

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 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. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Assistant Superintendent  
for Area 1  
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Assistant Superintendent  
for Area 2  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Assistant Superintendent  
for Area 3  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Assistant Superintendent  
for Area 4  
Dr. Randy Stowe, Assistant Superintendent  
for Area 5  
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. David Caver.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved. Mr. Green MOVED to add an Individual Board Member item to the agenda; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on January 4, 2011, were presented for approval. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on January 4, 2011, SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- 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

No requests this meeting.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English discussed scheduling a date for a follow-up meeting with Dr. Krohne. The Board discussed several dates and scheduled a Special Called Meeting on Monday, February 21, 2011, for the purpose of conducting a workshop presented by Dr. Krohne with the South Carolina School Boards Association.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2010: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2010: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS UPDATE: Mrs. Robinson presented a power point presentation regarding East Aiken School of the Arts Update.
- A-5 DISTRICT REPORT CARD: Dr. O’Gorman informed the Board that the information has been postponed and would be presented at a later date.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Area Assistant Superintendents. ACTION ITEM: Update on student’s returning to school after being placed in the Alternative Program.
- B-2 REVISION TO POLICY GCB – PROFESSIONAL STAFF CONTRACTS AND COMPENSATION – SECOND READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt on second reading (blue sheet was submitted with a change) the

proposed revision to Policy GCB. Mr. Bill Burkhalter will present Policy GCB with the change at the next meeting for final reading.

B-3 KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION DONATION TO JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY – FY11: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Kimberly-Clark donation in the amount of \$2,000 to Jefferson Elementary and adjustments to the FY 11 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.

B-4 AREVA FEDERAL SERVICES DONATION TO KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY11: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the AREVA Federal Services donation in the amount of \$2,882.79 to Kennedy Middle School and adjustments to the FY11 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.

B-5 AREVA FEDERAL SERVICES DONATION TO SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL – FY11: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the AREVA Federal Services donation in the amount of \$2,905 to South Aiken High School an adjustments to the FY11 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.

B-6 LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT TO SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL – FY11: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation grant of \$3,750 to Schofield Middle School and adjustments to the FY11 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.

B-7 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-8 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #5; FUND #2, 3, 8 AND 9 (FY11): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Budget Adjustment #5; Fund #2, 3, 8 and 9 (FY11).

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2010-2011; classified personnel for school year 2010-2011; certified supplemental personnel for school year 2010-2011; non-employee supplemental personnel for 2010-2011; and Area One and Area Five substitutes recommendations for 2010-2011; SECONDED by Mrs. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Wesby discussed Policy/Procedures for public accessing paperless board web site. ACTION ITEM: Provide directions on the web site for the public to access the Board's Paperless System.

- Mrs. Wesby discussed process for handling correspondence addressed the Board Members. ACTION ITEM: Develop a policy on how to handle correspondence to the Board.
- Mr. Liner discussed Master Building Plan for Aiken and North Augusta High Schools. Mr. Liner MOVED that a Master Building Plan be developed for the Aiken and North Augusta High Schools. The Master Building Plan shall include conceptual designs for campus layout, building demolition and renovation, and athletic facilities. The Master Building Plan shall provide a vision for current and future facility needs. The Plan shall also include provision for development outside the current campus boundaries, if necessary. The monies for the Master Building Plan should be taken from Fund 5 up to \$80,000. The plan shall be completed by 6-3-11 to support the current Five-Year Facility Plan; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; Mr. Hightower MOVED to include all major projects and to have the administration to bring a recommendation back to the Board on February 22, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Hazen and Mr. Smith opposed). ORIGINAL MOTION as amended carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Smith and Mr. Hightower opposed).
- Mr. Green discussed scheduling a meeting with the Discipline Committee, Tribunal and Administration to discuss consistency through out the District.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Everitt gave a brief update on events in the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Contractual Issues: Review of the District's Administrative Organizational Structure; Legal briefing: Status of two pending OCR complaints; an EPA claim; a pending litigation matter, and a property contractual matter; and Student appeals as follow: two from Area 2; and two from Area 3.

Mr. Bass MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:16 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:21 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:20 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered the following matters: Contractual Issues: Reviewed the District's Administrative Organizational Structure; Legal briefing: Status of two pending OCR complaints; an EPA claim; a pending litigation matter; and a property contractual matter; and Student appeals as follow: two from Area 2; and one from Area 3 (one appeal from Area 3 did not attend).

**CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:**

- REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: No action taken.

**LEGAL BRIEFINGS:**

- LEGAL BRIEFING: 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 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Dr. Bass and Mr. Green opposed).

F-5-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 return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote on 801 (Dr. Bass opposed).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: