

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 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. Tad Barber  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Cecil Atchley  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. Jeremy Mace

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent  
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel  
Mr. King Laurence, Chief Officer of Administration  
for Instruction  
Dr. Dee Dee Washington, Chief Officer of Instruction  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director  
of Elementary School  
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director  
of Elementary School  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director  
of Middle School  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Executive Director  
of High School  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant  
to Board of Education

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. Wesley Hightower.

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 August 23, 2016; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 23, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
  - Jacqueline Jones spoke in regards to Freedom Builders, Inc.
  - Heath and Catherine Cundey spoke regarding release of students from NAHS.
  
- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
  - Chairman English discussed the SCSBA School Law Conference.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No update this meeting.

A-2 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST POSITION: Dr. Foster gave the Board a brief update regarding Telecommunication Specialist Position. Further information and recommendation will be brought back.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the release of students recommended to attend the out-of-district schools as requested.

B-2 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the approval by the Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services for the program of home instruction for the students indicated.

B-3 COUNTESS MAREE TARNOWSKA DONATION TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$1,400 Countess Maree Tarnowska donation to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY17 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-4 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS DONATION TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY-17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 donation to Aiken High School and adjustments to the FY17 Special Revenue Fund to reflect amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified personnel for school year 2016-2017; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2016-2017; and non-employee supplemental for school year 2016-2017; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 POLICY BID – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BOARD POLICY BID BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES – FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to adopt on final reading the recommended amendments to Board Policy BID; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 CHANGES TO POLICY JFABC ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed changes on first reading; SECONDED by West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 CHANGES TO POLICY IHAM HEALTH EDUCATION – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed changes on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 CHANGES TO POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed changes on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 CHANGES TO POLICY JLCD ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICINES – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed changes on first reading; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-7 CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION BY BOARD MEMBERS AT BOARD MEETINGS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES: Mr. Liner MOVED to implement Policy BEDF, Alternative B without pay as discussed; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-3 (Mr. Barber, Mrs. English and Mr. Hightower opposed). No other motion was made to change Policy BEDF.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- AREA 1 ADVISORY COUNCIL: Mrs. English MOVED to appoint Eugene White to the Area 1 Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Mr. Traxler gave a brief update on Bond Sales.
- Dr. Foster gave a brief update on Positive Youth Discipline.

Chairman English announced there are no items for consideration and discussion, therefore, the Board would not need to go into executive session.

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: