ADDITION PROJECT AT JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 7 from Stewart-Corbitt General Contractors, in the amount of \$15,659.08.
- B-5 2013 RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT PHASE I: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid of \$7,063,000.00 and enter into a contract with Edcon, Inc.

- B-6 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #4; FUNDS #2, 3, 8 AND 9 (FY13): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #4; Funds #2, 3, 8 and 9 (FY13).

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

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2012-2013; certified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2012-2013; and classified personnel for school year 2012-2013; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-2 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FIVE-YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; Mr. Hazen MOVED to amend the motion to have the Board commit to be on the 2014 ballot with an initiative based upon either a penny sales tax or a bond referendum; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; AMENDED MOTION failed on a vote of 2-6 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Green, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed). ORIGINAL MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

- C-3 GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS (POLICY IKA) NECESSARY POLICY CHANGES- FIRST READING: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve proposed amendments to Policy IKA on first reading: SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Smith recognized Mr. Phil Napier, newly elected Aiken County Council Member and also, recognized Gloverville Elementary for raising almost \$16,000.00.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update of events around the District.

Vice-Chairman Fleming announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: student appeals as follow: one from Area 1, one from Area 3, one from Area 4, and two from Area 2.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:26 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:41 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:35 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Fleming announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: student appeals as follow: one from Area 1, one from Area 3, one from Area 4, and one from Area 2 (one student did not show for Area 2).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 4. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

F-5-d STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

F-5-e STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION failed on a vote of 0-7-1 (Mr. Smith abstained). Mr. West MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Smith abstained).

Mr. Green MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: