

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 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. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jeremy Mace

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Officer
for High School
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 Mrs. Joy Shealy.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on June 2, 2015; and minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 9, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on June 2, 2015; and minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 9, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests made this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English announced a Special Called Meeting on June 30, 2015, to finalize the employment matters and selection process for the Superintendent Search.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a Legislative Update.
- A-2 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools as requested.
- B-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the foreign student listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August for the 2015-16 school year.
- B-4 2016 GRADUATION CEREMONIES IN USC-A CONVOCATION CENTER AND PROPOSED GRADUATION SCHEDULE: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the administration to rent the Convocation Center for the high school graduations and approve the attached graduation ceremony schedule.

- B-5 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2015:
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility form for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2015.
- B-6 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015:
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds.
- B-7 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2015 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT SOUTH AIKEN HIGH, EAST AIKEN ELEMENTARY, MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY, BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY & CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY (HALLWAYS @ NEW BUILDING): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from Ceiling & Floor Restorations, Inc. in the amount of \$34,635.00.
- B-8 CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND SURFACING PROJECT:
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$62,190.72 and enter into a contract with Bliss Products & Services.
- B-9 BYRD ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND SURFACING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$58,611.19 and enter into a contract with Bliss Products & Services.
- B-10 GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND SURFACING PROJECT:
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$34,244.96 and enter into a contract with Bliss Products & Services.

B-11 JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND SURFACING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$102,336.44 and enter into a contract with Bliss Products & Services.

B-12 REQUEST FOR DONATION OF TWO SURPLUS MOBILE UNITS BY UNITY HOLINESS CHURCH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the request by Unity Holiness Church for donation of two surplus mobile units.

B-13 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House donation to Chukker Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-14 FY2016 APPLICATION FOR TITLE I OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the submission of the Title I application to the South Carolina Department of Education, adjustments to the FY2016 Budget to reflect authorized expenditures, and implementation of the program.

Mr. Barber MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-14; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; and classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) – FINAL READING: Mr. Green MOVED to adopt the AUP on Final Reading as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET: Mr. Green MOVED to approve the 2015-2016 proposed version of the budget with any changes resulting from Board discussion; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

Mr. Caver was recognized by the Board for his commitment and dedication to the students of Aiken County.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

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: Contractual Issue: Consideration of proposed contract matter relative to software update fees and cost; Intra-Board only final consideration of candidate interview questions and related final determination by Board in narrowing the candidate field and planning interview strategy for interview sessions with finalists, as determined; Student Appeals: one from Area 5; and Legal Briefing: Update on filing response to OCR Complaint; Transfer of an EEOC Complaint to SCHAC; receipt of an EEOC Complaint based upon gender discrimination; update on two litigation matters.

Mr. Barber MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:28 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:35 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:39 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issue: Consideration of proposed contract matter relative to software update fees and cost; Intra-Board only final consideration of candidate interview questions and related final determination by Board in narrowing the candidate field and planning interview strategy for interview sessions with finalists, as determined; Student Appeals: one from Area 5; and Legal Briefing: Update on filing response to OCR Complaint; Transfer of an EEOC Complaint to SCHAC; receipt of an EEOC Complaint based upon gender discrimination; update on two litigation matters.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- **CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTUAL MATTER:** Mr. Liner MOVED to approve option 1 to be paid from the General Fund and authorize the Administration to notify the County Treasurer, County Auditor and CSRA Computer Services of the decision by June 24, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH:** Mr. Atchley MOVED to approve the top 4 finalist as discussed; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The finalist for Superintendent are as follow: Dr. Sean Alford, King Laurence, Dr. Kevin O’Gorman and Mark Peterson.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

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 high school student in Area 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: