

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 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. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

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. Laurie Reese, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
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 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 Mr. King Laurence.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on February 17, 2015; and minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 24, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Atchley MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on February 17, 2015; and minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 24, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Allison Johnson from Aiken High School was recognizes as All-State Honor Band.
- East Aiken School of the Arts presented a power point presentation to the Board.
- South Aiken High School Cyber Patriots were recognized.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brad Siverhus spoke regarding Athletics.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of the Special Called Meeting on March 17, 2015, Budget Work Study at 6:00 p.m. Board Volunteer Sub Committee will meet on March 11, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the District Office. Nominations for Superintendent Search Committee are due to Mr. Burkhalter.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding Alternative Program Update.

A-2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a Legislative Update.

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 REQUEST: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the transfer request as recommended by the Director of Administrative Services.

B-3 SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS: Mr. Green MOVED to pull this item from Consent Items and place as C-4 under Individual Items; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B-4 SALE OF SURPLUS TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the Technology Department to sell surplus equipment at auction.
- B-5 GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY BREEZEWAY UPGRADES AND WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RENOVATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit amount of \$47,615.00.
- B-6 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #2; FUND #2, 3, 8 AND 9: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #2; Fund #2, 3, 8 and 9.
- B-7 PARTICIPATION IN A GRANT PROPOSAL WITH SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve participation as an implementation partner with the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy in the submission their U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1, B-2 and B-4 through B-7; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

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

- C-2 CHANGES TO POLICY JFABC – ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS –
FINAL READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to adopt on final reading Policy JFABC, as amended; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 REVISION OF FIVE-YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mr. Liner MOVED to include the Athletic Facilities Needs as presented at the January 27, 2015 meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Mrs. English, Mr. Green, Mr. Barber, Mr. West and Mr. Hightower opposed). Mr. Hazen MOVED to form a sub-committee for Athletic Facilities Needs to work on a comprehensive 5 year plan; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS: Mr. Hightower MOVED to extend time with present architects for two years; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Hazen and Mr. Barber opposed).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- NAMING MVHS GYM: Mr. Hightower MOVED to suspend policy relative to naming facilities and name Midland Valley High School Gym after Coach Jean Johnson; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No update this meeting.

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 Appeals as follow: one from Area 3; one from Area 1; one from Area 5; and one from Area 2; Legal Briefing: notice and legal consideration concerning a newly received adversarial administrative claim; legal status and resolution of two student injury claims from a bus collision; discussion of the negotiated elements of a request for two real estate easements; and a follow up consideration of recommended points negotiated relative to a real estate transfer to the District and a Deed of Easement and Private Road Maintenance Agreement by the District as part of a contractual arrangement concerning real property acquisition.

Mr. Atchley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:57 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:06 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 Appeals as follow: one from Area 3; one from Area 1; one from Area 5; and one from Area 2; Legal Briefing: notice and legal consideration concerning a newly received adversarial administrative claim; legal status and resolution of two student injury claims from a bus collision; discussion of the negotiated elements of a request for two real estate easements; and a follow up consideration of recommended points negotiated relative to a real estate transfer to the District and a Deed of Easement and Private Road Maintenance

Agreement by the District as part of a contractual arrangement concerning real property acquisition.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- **SIDEWALKS AND BOARDWALKS:** Mr. Hightower MOVED that the Board Chair and District Superintendent be authorized to execute the proposed deed of Easement conveying two easements for sidewalks and boardwalks for pedestrian students coming to and going from North Aiken Elementary and Aiken Middle Schools, respectively, such easements being in favor of the City in connection with the City's grant project facilitated by the S.C. Department of Transportation so that the sidewalks and boardwalks may be constructed to provide a safer foot passage in these areas; **SECONDED** by Mr. Green; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- **ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF GIFT AND GRANTING EASEMENT AND EXECUTING PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:** Mr. Hightower MOVED that the Board Chair and District Superintendent be authorized to accept delivery on behalf of the Board and the District with grateful appreciation the gift of a tract for the middle school project, currently held in trust by counsel, and in return execute a proposed Special Warranty Deed of Easement to the Grantor relative to access to the southern portion of an adjoining tract retained by the Grantor; further, authorize the aforesaid Chair and Superintendent to execute the Private Road Maintenance Agreement required by the County, and later authorize the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent to sign IRS Form 8283 when value appraisal is received; **SECONDED** by Mr. Hazen; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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 3. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest of strict probation and long term assignment. Also included in the motion, the Board recommended periodic drug testing at the parents expense; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Hightower, Mr. Mace, Mr. Barber and Mr. Atchley opposed).

- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an elementary student in Area 1. Mr. Atchley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and expel the student; MOTION failed for a lack of second. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment. Also included in the motion, the Administration will refer student for appropriate assessment; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,

- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 5. Mr. Barber 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.

- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew the appeal on 3-9-15.

- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner 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 on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Mace opposed).

Mr. Atchley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: