

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 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
Dr. John A. Bass
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

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
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and Accountability
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Officer
for Middle School
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Office
for High School
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administrative Services
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 Mr. Ray Fleming.

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 October 25, 2011; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on October 26, 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 25, 2011; and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on October 26, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No request this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No items this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 SCHOOLFUSION – Dr. O’Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding SchoolFusion.

- A-2 GOALS UPDATE: Dr. Everitt and Dr. O’Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding Goals Update. Mr. Hightower MOVED to have Administration develop a plan of action for test scores regarding EOC; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION failed on a vote of 2-6 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. English, Mr. Green, and Dr. Bass opposed).
- A-3 ADVANCED ACCREDITATION PROGRESS REPORT: Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding AdvancED Accreditation Progress Report.
- A-4 ANTICIPATED CHANGES IN NCLB (NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND): Mr. Laurence presented a power point presentation regarding No Child Left Behind.

Mrs. Wesby arrived at the meeting at 7:45 p.m. due to a previous commitment.

- A-5 FUND BALANCE AND BUDGET CONSIDERATION: Mr. Liner MOVED to fund Non-Recurring items 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as indicated on the fund balance options for non-recurring; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; Mr. Fleming MOVED to amend the motion to change funding amount on Item 4 from \$50,000 to \$400,000 and immediately make available to schools; SECONDED by Mr. Green; AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Dr. Bass opposed); ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Hazen MOVED to fund Item 2 with the monies from fund balance approximately \$2,000,000 after lowering to 14% contingency; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION failed on a vote of 1-8 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wesby, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. English, Mr. Green, Mr. Hightower and Dr. Bass opposed). Mr. Hightower MOVED to have the Administration develop a list of cyclic maintenance projects in the amount of \$2,000,000 for consideration; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-6 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner would present information at the next meeting due to time constraints. Mr. Liner requested to schedule a meeting with Mr. Scott Price, General Counsel for SCSBA, to provide legal update on legislative issues. The Board agreed to schedule Mr. Price at a Regular Meeting in January 2012.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student listed for admission to the School District of Aiken County, January 2012 – December 2012.

B-2 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (SES): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the distribution of Title I funds to the supplemental educational service providers listed, up to the \$1,377.39 maximum allotted per child served in each program.

B-3 AMENDMENTS TO POLICY DA – FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS/PRIORITY OBJECTIVES – ADDITIONAL (FINAL) READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt on final reading Policy DA, as amended.

B-4 PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2012-2013: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed calendar for 2012-2013.

B-5 REQUEST FOR DONATION OF ONE SURPLUS MOBILE UNIT BY KINGDOM HARVEST MINISTRY, INC: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the request by Kingdom Harvest Ministry for donation of a surplus mobile unit.

- B-6 REQUEST FOR DONATION ON ONE SURPLUS MOBILE UNIT BY HOUSE OF DAVID EMBASSY INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the request by House of David Embassy International Ministries for donation of a surplus mobile unit.
- B-7 A REQUEST FOR THE TEACHING ALLOCATION REQUIRED TO BEGIN AN ROTC PROGRAM AT RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the request to establish an ROTC program.
- B-8 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed budget as presented by the Department of Special Programs.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-2 (Mr. Smith and Mrs. Wesby abstained).

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2011-2012; and summer program personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Due to time constraints Dr. Everitt will present the information at the next meeting.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Contractual Issues: Administrative Consideration: Interim Appointments; Interim Legal Briefing: information (only) relating to a contractual request from a municipality; administrative request for letter authority on a boundary issue; Student appeals as follow: one from Area 1, and three appeals from Area 2.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:52 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:57 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 11:34 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issues: Administrative Consideration: Interim Appointments; Interim Legal Briefing: information (only) relating to a contractual request from a municipality; administrative request for letter authority on a boundary issue; Student appeals as follow: one from Area 1, and three appeals from Area 2.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- a. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION – INTERIM APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the Interim Appointments as recommended by the Superintendent; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. QUESTION CONCERNING LOCATION OF AN AREA 5 BOUNDARY: Mr. Green MOVED that the Aiken County Board of Education authorize the Administration to communicate with the local Board of Realtors and/or specific members thereof concerning an apparent belief that the area below (south or southeast) of that portion of old Anderson Pond Road between the Pond and the Road's intersection with Chime Bell Church Road and clarify to such parties that this area is still within the boundaries of Administrative (and Attendance) Area 5 and that the renaming of a portion of Anderson Pond Road as Pony Trail has not had any effect on such boundary of Area 5 nor upon those living within the area described, who remain zoned for attending Area 5 schools; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Burkhalter announced the Board was back in Regular Session for the purpose of extending the Board meeting past the deadline of 11:00 p.m. as stated in policy. Mr. Fleming MOVED to extend the Regular Board Meeting past the deadline of 11:00 p.m. as stated in policy; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Board reconvened for Executive Session at 10:45 p.m.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board heard a legal briefing with 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 1. Mr. Hazen **MOVED** to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; **SECONDED** by Mrs. Wesby; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. **STUDENT APPEAL:** The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mrs. Wesby **MOVED** to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; **SECONDED** by Mr. Fleming; **MOTION** carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner, and Mr. Hazen opposed).

- c. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Green MOVED to deny the transfer request as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION failed on a vote of 1-8 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner, Mrs. Wesby, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. English, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Hightower and Dr. Bass opposed). Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the transfer request for the student to attend school in Area 2 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to rescind the expulsion and allow the student to appeal to the Tribunal; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: