

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 27, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 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. Ray Fleming  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Tad Barber

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. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, 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. Rosemary 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 May 13, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2014; SECONDED BY Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Smith opposed).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Paul Knox Middle School and South Aiken High School were recognized as District Academic Winners.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed the need for a Special Called Meeting on June 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Public Input on the Budget. The meeting scheduled for June 17, 2014, will be on hold but at this time is not needed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 STATUS REPROTS 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 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.
- B-2 BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS TIRE OPERATIONS, LLC DONATIONS TO  
LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt  
recommended the Board approve the \$5,000 Bridgestone Americas Tire  
Operations, LLC donation to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and  
adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the  
award and expenditures.
- B-3 SAVANNAH RIVER REMEDIATION, LLC GRANT TO GREENDALE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the  
Board approve the \$1,750 Savannah River Remediation, LLC grant to Greendale  
Elementary School and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect  
the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-4 JOHN POWELL AND MELINDA LERNER DONATION TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$10,000 John Powell and Melinda Lerner donation to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY14 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 2014 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE SILVER BLUFF HIGH AND CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$251,152.80 and enter into a contract with Pave-Way of Augusta.
- B-6 INCREASE IN MEAL PRICES FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the increase in meal prices as indicated.
- B-7 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-8 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board cancel the Early Release Day scheduled for May 6, 2015. Drop Memorial Day as an inclement weather make-up day. The other scheduled early release days and make-up days will remain unchanged.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; and classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Green MOVED to approve the re-employment for the 2014-2015 school year all non-instructional personnel under Service Agreements and not listed on the attached list. Personnel listed on the attached "HOLD" list may be recommended for employment at a later date; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 ANNUAL REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – SECOND READING: Mr. Liner MOVED to adopt on second reading the proposed changes in the Code of Student Conduct 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Area 4 Advisory Council Appointments: Mr. West MOVED to reappointment Gene Brown and appointment Sandra Shealy to the Area 4 Advisory Council with term ending June 30, 2017; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Ray Fleming announced he would not be seeking re-election for District 5 School Board seat.
- Mr. Dwight Smith announced he would not be seeking re-election for District 6 School Board seat.

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: Transfer appeals from Area out of state; Student appeals as follow: two from Area 2; Legal Briefing as follows: update of pending transfer approval progress; result of one Employment Workforce Administrative Appeal; update on a Human Affairs Commission filing alleging based upon national origin. Review of proposed limited personnel teaching assignment changes to facilitate some departmental changes; and Personnel Issues: Administrative Appointments.

Mr. Liner MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:36 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:41 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:02 p.m.

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CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS – Attachment 1: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Laurie Reese, Elementary Academic Officer; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS – Attachment 2: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Charlene Heard, Chukker Creek Assistant Principal; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent withdrew appeal on 5-27-14.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation and take exams; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to enroll at North Augusta High School for the 2014-2015 school year provided tuition is paid and space is available; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Green MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year and allow the student to take exams at a time determined by the Administration; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: