

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 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:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman  
Mr. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Tad Barber  
Mr. Levi Green

Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

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

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. Joy Shealy.

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 March 5, 2013, and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 5, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mrs. English abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Schofield Middle School and South Aiken High School were recognized as District Academic Team Winners.
  
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
  - Elizabeth Caldwell spoke regarding Special Need Schools.
  
- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of a Special Called Meeting on April 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. for Executive Session regarding Contractual Issue and to hear student appeals.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 DAN RATHER REPORTS: APPRENTICESHIP PARTNERSHIPS: Mr. Smith presented a video regarding Apprenticeship Partnerships and ACPS.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 UPDATE ON MIGRATION PROJECT FROM NOVELL TO A WINDOWS BASED NETWORK OPERATING SYSTEM: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 PR/COMMUNICATION BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT: Ms. Newman and Mrs. Booth presented a power point presentation regarding Communications/Public Relations Plan. Mr. Hightower thanked all those that worked on the committee. Mr. Hightower requested an action item for the Communications/Public Relations Plan be included on the agenda for the April 16, 2013, Board meeting.
- A-5 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. Mr. Hightower requested that the last student on page 2 be pulled from the list and have the administration/staff to contact parent one more time informing them of the opportunity for an appeal.

- B-2 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student for admission to the School District of Aiken County in August for the 2013-2014 school year.
- B-3 SOUTH CAROLINA AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION \$1,500 DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association donation to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (SES) UNDER THE ESEA WAIVER: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the distribution of Title I funds to the supplemental educational service providers listed, up to the \$1,193.42 maximum allotted per child served in each program.
- B-5 REQUEST TO OPERATE ON A FOUR-DAY WEEK: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the recommendation of the administration to schedule schools and offices to begin the four day work week starting Monday, June 10, 2013, and to return to a five day work week beginning Monday, August 12, 2013.

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

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2012-2013; certified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2012-2013; and classified personnel for school year 2012-2013; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED that the Board 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 2013-2014 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.
- C-3 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED that the Board conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the annual contract employees on the attached list not be renewed for the 2013-2014 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. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of those continuing contract employees shown on the attached list not be renewed for the 2013-2014 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits of a hearing pursuant to South Carolina law.

C-5 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Green MOVED that the Board 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.

C-6 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED that the Board authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2013-2014 school year of all certified personnel presently under contract with the District not listed on any scheduled 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 personnel reasons before the start of the 2013-2014 school year); SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-0-3 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner and Mr. Barber abstained).

C-7 REVISION OF BOARD POLICY DEC, "SELECTION OF TITLE I SCHOOLS," FIRST READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the revised Board Policy DEC, "Selection of Title I Schools," First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Hightower discussed scheduling a TIF Work Study for the Board.

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: Student Appeals as follow: one from Area 4; three from Area 1; and one from Area 3; a short legal briefing update on four litigation items and two employment security administrative claims.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:48p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:53 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:08 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 4; three from Area 1; and one from Area 3; a short legal briefing update on four litigation items and two employment security administrative claims.

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 middle school student in Area 4. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. 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. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mr. Barber, Mr. West, and Mr. Green opposed).



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

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: