

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 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
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen

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. Peggy Trivelas, 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

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Dr. Randy Stowe.

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 January 8, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Aiken Performing Arts Group were recognized for their dedication and support to the Aiken County Public Schools.
- Superintendent Everitt presented Mrs. Rosemary English with a fourteen year SCSBA certification pen for her commitment to the students and staff of Aiken County Public Schools.
- BOARD APPRECIATION RECOGNITION: Dr. Everitt expressed appreciation to Board Members for their service and commitment to the students and staff of Aiken County Public Schools. Board members were presented with artwork created by a student in their area.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests made for this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English recognized Mr. Liner and Mr. Hightower for their hard work and receiving the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Award for Aiken County Public Schools. Chairman English recognized Mr. West and Mr. Barber as new board members and their commitment to work to ensure the best quality education for the students of Aiken County.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER UPDATE: Mr. Smith presented a power point presentation regarding Aiken County Career and Technology Center Update
- A-2 UPDATE ON MIGRATION PROJECT FROM NOVELL TO A WINDOWS BASED OPERATING SYSTEM: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM RESTROOM ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-6 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-7 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner discussed resolution sent to Board for review. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the resolution as drafted with cover letter and forward to the Aiken County Legislative Delegation; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to pull the 5th student from page 2 of 2 for further contact and approve the remainder list for expulsion; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- B-2 GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION DONATION TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the General Mills Box Tops for Education donation to Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-3 APPLICATION FOR IMPACT AID (SECTION 8003, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit the Application for Impact Aid (Section 8003, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965).

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-2 through B-3; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower;
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2012-2013; certified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2012-2013; classified personnel for school year 2012-2013; and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2012-2013; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; 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.

Mr. Hightower wanted to thank those who assisted him at the Board meeting when he experienced health issues.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: a legal briefing on one litigation item; a potential contract discrepancy; a contractual issue related to some employee salaries; and two student appeals as follow: one from Area 2, and one from Area 1.

Mr. Barber MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:32 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:37 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:03 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: a legal briefing update on one litigation item; a potential contract discrepancy; a contractual issue related to some employee salaries; and two student appeals as follow: one from Area 2, and one from Area 1.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- a. POTENTIAL CONTRACT DISCREPANCY: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the contract; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. CONTRACTUAL ISSUES RELATED TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES: No action was necessary.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No items this meeting.

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 2. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Liner abstained).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: