

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 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
Dr. John A. Bass
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Levi Green

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
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and Accountability
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services
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 Dr. Kevin O’Gorman.

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 held on February 21, 2012; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 28, 2012; were presented for approval. Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on February 21, 2012; and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 28, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 on each set of minutes (Mr. Fleming abstained on the minutes for February 21, 2012 and Mrs. Wesby abstained of the minutes for February 28, 2012).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Jennifer Jeancake was recognized as the South Carolina Part-time Adult Education Teacher of the Year.
- Mrs. English and Mr. Hightower was recognized for their achievement acquiring SCSBA Level 6 Award.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kait Rayner spoke regarding Incident Report. Due to the nature of the report and the information available in the report, Mr. Burkhalter asked Chairman English to call Ms. Rayner out of order. Chairman English called Ms. Rayner out of order and no further comment was made.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
 - Chairman English discussed the Board Committee on Communications and Public Relations. Mrs. Wesby and Mr. Hightower agreed to serve on this committee. Chairman English asked that comments be submitted to her by email or phone by March 27, 2012.

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. After the presentation, Mr. Jeff Kaney was recognized for his achievement by the South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association regarding completion of his NATEF certification.
- A-2 STRATEGIC PLAN: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding Strategic Plan.
- 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 REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the requests for Out-of- District transfers.
- B-3 DONATION OF \$2,400 TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS STRINGS PROGRAM: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve donations of \$2,400 to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4 2012 PAINTING OF A.L. CORBETT/BUSBEE ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE, PAUL KNOX MIDDLE, AND SOUTH AIKEN HIGH'S (COMMON AREAS): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid of \$274,000.00 and enter into a contract with S&A Enterprises, to paint A.L. Corbett/Busbee Elementary/Middle, Paul Knox Middle, and South Aiken High's (Common Areas).
- B-5 2012 REFINISHING OF WOODEN GYM FLOORS AT AIKEN MIDDLE, KENNEDY MIDDLE, LEAVELLE McCAMPBELL MIDDLE, NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE, A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE AND RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the bid of \$47,266.00 and enter into a contract with The Flooring Connection to refinish the wood gym floors at Aiken Middle, Kennedy Middle, Leavelle McCampbell Middle, New Ellenton Middle, A.L. Corbett and Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary/Middle Schools.
- B-6 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – PHASE IV: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the revised low base bid and alternate #1 of \$2,346,674.00 and enter into a contract with Gold Mechanical, Inc. for the HVAC Phase IV Renovation at South Aiken High School. Authorize the administration to transfer \$745,607.00 from the HVAC Contingency Account.

B-7 SCHEMATIC PLANS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH ADDITION PHASE I PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Ridge Spring-Monetta High Addition Phase I Project as presented by ALR Architecture, PC.

B-8 SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL CLIMATE INITIATIVE GRANTS FOR MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve South Carolina Department of Education's South Carolina School Climate Initiative Grants to Midland Valley High and Wagener-Salley High and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant and expenditures.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mrs. Wesby abstained on Item B-8 under Policy BCB, in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest concerning the Midland Valley High School grant).

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; and classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Discipline Committee will meet on Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at the District Office.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Very short legal briefing related to one litigation matter, one administrative agency proceeding, and two proposed contractual issues; one student appeal from Area 1; Administrative appointment(s) consideration; proposed contractual changes to salary structure; and public participation issue.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:38 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:43 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:19 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Very short legal briefing related to one litigation matter, one administrative agency proceeding, and two proposed contractual issues; one student appeal from Area 1; Administrative appointment(s) consideration; proposed contractual changes to salary structure; and public participation issue.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- “AREA OFFICE” PROPERTIES: Mr. Fleming MOVED that we authorize the administration to move forward with negotiations on the old Area 2 and Area 4 office properties with a view toward divesting ourselves of the same, in accordance with the discussion of terms recommended by the administration during Executive session; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board heard a legal briefing with no action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT:

F-3-1: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Dr. Angela Burkhalter as part-time Interim Assistant Principal at North Augusta Middle School for the remainder of this school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-3-2: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Mrs. Jeanie Glover as Interim Assistant Principal at LBC Middle School until such time as the Assistant Principal is able to return to the position or the end of the current school year and that Mrs. Glover's salary be held harmless; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Also included in motion was permission for the student to enroll in the Adult Education Program; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: