

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 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:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman
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

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. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
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. Rose Puckett, Administrative Secretary
to 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 approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 19, 2013, and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 19, 2013; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- RSMHS Virtual Enterprise State Champions were recognized.
- Hammond Hill Elementary was recognized as Palmetto's Finest.
- Junior Leadership of Aiken County shared information regarding their class project.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of the following: First Year Teacher Reception, April 17, 2013 at North Augusta High School at 3:45 p.m.; and Teacher of The Year Banquet, April 29, 2013 at Convocation Center Honor Court at 6:00 p.m., Banquet at 7:00 pm.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 STUDENTS MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES: Mrs. Shealy presented a power point presentation regarding Student Making the Right Choices.
- A-2 ANNUAL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding Annual District Strategic Plan Update.
- A-3 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2013: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update. Mr. Liner will work on a draft letter with Mr. Traxler to send to Representative Bill Clyburn.

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 approve the recommendation to release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.

- B-3 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, 2013-2014: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.
- B-4 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to dispose of items in the attachment by public auction, and to enter into an agreement with an experienced auction company to conduct the auction.
- B-5 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$7,500 South Carolina State Firefighters grant to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-6 AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAN: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Aiken County Public Schools Communications/Public Relations Plan as submitted.
- B-7 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-8 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CE-MIST (CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN MIDDLE-LEVEL, INTERDISCIPLINARY STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING) GRANT TO BUSBEE-CORBETT ELEM./MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,024.31 University of South Carolina CE-MIST grant to Busbee-Corbett Elem./Middle School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8; 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; and classified personnel for school year 2012-2013; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 REVISION OF BOARD POLICY DEC, "SELECTION OF TITLE I SCHOOLS," SECOND READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the revised Board Policy DEC, "Selection of Title I Schools," Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 PROPOSED POLICY JLCEE: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS – SECOND READING: Mr. Green MOVED to approve on first reading proposed Policy JLCEE and administrative rule JLCEE-R; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-4 PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2013-2014: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget with any changes resulting from Board discussion; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Green discussed the Discipline Committee Meeting scheduled for April 17, 2013 at the District Office at 5:00 p.m.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student and Transfer Appeals as follow: One transfer appeal from Area 1; four student appeals from Area 1; and Personnel Matter: Consideration of one Administrative appointment.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:25p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:53 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:37 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student and Transfer Appeals as follow: One transfer appeal from Area 1; four student appeals from Area 1; and Personnel Matter: Consideration of one Administrative appointment.

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: TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard a transfer appeal from the parent of a elementary student. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the transfer request with tuition paid and additional conditions as discussed; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and permanently expel the student from Aiken County Public Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to serve five days of out of school suspension and return to school on strict probation on April 22, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Liner opposed).

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. English, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Liner opposed).

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: