

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 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:

Mr. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Ray Fleming
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman

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. 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 Superintendent/Board

Vice-Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing student appeals prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose of hearing student appeals as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Executive session convened at 6:01 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Green called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mrs. Joy Shealy,

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Smith abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Green reminded the Board that Public Input for District Strategic Plan is scheduled for March 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 DISTRICT VIRTUAL SCHOOL: Mrs. Altringer and Mrs. Hallman presented a power point presentation regarding District Virtual School.
- A-2 ADULT EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH ATC: Information was provided to the Board.
- A-3 STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH ADDITION: 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 MOVED to have the Administration provide a list of projects at the Board meeting on March 18, 2014, regarding the Education Capital Improvement Sales & Use Tax; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 students requesting to be released from Aiken County Public Schools to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT BASED LEARNING PILOT PROJECT AT AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Middle School Project Based Learning Pilot.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2013-2014; and classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FIVE-YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Hazen opposed).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Vice-Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: three from Area 1; and two from Area 4.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

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 high school student in Area 1. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the Tribunal decision and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1-1 (Mr. Barber opposed; Mr. Fleming abstained).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 4. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1-1 (Mr. West opposed; Mr. Fleming abstained).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student on Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Also included in the motion was permission to enroll the student in an independent home school association; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Fleming abstained).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Fleming abstained).

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew the appeal on 2/25/14.

F-5-f: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 4. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to school and to resume bus transportation on strict probation as time served; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Fleming abstained).

F-5-g: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew the appeal on 2/24/14.

F-5-h: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew the appeal on 2/25/14.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: