

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 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. Richard Hazen.

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 January 10, 2012, were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- South Aiken High School NJROTC Orienteering was recognized for their accomplishments and awards.
- Aiken High School student Alexis Brewe was recognized as one of two South Carolina students selected to represent South Carolina at the U.S. Senate Youth Conference in March 2012.
- BOARD APPRECIATION RECOGNITION: Dr. Everitt expressed appreciation to Board Members for their service and commitment to the students and staff of Aiken County Public Schools. Board members were presented with artwork created by a student in their area.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jet Beckum spoke regarding Taxes.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN
 - Chairman English discussed the following: Feedback on Board Self-Assessment Regarding Communication – Mr. Hightower MOVED to schedule a Special Called Meeting on February 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; and discussed the Board Work Student scheduled on February 21, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. regarding Budget for 2012-2013.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 SCSBA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Scott Price, General Counsel for SCSBA was present to provide a Legislative Update.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 FRESHMAN ACADEMY UPDATE: Dr. Yarborough presented a power point presentation regarding Freshman Academy Update.
- A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BYRD LEARNING CENTER (BLC) FOOD SERVICE OPERATION CENTER PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 4): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the requests for Out-of-District transfers with the stipulation that there will be no obligation on the part of the School District of Aiken County.
- B-2 APPLICATION FOR IMPACT AID (SECTION 8003, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit the Application for Impact Aid (Section 8003, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965).
- B-3 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA-AIKEN DONATION TO BUSBEE-CORBETT ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,994.50 University of South Carolina – Aiken Donation to Busbee-Corbett Elementary/Middle School and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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; and classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2011-2012; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 POLICY CHANGES RELATED TO REORGANIZATION – FIRST READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve on first reading changes to various policies consistent with the administrative reorganization; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Smith presented a power point presentation regarding Board Advisory Council Subcommittee update.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal briefing related to four pending litigation issues and legal advice concerning application of certain First Amendment case decisions to school District interests; and Student appeals as follow: four from Area1; and one from Area 4.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:12 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:17 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:21 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal briefing related to four pending litigation issues and legal advice concerning application of certain First Amendment case decisions to school District interests; and Student appeals as follow: four from Area1; and one from Area 4.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

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:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 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 uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 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; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; Mr. Smith MOVED to amend the motion to include allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning on strict probation and money will be paid by March 1, 2012; SECONDED by Mr. Green; AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Hightower and Dr. Bass opposed); ORIGINAL MOTION as amended carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Hightower and Dr. Bass opposed).
- F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 4. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION failed on a vote of 3-4-2 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. English and Mr. Hazen opposed; Dr. Bass and Mr. Hightower abstained). Mr. Hazen MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; Mr. Fleming MOVED to amend the motion to include strict probation (one offense) and encourage the representatives present at the appeal to attend the intake to be scheduled at the Center of Innovative Learning; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 4-3-2 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Green opposed; Dr. Bass and Mr. Hightower abstained); ORIGINAL MOTION as amended carried on a vote of 5-2-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Green opposed; Dr. Bass and Mr. Hightower abstained).

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Smith MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of a6-3 (Mrs. English, Mrs. Wesby and Mr. Hightower opposed).

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: