

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2016

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 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. Tad Barber
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer for Operations
and Student Services
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Chief Officer
for Administration
Mrs. Mattie Dillon, Interim Chief Officer
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director
for Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director
For Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Executive Director
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education

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. Tad Barber.

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 January 12, 2016; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2016; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- BOARD APPRECIATION – Students, staff and parents were presented in a video presentation to the Board in appreciation for the dedication and service to the students of Aiken County.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brian Derrick spoke regarding Agricultural teachers.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English congratulated the District on the success of the Leaders in Literacy Conference held on January 15, 2016. The MLK poster and essay contest winners will be recognized by the Board.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 ONE CHILD – ONE CHANCE: Mrs. Bassford presented a power point presentation regarding One Child – One Chance.

- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2015: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update regarding Legislative issues.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.

- B-2 LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT TO JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$4,000 Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Toolbox for Education grant to Jackson Middle School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-3 IORIO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION GRANT TO OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$3,500 Iorio Charitable Foundation grant to Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-4 GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION DONATION TO MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the General Mills Box Tops for Education donation to Millbrook Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-5 NEW LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT FINAL ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Final Construction Contract drawings and budget for the New Leavelle McCampbell Middle School Project and allow the administration to proceed with advertising and the acceptance of construction bids.
- B-6 NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE 2A AND 2B PROJECT FINAL ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Final Construction Contract drawings and budget for the North Augusta High School Addition Phase 2A and 2B Project and allow the administration to proceed with advertising and the acceptance of construction bids.
- B-7 PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2016-2017: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the proposed calendar for 2016-2017.
- B-8 APPLICATION FOR IMPACT AID (SECTION 8003, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965): Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit the Application for Impact Aid (Section 8003, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965).

Mr. West MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2015-2016; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY DA – FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS-PRIORITY OBJECTIVES – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on first reading the recommended amendments to current Policy DA – Fiscal Management Goals-Priority Objectives; SECONDED by Mr. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 RECOMMENDED POLICY ON DEBT MANAGEMENT – POLICY DCC – DEBT MANAGEMENT – FIRST READING: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed Policy DCC – Debt Management; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 POLICY DFA – REVENUES FROM INVESTMENTS [RECOMMENDED NEW POLICY] – FIRST READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed new Policy DFA – Revenues from Investments; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016A: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of referendum general obligation bonds, series 2016a; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Hightower thanked Dr. Foster for participating in the MLK poster and essay contest program.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Foster presented a power point presentation regarding Supervision Proposal for Maintenance, Grounds and Custodial Services. Mr. Liner: MOVED to accept recommendations and move forward with proposal; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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: Student Appeal: two student appeals from Area 3; and Legal Briefing: Update and discussion on a surplus real property issues.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:47 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:52 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:21 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeal: two student appeals from Area 3; and Legal Briefing: Update and discussion on a surplus real property issues.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

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 - a. PROPERTY CONSIDERATION IN AREA 1: Mr. Hightower MOVED to adopt the resolution confirming the intent to sell a small corner of a school property owned by the Consolidated School District of Aiken County, and to ratify the particulars of contract dated September 2, 2015, and setting forth that this tract would be of no use to either of the charter school in this District; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Mace abstained).
 - b. PROPERTY CONSIDERATION IN AREA 4: Mr. Hightower MOVED that the Board decline the present proposal before the Board from an Offeror (prospect) regarding the old Administrative Area 4 Office, inasmuch as the parties have not presently agreed to a final value (as contemplated by that proposal which has been approved for implementation by the Board last spring); that the Administration have an updated independent appraisal performed, and that thereafter the Administration negotiate with the interested parties, specifically including the present Offeror, for a disposition in the best interest of the District; SECONDED by Mr. Atchely; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and a term to be determined by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mrs. English and Mr. Atchley opposed).

- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Mace MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Mace MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: