

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 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. Tad Barber  
Mr. Ray Fleming  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
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. 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 Superintendent/Board

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. Tray Traxler.

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 11, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mrs. English abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

William Sennerfeit spoke regarding Transportation.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed Legislation regarding make-up days for inclement weather. Mr. Liner MOVED to schedule May 26, 2014, as the third make-up day for Aiken County as obligated by the Legislation; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman English discussed the Aiken Chamber of Commerce tour of Columbia County Schools and thanked those that attended.

Chairman English informed the citizens in attendance the opportunity for public input regarding Item A-6 will follow after presentation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2014: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.
- A-6 DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR FACILITY PROJECTS, DURATION, AND ESTIMATED COSTS: Mr. Caver presented a power point presentation regarding Facility Projects, Duration and Estimated Costs. Mr. Liner MOVED to accept the administration's tentative project recommendations and draft a comprehensive plan to be delivered in conjunction with architects, including conceptual drawings in connection with the funding profile presented at the March 18 meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Barber, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Hightower opposed).

- A-7 PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY FOR DRAFT OF FACILITY PROJECTS: The following citizens spoke regarding Draft of Facility Projects: Carolyn Bazzle, Brett Brennen, Don Perry and William Sennerfeit.

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 that the student be released from Aiken County Public Schools to attend school in another district with the stipulation that the District will have no responsibility for tuition of the receiving district.
- B-3 SCHEMATIC PLANS, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET, AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PHASE FOR THE GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY BREEZEWAY UPGRADES AND WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RENOVATION PROJECTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the schematic plans, the design development plans, and the construction document plans and specifications reviewed by the administration and authorize the Architect to proceed with the bidding process for this project.
- B-4 DISTRICT ELA, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND CATE TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2014-15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees and CATE instructors as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services.

- B-5 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2014:  
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending March 25, 2014.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2013-2014; classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-2 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Hazen MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the employees shown on the attached list, all of whom are induction contracted employees, not be renewed for the 2014-2015 school, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2014-2015: Mr. Smith MOVED to conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the annual contract employees on the attached list not be renewed for the 2014-2015 school year, subject to the employees' appeal right pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-4 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Hightower MOVED to conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of those continuing contract employees shown on the attached list not be renewed for the 2014-2015 school year, subject to Board's duty to review the matter on the merits of a hearing pursuant to South Carolina law; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-5 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Liner 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. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-6 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2014-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Barber MOVED to authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2014-2014 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 2014-2015 school year); SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: two from Area 1; one from Area 4 and one from Area 5; Personnel Issues: Department Realignment/Personnel Update; and Brief Legal Update on two Administrative hearing decisions and one legal statutory issue.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:43 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:49 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:23 p.m.

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CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- DEPARTMENT REALIGNMENT: No action necessary.
- PERSONNEL UPDATE: No action necessary.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an elementary student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Fleming opposed).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 4. Mr. West MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation for time served; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).



F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 5. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2-1 (Mrs. English and Mr. Hightower opposed, Mr. Green abstained).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student on Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: