

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 12, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:00 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. Cecil Atchley  
Mr. Tad Barber  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Jeremy Mace  
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  
Mrs. Laurie Reese, 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 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Ronnie West.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 21, 2015; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting on April 28, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Atchley MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 21, 2015; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting on April 28, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- The Board recognized the Middle School Athletic Award Winners:
  - JMS Boys Basketball
  - KMS Girls Volleyball
  - NAMS Football
  - PKMS Girls Basketball
  - SMS Golf
  
- Superintendent Everitt introduced Dr. Shawn Foster, New Deputy Superintendent and his family. Dr. Foster will begin his new position July 1, 2015.
  
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

Mr. Barber MOVED to recess the Regular Meeting for 10 minutes for reception;  
SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session resumed at 6:51 p.m.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English introduced the Superintendent Search Committee and commissioned the Charge. Mr. Burkhalter met with the committee to discuss guidelines as set forth.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 SALARY STUDY REPORT: Student-Centered Education Consulting Group, LLC presented a power point presentation regarding Salary Study Report.

Mr. Line MOVED to form a sub-committee to review recommendations by SCECG, LLC and bring recommendations to Board for discussion and possible action; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sub-committee members are as follow: Mr. Liner, Mr. Hightower and Mr. Green.

A-2 FINAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the release of the students presented to attend the Out-of-District schools.
- B-3 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 2015 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT SOUTH AIKEN HIGH, EAST AIKEN ELEMENTARY, MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY, BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY & CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY (HALLWAYS @ NEW BUILDING): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from Bonitz Floorig Group in the amount of \$20,688.00.
- B-4 ONLINE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM FOR BENCHMARKING AND FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Boar approve the five-year contract for Mastery Connect.
- B-5 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIVE COURSES FOR 2014-2015 (FROM 1/12/15 THROUGH 3/16/15): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Local School Board Elective Courses (New) for 2014-2015 to date.
- B-6 BELK, INC. DONATION TO CLEARWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY15: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$3,078 Belk, Inc. donation to Clearwater Elementary and adjustments to the FY15 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-7 SUBMISSION OF SC STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY16: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the SC State Department of Education Arts Curricular Innovation grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-8 SUBMISSION OF SC STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION BY NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the SC State Department of Education Arts Curricular Innovation grant and the receipts of funds, if awarded.
- B-9 TITLE I SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Title I allocations for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. West MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; and classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 ANNUAL REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FIRST READING: Mr. Green MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed changes in the Code of Student Conduct 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 2015-2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET: Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation summary regarding 2015-2016 Tentative Budget.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve \$14,500 to hire an electrician; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote 5-4 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Green and Mr. Mace opposed).

Mr. Barber MOVED to approve \$8375 for Adult Education materials for TASC and one-time Band monies for \$100,000; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Green MOVED to provide equivalent funds to schools for unused athletic supplements and \$90,000 for Human Resource Coordinator; MOTION failed for lack of second.

Mr. Liner MOVED to provide equivalent funds to schools for unused athletic supplements; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave an update of events around the District.

Chairman English announced the Board will need to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board may choose: Contractual Issues: Contractual Issues regarding contractor; Contractual consideration pertaining to proposal regarding real property; Contractual issues regarding salary schedule and personnel affected: Student Appeals as follow: one appeal from Area 3; one appeal from Area 5; and two appeals from Area 2: Legal Briefing: Update on an administrative complaint proceeding; briefing on favorable resolution concerning an agency claim; and guidance on one or more contractual matters under consideration; and Personnel Issues: Consideration of an administrative appointment.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:26 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:32 p.m.

Mr. Green MOVED to waive Board policy to continue with Executive Session and the resume to Regular Session for decisions; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Executive session resumed at 10:57 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 11:15 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issues: Contractual Issues regarding contractor; Contractual consideration pertaining to proposal regarding real property; Contractual issues regarding salary schedule and personnel affected: Student Appeals as follow: one appeal from Area 3; one appeal from Area 5; and two appeals from Area 2: Legal Briefing: Update on an administrative complaint proceeding; briefing on favorable resolution concerning an agency claim; and guidance on one or more contractual matters under consideration; and Personnel Issues: Consideration of an administrative appointment.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- CONTRACTUAL ISSUES: Mr. Barber MOVED to negotiate a contract with H.G. Reynolds regarding Aiken High School Project; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed and Mr. Hightower abstained).
- CONTRACTUAL ISSUES REGARDING SALARY SCHEDULE: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding proposed change to Salary Schedule; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

Mr. Barber excused himself for the remainder of the Board Meeting at 11:23 p.m.

- CONTRACTUAL ISSUE REGARDING REAL PROPERTY. Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve the proposal by Primary Care Properties, LLC to purchase an approximate three acre tract from the Board of Education; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION failed on a vote 2-6 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Green, Mrs. English, Mr. Mace, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed).

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent; SECONDED by Mr. Mace, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Peter Kosko named Administrator of Compliance



OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew the appeal on 5-12-15.
  
- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mrs. English and Mr. Mace opposed).
  
- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mrs. English opposed).
  
- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Barber MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Green and Mr. Hazen opposed).

- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Atchley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Hightower opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: