

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2012

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:00 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. Tad Barber  
Mr. Levi Green  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent  
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent  
for Instruction/Accountability  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer  
for Elementary 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 special called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Chairman English spoke of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. A moment of silence was observed for the victims and their families.

Rob Novitt with the Aiken Standard expressed his thanks to the Board for the support and encouragement during his illness.

#### REGULAR SESSION

- BUDGET WORKSHOP 101: Mr. Traxler gave a brief overview of the outline for the Budget 101 Workshop which included the following: Budget Calendar; Demographics; Funds and Fund Descriptions; Budget Types; Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances; Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs); Student Projections and Staffing Ratios; and Recap of Reductions – Years 2008-09 through 2011-12.

Mr. Traxler presented a power presentation outlining each topic in detail. After completing his presentation Mr. Traxler addressed several questions from the Board members.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Josh Rains spoke regarding funding for athletic trainers.
- Brad Siverhus spoke regarding funding for EMS workers and security at athletic events.
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Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student appeals as follow: two from Area 2; one from Area 5; and three from Area 1.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:50 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:10 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:42 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered the following matters: Student appeals as follow: two from Area 2; one from Area 5; and three from Area 1.

APPEALS:

- A-1: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- A-2: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- A-3: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-4: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Hazen MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. West; Mr. Fleming MOVED to amend the motion to include the following: parent must provide transportation to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest until the administration has reviewed the video and made a recommendation; SECONDED by Mr. Green; AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2 (Mrs. English and Mr. Hightower opposed). ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Hightower opposed).

A-5: 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 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Barber opposed).

A-6: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to return to the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. West MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: