

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 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:

Mr. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman

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. Peggy Trivelas, 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

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Ray Fleming.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice-Chairman Fleming stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved. Mr. Smith stated that in view of the information from the Administration of the City of North Augusta withdrawing the request heretofore pending before the Board regarding the TIF proposal for the North Augusta Riverfront development project, and with this Board's good faith reliance on that withdrawal information; Mr. Smith MOVED that Item C-2 be removed from tonight's agenda and that no discussion be given, or action be taken, since the matter is now moot with regard to the preciously pending request of this Board by the City; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on February 19, 2013, minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on February 25, 2013, and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on February 19, minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on February 25, 2013, and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Board recognized the following for their support of the well projects for the District: Mr. Keith Wood, URS Director of Human Affairs; Mrs. Lessie Price, Councilwoman for City of Aiken; and Aiken High School PTSO.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Sheri Gossett spoke regarding LMMS.
- Steve Donohue spoke regarding NA TIF.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Fleming recognized the ACPS Honor Court and Finalist for South Carolina Teacher of the Year, Ms. Lisa Raiford.

Vice-Chairman Fleming reminded the Board of the Budget Work Study scheduled on March 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 DAN RATHER REPORTS: APPRENTICESHIP PARTNERSHIPS: This item will be brought back on March 26, 2013, due to technical difficulties.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF JANUARY 31, 2013: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Academic Officers.

- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the release of students indicated from Aiken County Public Schools to attend the Out-of-District school requested.
- B-3 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,131.79 Sunshine House donation to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4 WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB DONATION TO RSM HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Woman's Study Club \$2,000 donation to RSM High School Library and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-5 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 FOR THE 2012 EAST AIKEN ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 2 from Contractors South, Inc. in the amount of \$59,080.000.
- B-6 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2013 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS INSPECTIONS, TESTING, REPAIRS, SECURITY SYSTEM REPAIRS, INTERCOM SYSTEMS REPAIRS, ACCESS CONTROLS, CAMERA SYSTEMS AND INSTALLS FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to enter into a contract with the following on an annual basis ranked as stated above for various Maintenance service and small system installs.

B-7 AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3:
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 3 for \$74,697.00 and transfer from reserve contingency balance to this project.

B-8 DISTRICT MATHEMATICS (K-8) ADOPTIONS FOR 2013-2014: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8; 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 2012-2013; and classified personnel for school year 2012-2013; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ACTION BY BOARD WITH REGARDS TO THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING DISTRICT AMENDMENTS OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA: This item was pulled from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting by a motion from Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Green.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. West MOVED that the Board support Mr. Hightower as he seeks SCSBA Board of Directors Secretary position; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Vice-Chairman Fleming announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 1; one from Area 3; and two from Area 5.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:11p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:16 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:06 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Fleming announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area1; one from Area 3; and two from Area 5.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

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 high school student in Area 1. Mr. West MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student of the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew the appeal.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew the appeal.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION failed on a vote of 2-6 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Green and Mr. Hazen opposed).

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

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: