

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 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. Cecil Atchley
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, 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
Mrs. Laurie Reese, 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. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board/Superintendent

Reception was held from 4:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. in honor of Dr. Sean Alford.

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. Jeremy Mace.

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 July 14, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 14, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Mr. David Stoner was recognized as the International Math Olympiad USA Gold Medalist.
- Ms. Jennifer Wilson was recognized for receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- Ms. Sandra Blackwood was recognized for receiving the SCAPT Support Person of the Year.
- Jackson Middle School was recognized for receiving STEM Award.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests made this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed several dates: August 4, 2015, Special Called Meeting for the purpose of presenting Superintendent Entry Plan by Dr. Sean Alford; August 5, 2015, Induction and New-to-District Orientation Luncheon at Midland Valley High School; and August 14, 2015, USCA Reception for Dr. Alford at 8:00 a.m. - Coffee Mix and Mingle.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATE: Chairman English discussed Board Committees regarding Communication and Salary Study. Communication Committee Board and Staff members are as follow: Mr. Hightower, Mrs. English, Dr. Alford, Dr. Foster, Dr. Stowe and Mrs. Piccolino; Salary Study Committee Board members are as follow: Mr. Liner, Mr. Green, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Hightower. An update from Communication and Salary Study will be provided at the Regular Meeting on September 29, 2015.
- A-2 REPORT OF MINORITY PURCHASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 REPORT OF SOLE SOURCE/EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: No Legislative Update this meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools as requested.
- B-2 BYRD ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND SURFACING PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$18,862.92.
- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE SYNTHETIC TURF AT NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount of \$145,178.00. The Fund Five Reserve Contingency has adequate balance.
- B-4 POTASHCORP DONATION TO REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$1,279.63 PotashCorp donation to Redcliffe Elementary School and adjustment to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #4; FUND #2, 3, 8 and 9 (FY15): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #4; Fund #2, 3, 8 and 9 (FY15).

- B-6 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #3 (FY15); FUND #1 (GENERAL FUND) AND FUND #5 (SCHOOL BUILDING FUND): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #3 (FY15); Fund #1 (General Fund) and Fund #5 (School Building Fund).
- B-7 CUSTODIAL PILOT PROGRAM WITH AUGUSTA JANITORIAL: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve to enter into a full 6 month pilot from Augusta Janitorial at the current pre-pilot sites with the expectation that a full update on the program is brought to the board at the close of the pilot to determine future action as it relates to a full scope district-wide custodial program.
- B-8 LOWE'S OF AIKEN DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the donation of goods and services from Lowe's of Aiken to Chukker Creek Elementary School.

Mr. Green 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 2015-2016; certified retiree rehires for school year 2015-2016; classified personnel for school year 2015-2016 excluding Item 14 on page 1; certified supplemental for school year 2015-2016; classified supplemental for school year 2015-2016; and non-employee supplemental for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- AREA 1 ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. English MOVED to re-appoint Clarence Jackson to the Area 1 Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- AREA 2 ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Mr. Mace MOVED to re-appoint Darrel Blocker and Karen Key; and appoint Mark Stone, Crystal Morlan and Michelle Burns to the Area 2 Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- PROPOSED SCHOOL LANDSCAPING PROJECTS: This item will be brought back.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Alford gave a brief update of events around the District. Dr. Alford extended an invitation from Congressman Joe Wilson to join him, his wife and staff at Aiken High School on August 25, 2015, at 1:15 p.m.

Chairman English announced the Board will need to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board may choose: Transfer Appeal: one from Area 2; Contractual Issue: Proposed Contract Regarding Real Property; Legal Briefing: Short update on one litigation matter; one EEOC Claim Dismissal; one Employment Workforce Claim determination; contract matter; and follow-up on one contract matter; and Personnel Matter: Administrative Appointments and Personnel Appointment pulled from Item C-1, Attachment 3, page 1, Item 14.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:36 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:41 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:20 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Transfer Appeal: one from Area 2; Contractual Issue: Proposed Contract Regarding Real Property; Legal Briefing: Short update on one litigation matter; one EEOC Claim Dismissal; one Employment Workforce Claim determination; contract matter; and follow-up on one contract matter; and Personnel Matter: Administrative Appointments and Personnel Appointment pulled from Item C-1, Attachment 3, page 1, Item 14.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- PROPOSED CONTRACT REGARDING REAL PROPERTY: Mr. Liner MOVED to authorize the Administration to provide additional information regarding Real Property value; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Celia White-Rhines, part-time Assistant Principal/part-time Curriculum Coordinator at Schofield Middle School; SECONDED By Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Sam Fuller, full-time Assistant Principal at South Aiken High School; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Carolyn Campbell, full-time Assistant Principal at Oakwood Windsor Elementary; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Eddie Watkins, part-time Assistant Principal at North Augusta High School; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Betty Ruth Smith, part-time Assistant Principal/part-time Teacher at Paul Knox Middle; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT: Item C-1, Attachment 3, Page 1, Item 14 – Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the classified personnel on Attachment 3, Page 1, Item 14 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student. Mr. Liner MOVED to allow the student to enroll at North Augusta High School for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. Also included in the motion, tuition will be waived for the 2015-2016 school year only. The parent must appeal to the Board prior to the 2016-2017 school year for tuition waiver; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Mace MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: