

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 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. Ronnie West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dwight Smith

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 Dr. Tim Yarborough.

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 8, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 8, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Greendale Elementary Champion for Public Education was presented to Cedar Creek Ladies Club.
- Heather Hose, Fort Gordon School Liaison Officer recognized Aiken County Public Schools for Recognition in Program Introduction
- Dr. Gary Senn presented the Ruth Patrick Science Awards as follow: Allison Churm, Administrator of the Year Award and Gabrielle Morgan, Teacher of the Year Award.
- Dusty Rhodes with Jostens was recognized for his dedication and support for the students of Aiken County Public Schools.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No request this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English informed the Board as follow: Superintendent Evaluation Timeline and Aiken High School dedication scheduled for November 18, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE: Mrs. Sanders-Pee presented a power point presentation regarding update for North Aiken Elementary School.

A-2 SUGGESTED TIMELINE AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR A MAJOR CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE: Mr. Caver gave a brief overview of the suggested timeline and proposed schedule for a major construction initiative. Mr. Hightower MOVED to contact Legislative Delegation and have the item put on their calendar for discussion; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Hightower MOVED to schedule a meeting at the beginning of 2014 with all County and City municipalities to discuss this item; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner discussed several items.

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. Mr. Hightower MOVED to pull the first and third student on page 1 of the Expulsion list and make additional contact with parent regarding student's educational opportunities; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3 (Mr. West, Mr. Barber and Mr. Fleming opposed).

B-2 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES (SES) UNDER THE ESEA WAIVER – FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the distribution of Title I funds to the supplemental educational service providers listed, up to the \$941.05 maximum allotted per child served in each program.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to approve items B-1 (as amended) through B-2; 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; certified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2013-2014; and classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; 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 would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 3, and three from Area 1; Legal Briefing on these items: status of a pending suit; status of three administrative claims; a bid protest issue; and the settlement of a minor's personal injury claim; and Administrative appointment.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:19 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:24 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:06 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 3, and three from Area 1; Legal Briefing on these items: status of a pending suit; status of three administrative claims; a bid protest issue; and the settlement of a minor's personal injury claim; and Administrative appointment.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No action necessary on legal briefing items.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Executive Director of Educational Technology; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: POSTPONED

F-5-b STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest and complete the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an elementary student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest until Friday, October 25, 2013 and return to home school on Monday, October 28, 2013, on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

F-5-d STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and permanently expel the student from Aiken County Public Schools. Also included in the motion, the Board will waive the permanent expulsion if the parent withdraws the student from Aiken County Public Schools for the 2013-2014 school year and enrolls the student in another school out of state; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

F-5-e STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: