

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 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. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

**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  
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent  
for Instruction and Accountability  
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. Rose Puckett, Administrative Secretary  
to Superintendent

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

Chairman English recognized Mr. Ray Fleming and his wife, Lynn, as being selected Citizens of the Year by the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Dr. John Bass.

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 February 14, 2012; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jeremy Johnson spoke regarding Early Release. Mr. Hightower stated that he would meet with Mr. Johnson personally and possibly schedule a community meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman English announced the Board would have a Special Called Meeting on March 6, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. to hear student appeals.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CENTER OF INNOVATIVE LEARNING AT PINECREST UPDATE: A moment of silence in memory of Mr. Preister, Custodian, who served Aiken County Public Schools for over 30 years was held prior to the presentation. Dr. O'Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest Update.
- A-2 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRUDENT FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND CONTROLS – PARENT ORGANIZATION: Mr. Burkhalter presented information regarding recommendations for prudent financial operations and controls – parent organizations.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BYRD LEARNING CENTER (BLC) FOOD SERVICE OPERATION CENTER PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 HISTORICAL MARKER FOR LEAVELLE McCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the donation of the historical marker and work with the Leavelle McCampbell Alumni Association to find a suitable location on the school site to place it.

- B-2 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 16 TO THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 16 at North Augusta Middle School Addition Project from Matrix Construction Company, Inc. in the credit amount of \$122,372.49.
- B-3 SCHEMATIC PLANS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE I PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Aiken High School Addition Phase I Project as presented by LS3P Architects.
- B-4 FRESHMAN ACADEMY PILOT APPLICATIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the North Augusta High School's pilot for 2012-2013 school year. After budget reviews, if there are additional resources available, the administration would recommend the approval of Aiken High School's pilot. The approximate cost for North Augusta High School's pilot would be \$165,000.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

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

C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY DIE AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE DIE-R (AUDITS/FINANCIAL MONITORING) – SECOND READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to adopt on second reading the changes to Policy DIE and Administrative Rule DIE-R; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 CHARTER SCHOOL REPORTS: Midland Valley Preparatory School, Lloyd-Kennedy Charter School and Aiken Performing Arts Academy presented information to the Board as an update. Mr. Hightower MOVED to accept as information only; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; 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: Very short legal briefing related to two proposed property contractual matters; one pending litigation item; an employment security claim; and some records confidentiality legal considerations; Student appeals as follow: one from Area 1; one from Area 3; one from Area 4; and one from Area 2; and an administrative appointment consideration.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:28 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:33 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: Very short legal briefing related to two proposed property contractual matters; one pending litigation item; an employment security claim; and some records confidentiality legal considerations; Student appeals as follow: one from Area 1; one from Area 2; one from Area 3; and one from Area 4; and an administrative appointment consideration.

#### CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

#### LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

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

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Fleming MOVED to accept the recommendation by the Superintendent to appoint Mrs. Wendy Jacobs, as Interim Principal at North Augusta Middle School and Mrs. Teresa Mitchum, as full time Assistant Principal at North Augusta Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The student or parent did not show for the appeal. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew the appeal on 2/28/12.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The student appeal was postponed until 3/6/12.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parents of a high school student in Area 4. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The student appeal was postponed until 3/6/12.

F-5-f: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Also included in the motion was permission for the student to enroll in the Adult Education Program; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-g: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: