

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 28, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 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:

Mr. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Tad Barber  
Mr. Levi Green  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman  
Mr. Dwight Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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 of Education/Superintendent

Vice-Chairman Fleming called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mrs. Janice Kitchings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice-Chairman Fleming stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- SAHS was recognized for US News Ranking.
- SAHS Boys' Tennis State Champions were recognized.
- SAHS Boys' Golf State Champions were recognized.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No request this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS UPDATE: Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Jensen, and Mrs. Linton presented a power point presentation regarding East Aiken School of the Arts Update.
  
- A-2 FRESHMAN ACADEMY UPDATE: Dr. Yarborough presented a power point presentation regarding Freshman Academy Update.
  
- A-3 CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding Curriculum Update.
  
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- A-6 FINAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
  
- A-7 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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the recommendation to release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3 This item was pulled from the agenda.
- B-4 BYRD LEARNING CENTER FOOD SERVICE OPERATION CENTER PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to proceed with the acceptance of Change Order Number 1 for a credit in the amount of \$19,078.00.
- B-5 INCREASING MEAL PRICES FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize School Food Service to increase meal prices as outlined.
- B-6 SUNSHINE HOUSE, INC. DONATION TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House, Inc. \$1,453.48 donation to Aiken Elementary and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-7 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,405.11 Sunshine House donation to Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-8 SAVANNAH RIVER REMEDIATION, LLC GRANT TO NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 Savannah River Remediation, LLC grant to North Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-9 SUBMISSION OF SC STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY13: 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-10 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT AT BYRD LEARNING CENTER (BLC): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$1,675,000.00 and enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. for the HVAC Renovation at Byrd Learning Center.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10 (Item B-3 was pulled from the agenda); SECONDED by Mr. Green; 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 2012-2013; and classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the re-employment for the 2013-2014 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. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- AREA 5 ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to reappoint Patricia Grant, William Dennis, and Bruce Turner to the Area 5 Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- NORTH AUGUSTA YELLOW JACKET BOOSTER CLUB REQUEST: Mr. Liner MOVED to enter into a loan agreement contract with the North Augusta Yellow Jacket Booster Club in the amount of \$265,000.00 with stipulations as outlined; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; Mr. Green MOVED to amend the motion to include interest to be determined based on TAN interest and not to exceed \$265,000.00; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Hazen opposed). ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).
- PROJECT JACKSON SUMMATION: Mr. Fleming discussed Project Jackson and the direction the Board needed take. Mr. Burkhalter will obtain information the Board requested and report back to the Board before moving forward.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Caver gave a brief update of events around the District.

Vice-Chairman Fleming announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student transfer appeal as follows: one from Area 1; Legal Briefing on two property items; and one litigation item.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:14p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:19 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:35 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Fleming announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student transfer appeal as follows: one from Area 1; Legal Briefing on two property items; and one litigation item.

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: TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard a transfer appeal from the parent of a elementary student. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the transfer to Aiken County Public Schools in Area 1 provided tuition is paid and the student is released from the school district in which they are attending; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: