

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: hear three student appeals from Area 5.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 6:31 p.m.

Executive session convened at 6:34 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 7:04 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered the following matters: heard three student appeals from Area 5. The results of the appeals will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Dr. John Bass.

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 February 8, 2011, was presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2011; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Rick Meyer spoke regarding North Augusta High School.
- Mike Pope spoke regarding North Augusta High School.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No items this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: Dr. O’Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding Instructional Technology Update. Mrs. Wesby MOVED that the administration bring back to the Board an appropriate way to keep track throughout the year of any action or presentation that ties us back to our strategic plan and/or evaluation throughout the year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-2 TRIBUNAL UPDATE BY DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: Mr. Green gave a detailed overview of the Tribunal Process.

A-3 MASTER BUILDING PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Caver presented a power point presentation regarding Master Building Plan Update. Mr. Liner MOVED that the need for a Master Facility Plan be evaluated for future building projects. If deemed necessary, by the District, a Master Facility Plan shall be developed to provide a vision for current and future facility needs. The Master Facility Plan shall include conceptual designs for campus layout, building demolition and renovation, and athletic facilities. The Plan shall also include provision for development outside the current campus boundaries, if necessary. The Plan shall be completed far enough in advance of architectural and engineering activities to allow adequate community and administrative involvement. In order

to support the current Five-Year Facility Plan a Master Facility Plan shall be developed for the Aiken and North Augusta High Schools by 6/30/11. The monies for the Master Facility Plan should be taken from Fund 5 up to \$80,000; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Dr. Bass, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Hightower opposed).

A-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-5 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

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 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE HVAC RENOVATION PHASE I AT SILVER BLUFF HIGH: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 1 from Gold Mechanical, Inc. in the credit amount of \$148,940.19.

B-3 AIKEN ELEMENTARY GIRLS ON THE RUN AT AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the pilot program for investigating and implementing the Aiken Elementary Girls on the Run Program at Aiken Elementary School.

- B-4 RENEWAL OF THE CIPA (CHILD INTERNET PROTECTION ACT) COMPLIANT NETWORK TRAFFIC CONTROL SOLUTION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the renewal of the current CIPA compliant network traffic solution for five years at a cost of \$244,950.
- B-5 REVISION OF POLICY IKF-R GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – FIRST READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed revision to Policy IKF-R Graduation Requirements on First Reading.
- B-6 PROPOSED REVISION TO POLICY KD PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION – FIRST READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the proposed amendments to Policy KD on first reading and approve the suggested protocol that has been developed as a result of this undertaking.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6 as recommended; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2010-2011; and classified personnel for school year 2010-2011; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- BOARD POLICY: Mr. Hightower MOVED to request that the Superintendent to revisit day-to-day Board Policies for revisions and deletions and bring recommendations to the Board; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION failed on a vote of 1-8 (Mr. Liner, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wesby, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. English, Dr. Bass, Mr. Hazen, and Mr. Green opposed). Mrs. English MOVED that the Board, after adopting the 2011-2012 budget, set up a time for a workshop to give an in-depth review of how the Board operates and Board policies; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Hazen, and Mr. Hightower opposed).

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: Request by Silver Bluff Baptist Church; Review of the District's Administrative Organizational Structure; Consideration of Budgetary Effects on Personnel Contracts; Legal Briefing: Impact of pending Legislation on Budget; Dismissal of a pending EEOC complaint; Result Unemployment Claim Appeal to Full Tribunal; three personnel issue updates; other personnel proceedings; a student legal claim, a student disciplinary matter; and Student appeals as follow: one from Area 5; one from Area 1; and two 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 9:04 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:09 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:45 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Contractual Issues: Request by Silver Bluff Baptist Church; Review of the District's Administrative Organizational Structure; Consideration of Budgetary Effects on Personnel Contracts; Legal Briefing: Impact of pending Legislation on Budget; Dismissal of a pending EEOC complaint; Result Unemployment Claim Appeal to Full Tribunal; three personnel issue updates; other personnel proceedings; a student legal claim, a student disciplinary matter; and Student appeals as follow: one from Area 5; one from Area 1; and two from Area 3.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- a. REQUEST BY SILVER BLUFF BAPTIST CHURCH (FORMERLY "DEAD RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH:") Mr. Fleming MOVED to authorize legal counsel and Board Chair to prepare and execute a Quit Claim Deed that can be delivered to the Trustees of the Silver Bluff Baptist Church in an effort to assist them with their title issues; **SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- b. REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: No action taken.
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS ON PERSONNEL CONTRACTS: 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:

A-0-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 5. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained due to arriving after Executive Session had convened).

A-0-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 5. Mr. Green 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.

A-0-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 5. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student left prior to Executive Session.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to allow the student to return to school on strict probation; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: This appeal was pulled by Administration.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Smith MOVED to allow the student to attend Byrd Learning Center or an appropriate alternative setting as determined through the IEP; SECONDED by Mr. Limer; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hightower abstained).

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student left prior to Executive Session.

F-5-f: STUDENT APPEAL: The appeal has been postponed.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: