

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 19, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 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. Keith Liner
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O’Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and Accountability
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 1
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 2
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 3
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 4
Dr. Randy Stowe, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 5
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 15, 2011, minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 22, 2011, and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 24, 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 15, 2011, minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 22, 2011, and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 24, 2011; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Liner abstained on the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 15, 2011 due to being absent).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Academic Teams from Aiken Middle and South Aiken High were recognized as District Academic Team Winners.

- New Ellenton Middle School State Quiz Bowl Winners were recognized.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No requests were made.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed the Ad HOC Committee on Area Advisory Council's Roles and Responsibilities. Due to the number of Board members that had volunteered to be on the committee which would be a quorum, Chairman English removed herself from the committee. In order to have representation from different areas, Mr. Hightower removed himself from the committee to allow Mr. Smith to serve as the Area 3 Representative. The Ad HOC committee members are as follow: Mr. Hazen, Mr. Green, Mr. Liner and Mr. Smith.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-3 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave an update on legislation. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to include a section on the agenda for Legislative Update to keep the Board and public informed about current legislation; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-5 ALTERNATIVE LEARNING FRAMEWORK: Dr. O’Gorman gave a detailed overview on Alternative Learning. ACTION ITEM: Schedule a work study to discuss the feasibility of an Alternative Learning Program to be considered for the 2011-2012 Budget.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Area Assistant Superintendents.

B-2 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-3 THE INSTALLATION OF CARPET AND VINYL COMPOSITION FLOOR TILE AT NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with The Carpet Shop of Augusta, Georgia in the amount of \$77,385.00 for The Installation of Carpet and Vinyl Composition Floor Tile at North Augusta Middle School.

- B-4 REVISION TO POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS – SECOND READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the proposed revisions to Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems on Second Reading.
- B-5 REQUEST TO OPERATE ON A FOUR-DAY WEEK: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the recommendation of the administration to schedule schools and offices to begin the four day week starting Monday, June 6, 2011, and to return back to a five day work week beginning Monday, August 8, 2011.
- B-6 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – PHASE III: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the revised low base bid, alternates number 1 & 3 of \$2,566,250.00 and enter into a contract with Gold Mechanical, Inc. for the HVAC Phase III Renovation at South Aiken High School.
- B-7 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL PHASE II: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid and Alternates 1, 2, 3 & 4 totaling \$2,924,200.00 and enter into a contract with R.D. Brown Contractors, Inc. for the HVAC Renovation at Silver Bluff High School Phase II.
- B-8 2011 PAINTING OF LBC MIDDLE; THE PAINTING OF REMAINING AREAS OF RS-M ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE, LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE, AND RS-M HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the bid of \$392,000.00 and enter into a contract with S&A Enterprises, LLC to paint LBC Middle; the Painting of the Remaining Areas of RS-M Elementary/Middle, Leavelle McCampbell Middle, and RS-M High.

Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as recommended; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2010-2011; classified personnel for school year 2010-2011; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2010-2011; and summer program employees for school year 2010-2011; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Everitt gave a brief update on events in the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal briefing – Update on two litigation matters; the schedule and process concerning a pending special education due process hearing request under IDEA; a new charter proposal; a construction bid concern; an issue concerning a school PTO organization; and a security change request relative to emails of reports; a student exemption request (legal briefing matter); a student expulsion rescission request (legal briefing matter); Student appeals as follow: one from Area 5; one from Area 3; one from Area 1; and two from Area 2; Budget consideration related to contracts; and Administrative reassignment.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:59 p.m.

Mr. Hightower was not present for Executive Session.

Executive session convened at 9:04 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:42 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal briefing – Update on two litigation matters; the schedule and process concerning a pending special education due process hearing request under IDEA; a new charter proposal; a construction bid concern; an issue concerning a school PTO organization; and a security change request relative to emails of reports; a student exemption request (legal briefing matter); a student expulsion rescission request (legal briefing matter); Student appeals as follow: one from Area 5; one from Area 3; one from Area 1; and two from Area 2; Budget consideration related to contracts; and Administrative reassignment.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- a. BUDGET CONSIDERATION RELATED TO CONTRACTS: No action necessary.
- b. ADMINISTRATIVE REASSIGNMENT: No action necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- a. **STUDENT EXEMPTION:** As discussed concerning a student with a physical disability as well as medical authorization and indication that he cannot participate in Physical Education, Mr. Green MOVED that pursuant to the statutory Law of South Carolina, the Board declare this student be exempt from Physical Education requirement and that the Board encourage [but not require] the student to take, as an alternative, appropriate instruction in Health Education or other instruction in lifestyle modification; **SECONDED** by Mr. Hazen, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. **SECURITY PROCEDURES RELATED TO COMMUNICATION WITH BOARD MEMBERS BY EMAIL:** No action necessary.

- c. **STUDENT EXPULSION RESCISSION REQUEST:** Mr. Fleming MOVED to rescind the expulsion and refer the student to the Tribunal for an appeal; **SECONDED** by Mrs. Wesby; **MOTION** carried on a vote of 5-2 (Dr. Bass and Mr. Hazen opposed).

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

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 5. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; **SECONDED** by Mr. Fleming; **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. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3 (Mr. Hazen, Mr. Liner and Dr. Bass opposed).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-2 (Mrs. English and Dr. Bass opposed).

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Green opposed).

Mr. Hazen MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: