

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 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. Levi Green  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent  
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
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 Mr. Tray Traxler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to have item D-1 Discipline Committee Update moved to Individual Items; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Item A-6 Discipline Committee Update)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 6, 2012; and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2012; were presented for approval. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 6, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mrs. Wesby abstained). Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2012; were presented for approval. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Green abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
  - Chairman English discussed scheduling a meeting on April 10, 2012, for student appeals and scheduling a meeting on April 24, 2012, for a budget workshop if needed. Mr. Smith MOVED to schedule meetings on April 10, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing student appeals and tentatively schedule a Budget Workshop on April 24, 2012, if needed; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  - Communication/PR Committee Meeting scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2012, at 12:00 a.m. at the District Office.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF JANUARY 31, 2012: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BYRD LEARNING CENTER (BLC) FOOD SERVICE OPERATION CENTER PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 PROMOTING A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: Mrs. Shealy presented a power point presentation regarding Promoting a Positive Learning Environment.

A-5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

A-6: DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE UPDATE: Mrs. Wesby presented a power point presentation regarding an update from the Discipline Committee.

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 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 4, 2012, and to return back to a five day work week beginning Monday, August 6, 2012.

B-4 DISTRICT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) K-5 TEXTBOOKS ADOPTIONS FOR 2012-2013: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committee as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services.

B-5 REVISED DISTRICT TEXTBOOK ADOPTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the revised textbook recommendations of the Algebra 1 Curriculum and Assessment Committee as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instruction and Accountability.

- B-6 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION AND BUDGET FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE I PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with construction documents phase which is final drawings and specifications for this project.
- B-7 SOUTH CAROLINA AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association donation to Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified personnel for school year 2012-2013; classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; and summer program personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mrs. Wesby abstained).
- C-2 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED 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 2012-2013 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED ANNUAL CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Wesby 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 2012-2013 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. Limer; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-4 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED that the Board conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of those continuing contract employees shown on the attached list not be renewed for the 2012-2013 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. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-5 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Hightower 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; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED that the Board authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 school year); SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-7 SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES FOR AN RFP FOR MIGRATION OF PLATFORM:  
Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the guidelines for an RFP for Migration Specifications; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-8 REQUEST RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AGREEMENT AND TEMPORARY WORK SPACE: Mr. Fleming MOVED to authorize the Chair and District Superintendent to execute the Right-of-Entry Agreement as requested by Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-9 REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 1.17 ACRES OF LAND BY CITY OF AIKEN: Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve the offer to purchase on the terms proposed and authorize the Chair and District Superintendent to execute a deed for the property upon closing of the sale; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Discipline Committee Update was moved to Item A-6.

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 contractual prior litigation and contractual matter (written only); Student appeals as follow: one from Area 1; and two from Area 2; consideration of a personnel contractual issue; consideration of procedural issues and various claims relating to two schools.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:45 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:50 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:50 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 contractual prior litigation and contractual matter (written only); Student appeals as follow: two from Area 2 (student from Area 1 left before the hearing); consideration of a personnel contractual issue; consideration of procedural issues and various claims relating to two schools.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

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

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.



OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student left the meeting prior to appeal hearing. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to allow the student to enroll in the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-2 (Mr. Fleming and Mr. Hightower abstained).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to allow the student to enroll in the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: