

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 26, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 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:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman  
Mr. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Levi Green  
Mr. Tad Barber  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
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/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

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. Keith Liner.

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 November 12, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mrs. English abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No updates this meeting.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE: Mr. Keating presented a power point presentation regarding Adult Education Update.

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. Mr. Liner discussed getting on the agenda at the December SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference to discuss sales tax options. Mr. Hightower MOVED to present the resolution regarding sales tax options at the December SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference from floor; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 SUBMISSION OF THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT (EEDA) AT-RISK STUDENT INNOVATIVE COMPETITIVE GRANT FOR MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the EEDA At-Risk Student Innovative Competitive Grant for Midland Valley High School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-3 OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND SURFACING PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$76,147.31 and enter into a contract with Bliss Products & Services.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Barber).

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 2013-2014; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Hightower MOVED to take the motion off the table regarding Construction Management and place it on the agenda for December 10, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update on events around the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one transfer appeal from Area 2; and one student appeal from Area 1; Short legal briefing update on these items: status on one administrative claim; filing of an EEOC claim; adversarial claim on First Amendment Establishment Clause issue; and update on a bid contractual issue; Discussion and consideration related to the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:53 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:58 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:26 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one transfer appeal from Area 2; and one student appeal from Area 1; Short legal briefing update on these items: status on one administrative claim; filing of an EEOC claim; adversarial claim on First Amendment Establishment Clause issue; and update on a bid contractual issue; Discussion and consideration related to the Superintendent's Evaluation.

#### CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION: Mr. Fleming MOVED that after the Board reviewed the District's progress report and heard the Board's comments; that we conclude as a Board that Superintendent Everitt receive an overall very good evaluation for the 2012-2013 school year. We are particularly pleased with the outstanding student achievement results and our improved graduation rate during this past school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

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 guardians of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Area 3 Advisory Council and deny the transfer as requested; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-2-1 (Mr. Barber and Mr. Hazen opposed; Mr. Liner abstained).

F-5-b STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Also included in the motion, the student must complete a counseling program as required; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-3 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Fleming, and Mr. Hightower opposed).

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: