

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 24, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 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. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Cecil Atchley  
Mr. Tad Barber  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Jeremy Mace  
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman  
Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent  
Dr. Shawn Foster, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller  
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel  
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 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 Dr. Tim Yarborough.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 10, 2015; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 10, 2015; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Green reminded the Board about the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference, December 4 – 6, 2015.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE AIKEN COUNTY TEACHER FORUM: Mrs. Green, Mrs. Havird and Mrs. Supan gave a brief overview of the Aiken County Teacher Forum Progress Report.

- A-2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the release of the students presented.
- B-3 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House Donation to Chukker Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4 WALMART DONATION TO THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY – FY16: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Walmart donation to the Consolidated School District of Aiken County and adjustments to the FY16 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5 SUBMISSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FOR EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the SC Community Block Grant for Education and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-6 INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (I.P.M.) SERVICES FOR ALL AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low bid of \$47,880.00 and enter into an annual contract with Aiken Pest Control, Inc.
- B-7 SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve contracts for related services.
- B-8 PROPOSED ONE-TIME USES OF FUND BALANCE: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve utilization of up to \$2,500,000 from fund balance to for one-time expenditures. Mr. Barber MOVED to table the item until further details are provided; MOTION FAILED FOR A LACK OF SECOND.
- B-9 GREENHOUSE INSTALLATION AT SILVER BLUFF HIGH PROJECT: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to enter into a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the amount of \$104,500.00. The funding will come from the Facilities Code Upgrades account.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified retiree rehires for school year 2015-2016; classified personnel for school year 2015-2016; certified supplemental for school year 2015-2016; classified supplemental for school year 2015-2016; classified supplemental (EXEMPT) for school year 2015-2016; and non-employee supplemental for school year 2015-2016; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-2 PRESENTATION BY LLOYD KENNEDY CHARTER SCHOOL AND AIKEN PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY: Mrs. Lloyd-Kennedy presented a power point presentation regarding Lloyd Kennedy Charter School and Aiken Performing Arts Academy. Mr. Atchley MOVED that the Board accept the presentations by Lloyd Kennedy Charter School and Aiken Performing Arts Academy as status and information, and that the Board authorize the continuation of both schools and authorize the Chair to execute the renewal contracts for each, as negotiated and approved by District counsel with input from the administration, which contracts have been deemed compliant with recently enacted State Board of Education requirements; the terms of such contracts and the present approvals thereof being specifically subject to compliant and acceptable annual reviews as set forth in the Charter Schools Act; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED that the Board authorize the Chair to sign statement of assurances as required by the State Department of Education in connection with the renewal contracts and actions by the Board concerning the operation of Lloyd Kennedy Charter School and the Aiken Performing Arts Academy; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-3 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY GCD – PROFESSIONAL STAFF VACATION AND HOLIDAYS – FINAL READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve on first reading the recommended amendments to Policy GCD in order to establish a consistent number of vacation days earned for all twelve month employees, establish a cap for accruing unused vacation days, and adjust the holiday leave as outlined; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-4 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY GDD – SUPPORT STAFF VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS – FINAL READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve on first reading the recommended amendments to Policy GDD in order to establish a consistent number of vacation days earned for all twelve month employees, establish a cap for accruing unused vacation days, and adjust the holiday leave as outlined; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C-5 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY CFA SCHOOLS PRINCIPALS/BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS – FINAL READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed amendments to Policy CFA – Principals/Building Administrators; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-6 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY ECB – BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE – FINAL READING: Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed amendments to Policy ECB – Buildings and Ground Maintenance; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-7 REVISIONS TO TWO POLICIES CONCERNING TOBACCO FREE SCHOOL, NAMELY POLICY ADC (TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS) AND POLICY GBED (TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS/STAFF) – FIRST READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve on first reading the revisions to two policies concerning tobacco free school, namely Policy ADC and Policy GBED; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-8 CHANGES TO POLICY JICJ – PAGING DEVICES, CELL PHONES, AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES – FIRST READING: Mr. West MOVED to approve on first reading the changes to Policy JICJ – Paging Devices, Cell Phones, and other personal electronic devices; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Alford gave a brief update of events around the District.

Vice-Chairman Green 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: Student Appeal: one student appeal from Area 5; and Legal Briefing: on one very brief update on a possible contractual matter – no present action required [or anticipated].

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:29 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:35 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 9:28 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeal: one student appeal from Area 5; and Legal Briefing: on one very brief update on a possible contractual matter – no present action required [or anticipated].

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- LEGAL BRIEFING: No action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

- a. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 5. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: