

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2014

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 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. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

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. Laurie Reese, 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 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. David Caver.

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 on November 11, 2014; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 11, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Mr. Tray Traxler was recognized for receiving the Certified School Business Official High Score award.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English thanked Dr. Everitt, Administration, faculty, staff and students for the success of District Accreditation through AdvancED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: The Board received and reviewed the information as presented.

A-2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief update regarding Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3 FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 3 from Edcon, Inc. credit in the amount of \$125,484.30.

B-2 2014 TOTAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR TRANE CHILLERS AT AIKEN HIGH, MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY, OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY, SOUTH AIKEN HIGH, NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH, NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE, BYRD ELEMENTARY, MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH, RS-M MIDDLE/HIGH, JACKSON MIDDE & SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low base bid for a total annual amount of contract \$67,000.00 and enter into a contract with Palmetto Air & Chiller Service, Inc.

B-3 PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2015-2016: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed calendar for 2015-2016.

B-4 APPROVAL OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE RESOLUTION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the resolution recommended by the bond counsel and formulated by District counsel for the School District.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4; 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 2014-2015; classified personnel for school year 2014-2015; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2014-2015; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update on 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: Student Appeals as follow: two from Area 1; two from Area 2; one from Area 3; and one from Area 5; Legal Briefing: brief update on one personnel issue.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:20 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:25 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:47 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeals as follow: one from Area 1; two from Area 2; and one from Area 4; and a Legal Briefing on one personnel issue.

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 high school student in Area 4. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent or student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. 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 failed on a vote of 1-7 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Green, Mrs. English, Mr. Hightower, Mr. Mace and Mr. West opposed). Mr. Mace MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment. Also included in the motion, the student will receive counseling services; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Barber MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; MOTION failed for a lack of second. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and on long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-2 (Mr. Liner and Mr. Atchley abstained).

- e. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the guardians of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

- f. STUDENT APPEAL: The parent or student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Barber MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden
APPROVED: