

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 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
Dr. John A. Bass
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Dwight Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Keith Liner
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services
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 Mrs. Peggy Trivelas.

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 20, 2012; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2012; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 20, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2012; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 27, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Hazen abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Schofield Middle School and South Aiken High School were recognized as District Academic Team Winners
- Mr. King Laurence was recognized as National Title I Award Winner
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
 - Chairman English gave a brief report on the meeting for Communication/PR Committee held on Friday, April 13, 2012. Chairman English announced the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2012, at 12:00 a.m. at the District Office.
 - Chairman English announced the Board would need to schedule a Special Called Meeting on April 24, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of a Budget Workshop and to hear student appeals.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT UPDATE: Mrs. Kitchings presented a power point presentation on Parental Involvement Update.
- A-2: FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 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 approve the requests for Out-of-District transfers.
- B-3: REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student listed for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August for the 2012-2013 school year.
- B-4: ROOF REPLACEMENT AT KENNEDY MIDDLE, GREENDALE ELEMENTARY, AND NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid of \$919,000.00 and enter into a contract with Southeast Roofing Solutions for the Selective Roofing Replacement at Kennedy Middle; and allow the administration to accept the low base bid of \$103,550.00 and enter into a contract with S.E. Bourne & Company, Inc. for the Selective Siding Replacement at North Augusta High.
- B-5: SELECTION OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2011-12 THROUGH 2015-16: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the District to contract with Elliott Davis, LLC for auditing services for fiscal years 2011-12 through 2015-16.
- B-6: PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, 2012-2013: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1: PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified personnel for school year 2012-2013; and classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2: PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2012-2013: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget with any changes resulting from Board discussion; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3: DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the Aiken County Public School District's 2009-2014 strategic plan 2012 update; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

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: a legal briefing related to two contractual issues and one litigation matter; a patron appeal involving student placement; and a student appeal from Area 3.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:55 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:00 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:02 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: a legal briefing related to two contractual issues and one litigation matter; a patron appeal involving student placement; and a student appeal from Area 3.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board heard a legal briefing with no action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- PERSONNEL APPEAL HEARING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to schedule a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing a Personnel Appeal; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: PATRON APPEAL: Mr. Fleming MOVED to deny the appeal for tuition waiver; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and 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 5-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Hazen opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: