

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 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. Levi Green  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent  
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Assistant Superintendent  
for Area 1  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Assistant Superintendent  
for Area 3  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Assistant Superintendent  
for Area 4  
Dr. Randy Stowe, Assistant Superintendent  
for Area 5  
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 Mrs. English.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2011, were presented for approval. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- South Aiken High School Calliope Magazine Staff was recognized as National Award Winners.
- Tialeisha Nitika Corley was recognized as the District Spelling Bee Winner.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of the Special Called Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing student appeals and consideration of a contractual issue.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF JANUARY 31, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 DISTRICT REPORT CARD: Dr. O’Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding District Report Card.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Area Assistant Superintendents.
- B-2 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2011: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending March 31, 2011.
- B-3 SOUTH CAROLINA OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT 611 (REGULAR) FUNDS AND 619 (PRESCHOOL) FUNDS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Department of Special Programs grant application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 611 (Regular) funds in the amount of \$5,208,888.11 and the grant application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 619 (Preschool) funds in the amount of \$202,850.46.

B-4 REVISION TO POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS – FIRST READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed revisions to Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems on First Reading.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2010-2011; certified personnel related to an Administrator/Board Member for school year 2010-2011; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2010-2011; classified personnel for school year 2010-2011; and Area Two and Area Four substitutes for school year 2010-2011; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED to authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2011-2012 school year of all certified personnel presently under contract with the District not listed on any schedules included with companion agenda items being separately considered (with the exception of employees who have given formal notice of retirement or of their intent to resign for relocation or other personal reasons before the start of the 2011-2012 school year); SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

C-3 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the seven (7) employees shown on the attached list, all of whom are induction contracted employees, not be renewed for the 2011-2012 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-4 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED to conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the eight (8) annual contract employees on the attached list not be renewed for the 2011-2012 school year, subject to the employees' appeal rights pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Wesby MOVED to conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of those eight (8) continuing contract employees shown on the attached list not be renewed for the 2011-2012 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits of a hearing pursuant to South Carolina law; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendations and authorize the re-employment of the certified employees shown on the attached list, subject to the conditions, stipulations, requirements, or qualifications set forth for the employees; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-2 (Mrs. Wesby and Mr. Liner abstained).
- C-7 PROPOSED DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: Mr. Fleming MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the District's Administrative Organizational Structure including authorizing the sale of two facilities (Area 2 and Area 4 offices); SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Hightower opposed).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- SCHOOL FINANCE REFORM PROJECT: Mr. Hazen MOVED that the Aiken County Board of Education go on record as supporting the effort of Childs & Halligan and its partner groups in developing a comprehensive plan for K-12 financial reform and funding of public education in South Carolina and that we commit to the financial support of the project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 with an effort to subscribe private and business community support and endorsement for funding such commitment on behalf of the District to the extent possible; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Everitt gave a brief update on events in the District:

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal briefing: Update on the dismissal of an OCR Complaint; reinstatement of a litigation matter; filing of a due process complaint under IDEA; and student appeals as follow: three appeals from Area 5; and three appeals from Area 3.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:40 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:45 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:42 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal briefing: Update on the dismissal of an OCR Complaint; reinstatement of a litigation matter; filing of a due process complaint under IDEA; and student appeals as follow: two appeals from Area 5; and two appeals from Area 3 (two students did not attend appeal hearings).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

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 middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent did not attend appeal hearing.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 5. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and permanently expel the student from Aiken County Public Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mrs. Wesby opposed).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in AREA 5. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner, Dr. Bass and Mr. Hazen opposed).

F-5-f: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent did not attend the appeal hearing.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: