

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 10, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 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. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Hazen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent  
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent  
for Instruction and Accountability  
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. Rose Puckett, Administrative Secretary  
to 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. Tray Traxler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on April 12, 2011, and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on April 12, 2011, and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2011; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Smith abstained on the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on April 12, 2011 due to being absent).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Midland Valley High School NJROTC SAR State Award Winner, Holley Fulghum, was recognized.
- ACCTC HOSA State Winners, Treva Williams and Cori Doyle, were recognized.
- ACCTC CSI Team was recognized as State Champions.
- The Board recognized Palmetto Gold and Silver Award winners.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
No requests were made.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No items this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 ELEMENTARY LITERACY MODEL: Dr. O’Gorman presented a power point presentation
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MARCH 31, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave an update on legislation.

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.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS (AREA 4): Superintendent 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-3 INCREASING MEAL PRICES FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize School Food Service to increase meal prices as outlined.
- B-4 ACOUSTICAL PANEL CEILING REPLACEMENT AT EAST AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with Stewart-Corbitt General Contractors in the amount of \$449,000.00 for Acoustical Panel Ceiling Replacement at East Aiken Elementary School and transfer \$109,000.00 from Fund Five Reserve Contingency.
- B-5 THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING FLOOR TILE AND MASTIC AT NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the administration to accept the lowest responsible and responsive bid and enter into a contract with SACS, Inc. & EnviroDemo Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$45,674.00.
- B-6 2011 ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION SERVICES FOR ALL AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low bid of \$3,000.00 and enter into an annual contract with Caraway Fire-Safety to include possible renewal of four additional years as allowed in the Aiken County Public Schools' procurement policies, with the funds coming from the Maintenance Budget.
- B-7 2011 KITCHEN HOODS' ANNUAL GREASE SYSTEM CLEANING SERVICES FOR ALL AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL KITCHEN FACILITIES: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board allow the administration to accept the low bid of \$7,190.00 and enter into an annual contract with One Man Under Pressure, LLC to include possible renewal of four additional years as allowed in the Aiken County Public Schools' procurement policies, with funds coming from the Maintenance Budget.

- B-8 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, 2011-2012:  
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed meeting schedule of the Aiken County Board of Education for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
- B-9 MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT GRANT AWARD – FY12:  
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the submission of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant of \$60,000; adjustments to the FY12 Fund 2 Budget to reflect the amount of the grant and the expenditures; and implementation of the program.
- B-10 TITLE I SCHOOL ALLOCATION FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR:  
Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Title I allocations to school for the 2011-2012 school year.
- B-11 MID-YEAR DISTRICT TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR USE IN 2011-2012 (CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt the mid-year textbook recommendations of the teacher committees as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instruction and Accountability.

Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-11 as recommended; 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 2010-2011; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2010-2011; certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; classified personnel for school year 2010-2011; and summer program employees for school year 2010-2011; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the Aiken County Public School District's 2009-2012 strategic plan 2011 update; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-3 TENTATIVE BUDGET: Mr. Traxler gave a detailed overview of the Tentative Budget for 2011-2012. Board members had several concerns regarding the Budget and discussed having a Special Called Meeting to discuss options as outlined. Mr. Hightower MOVED to schedule a Special Called Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss budget concerns and options as outlined in power point presentation; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- RETIREES: Mr. Hightower discussed concerns about being excluded from the Retirement Banquet on Monday, May 9, 2011 and expressed his sincere apology to all the retirees.

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: Student appeals as follow: one from Area 5; one from Area 2; two from Area 1; and one from Area 3.

Dr. Bass MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:20 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:25 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:28 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 5; and one from Area 2. Two students from Area 1 and one from Area 3 did not show for the appeal.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board received 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 middle school student in Area 5. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, take exams and if passes, allow the student to be promoted to the next grade; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Smith opposed).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Green MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, complete course work, take exams and if passes, allow the student to be promoted to the next grade. The administration will coordinate scheduling with parent; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student in Area 1 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student in Area 1 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student in Area 3 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: