

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 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. 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. Keith Liner.

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 November 22, 2011; were presented for approval. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 22, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- SALUTE TO VETERANS: A video was shown to salute our veterans.
- South Aiken High School Serteen Club was recognized.
- ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: Mr. Burkhalter reviewed the procedures for the election of Board Officers and distributed ballots for electing a chairman. Mr. Burkhalter counted the votes and announced the appointment of Mrs. Rosemary English as Chairman of the Board. Ballots were distributed for the election of the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Burkhalter counted the votes and announced the appointment of Mr. Ray Fleming as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mrs. English and Mr. Fleming expressed appreciation to fellow Board Members for their support.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- TIF Presentation by Pope Zeigler, LLC Town of Jackson
- The following citizens spoke in regards to the grocery store in Jackson: Ronnie Martin, Marion Brittan, Louis Whitlock, Caroline Sparks, Lynn Ashburn, Leslie Ford, Ernest Key, Sharon Cowden, Frances Harley, Joanie McCraw, and Carolyn Emanuel-McClain.
- Todd Etheredge spoke regarding TIF for the Town of Jackson.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- Chairman English distributed letter to Board members.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011: Mr. Tim Grow with Elliott Davis LLC gave a brief overview of the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2011.
- A-2 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update. Mr. Liner discussed a resolution to oppose "South Carolina Education Opportunity Act." Mr. Liner MOVED to adopt the resolution opposing the "South Carolina Education Opportunity Act" diverting state tax dollars to private schools that are not subject to the accountability requirements imposed on public schools under the South Carolina Education Accountability Act of a998 and the No Child Left Behind Act; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; Mr. Liner MOVED to amend the motion to include that the Board subcommittee contact the Legislative Delegation to present the resolution to them as soon as possible and use the best means appropriate to transmit information to parents, businesses, and school supporters; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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.
- B-2 JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid in the amount of \$2,929,000.00 and enter into a contract with Stewart-Corbitt General Contractors, Inc. for the Jackson Middle School Additions Project.
- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 4): Parent withdrew request on 12-6-11.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-2 as recommended; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; and classified personnel for school year 2011-2012;; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 REVISION OF POLICY AD – SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION – SECOND READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to adopt on second reading the proposed revision of Policy AD so that our Board Policy and district strategic plan are consistent; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 REQUESTED BY THE TOWN OF JACKSON FOR APPROVAL OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT: Mr. Green MOVED to adopt a position of support for the TIF District for the Town of Jackson with a Memorandum of Understanding for the protection of the District's interest; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-2 (Mrs. Wesby and Mr. Hazen abstained due to conflict of interest).

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Mr. Fleming MOVED to appoint Toi Bowie to the Area 2 Advisory Council with term beginning December 6, 2011, and ending June 30, 2014; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:50 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:55 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:42 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student appeals as follow: two from Area 2; four from Area 1; and appeal from Area 5 did not show.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No item this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No item this meeting.

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 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Hazen and Mr. Hightower opposed).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent did not show for the appeal. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Fleming opposed).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Hightower, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Fleming opposed).

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle 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 on a vote of 8-1 (Mrs. English opposed).

F-5-f: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Fleming, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Green opposed).

F-5-g: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mrs. Wesby 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 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Green MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: