

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 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. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Ray Fleming
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 Superintendent/Board

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Dr. Cecelia Hewett.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on May 20, 2014; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on May 20, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Fleming abstained). Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Barber abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET: No request were made for Public Input on Budget.
- BUDGET OVERVIEW: Mr. Traxler gave an overview of the Proposed 2-14-2015 Budget.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the Read to Succeed Literacy Coordinator; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a voted of 5-3 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed).

Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve one-time funding of \$250,000 for sports at all school levels and take it out of fund balance; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; Mr. Smith MOVED to amend the motion to include matching funds for Athletics for the 2015-2016 school year as indicted in the budget from the early 1990's; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; AMENDED MOTION failed on a vote of 4-4 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mr. Hightower and Mr. Fleming opposed). ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve the substitute teacher pay increase by \$2.00 per day; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the 1% bonus for employees at top step and teachers rising to steps 1, 2, or 3; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve one-time funding of \$100,000 for janitorial supplies (\$4 increase per student) and take it out of fund balance; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Smith MOVED to approve one-time funding of \$100,000 for office supplies (\$4 increase per student) and take it out of fund balance; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Green informed the Board that the meeting scheduled for budget issues for June 17, 2014, would not be needed and has been canceled.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board that the student be released from Aiken County Public Schools to attend school in another district with the stipulation that the District will have no responsibility for tuition of the receiving district.
- B-3 SUBMISSION OF SC STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the SC State Department of Education Arts Curricula Innovation grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-4 2014-2015 TITLE I SUPPORT FUNDS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the use of the Title I Support funds and the implementation of the strategies for the 2014-2015 school year.
- B-5 WJBF-AUGUSTA SCIENCE PROJECT 2014 GRANT TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 Science Project 2014 WJBF-Augusta Grant to Midland Valley High School and Schofield Middle School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-6 GLAXOSMITHKLINE DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$7,500 GlaxoSmithKline donation to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-7 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 2 from Edcon, Inc. in the amount of \$132,777.00.
- B-8 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CARPET AT GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY, NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE & SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL (REMAINING AREAS): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Change Order Number 1 from Carpet Creations in the amount of \$52,895.00.

B-9 WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS & GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S BREEZEWAY ADDITION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low bid and enter into a contract with the bidder as recommended under separate cover for the Wagener-Salley High School's Auditorium renovation & Gloverville Elementary School's Breezeway Addition.

B-10 RSM ELEMENTARY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA-AIKEN, AND AIKEN WRITING PROJECT GRANT PARTNERSHIP – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board review and receive as information.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10; 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 2013-214; certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; and classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Vice-Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals: one from Area 3; Personnel Issues: Administrative appointments and one personnel matter overview; and Brief Legal Update on one student transfer request.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:36 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:41 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:26 p.m.

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CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS – Attachment 1: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Dr. Amy McClure, Principal of Belvedere Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS – Attachment 2: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Jane Lomax, Administrator of Compliance; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the Tribunal decision and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Also included in the motion, the student will be placed on strict probation for the 2014-2015 school year and the administration will determine placement for the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: