

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 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
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

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. 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. Ray Fleming.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2011; were presented for approval. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Green; Mr. Hightower requested that Item A-4 be changed to the following: After Mr. Hightower reviewed the information, he would like for the vote to be reconsidered; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Mr. Dwight Smith was recognized by the SCSBA for his service to the Aiken County Public Schools.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Norman Thibodeau spoke regarding bus transportation.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English informed the Board the presentation by ROAR Group on Tax Reform will be on September 15, 2011.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 REPORT OF MINORITY PURCHASE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-2 REPORT OF SOLE SOURCE/EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-3 EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS: Mrs. Robinson and staff presented a power point presentation regarding East Aiken School of the Arts.

- A-4 SINGLE GENDER CLASS: Mrs. Reese presented a power point presentation regarding Single Gender Class at North Augusta Elementary.

- A-5 ACT: Dr. O’Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding ACT.

- A-6 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a legislative update presentation.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 TARGET SHOOTING STAR READERS GRANT TO GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Target grant to Gloverville Elementary School and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-2 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF SmartFindExpress SUBSTITUTE CALLING SYSTEM: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board utilize up to \$12,000 from existing Fund 1 Budget allocations to implement the SmartFindExpress Web-based substitute calling and absence reporting system for the 2011-12 school year.
- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 4): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the requests for Out-of-District transfers with the stipulation that there will be no obligation on the part of the School District of Aiken County.
- B-4 THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.
- B-5 RENAMING PINECREST: Mr. Hightower MOVED to pull this item from the agenda and offer back to committee for more community input; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2011-2012; and classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 FIVE YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the proposed Five Year Facility Improvement Plan as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Mr. Green MOVED to reappoint Tara Lark to the Area 5 Advisory Council with term beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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: Contractual Matter: Superintendent's Evaluation Timeline; Legal Briefing – Brief update on four litigation matters and four unemployment compensation claims; Administrative Appointment; and one student appeal request from Area 1.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:05 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:10 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:55 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Matter: Superintendent's Evaluation Timeline; Legal Briefing – Brief update on four litigation matters and four unemployment compensation claims; Administrative Appointment; and one student appeal request from Area 1.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION TIMELINE: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation Timeline as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

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

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Green MOVED to approve the administrative appointment as recommended by the Superintendent; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,

Warren Wintrode appointed Assistant Principal at Ridge Spring Monetta High School.

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 1. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to rescind the permanent expulsion for the 2011-2012 school year. Also included in the motion, the administration will evaluate the student and determine appropriate placement; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: