

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 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  
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  
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent  
for Instruction/Accountability  
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Office  
for Middle School  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Officer  
for High School  
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant  
to Board/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. David Caver.

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 February 5, 2013, and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on February 5, and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 for minutes of February 5, 2013 (Mr. Smith abstained) and carried on a vote of 8-0-1 for minutes of February 12, 2013 (Mrs. English abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Siva Aiken spoke regarding North Augusta TIF
- Debbie Nix spoke regarding North Augusta TIF
- Michele Dougherty spoke regarding Busbee El.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board and public on March 12, 2013, the Board will take action regarding the North Augusta TIF.

Chairman English announced a Special Called Meeting needs to be scheduled on March 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. to hear student appeals.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS PROJECT: The board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2012: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-4 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the release of students indicated from Aiken County Public Schools to attend the Out-of-District school requested.
- B-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the foreign exchange student for admission to the School District of Aiken County in Augusta for the first semester of the 2013-2014 school year.
- B-4 AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL PHASE I CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve Change Order Number 4 from H.G. Reynolds, Inc. in the amount of \$17,761.00.
- B-5 UTILITY AUDIT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve ClearView to perform an audit of pricing and practices for the District's electrical and natural gas services.
- B-6 SUNSHINE HOUSE, INC. DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,541.71 Sunshine House, Inc. donation to Chukker Creek Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-7 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,798.68 Sunshine House Donation to Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-8 SUNSHINE HOUSE DONATION TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
– FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,690.63  
Sunshine House Donation to Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments  
to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and  
expenditures.

B-9 REQUESTS FROM TWO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE  
PROGRAMS SEEKING APPROVAL TO PLACE FOREIGN EXCHANGE  
STUDENTS IN DISTRICT SCHOOLS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the  
Board recognize the programs as eligible to request placements of foreign  
exchange students in Aiken schools.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9; 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 2012-2013; classified personnel for school year 2012-  
2013; and classified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2012-2013;  
SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS (POLICY IKA) NECESSARY POLICY  
CHANGES - FINAL READING: Mr. Fleming MOVED to adopt the amended  
Policy IKA on final reading: SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

No items this meeting.

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: Under personnel: Initial Consideration of Personnel and Contractual Issues Related to a Reform Plan; Student Appeals as follow: one from Area 4; one from Area 5; and one transfer from Area 2; and a Legal Briefing Update on one litigation item, a potential claim issue on a facility concern, a property authorization request, and a student discipline procedural matter.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:38 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:43 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:17 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Under personnel: Initial Consideration of Personnel and Contractual Issues Related to a Reform Plan; Student Appeals as follow: one from Area 4; one from Area 5; and one transfer from Area 2; and a Legal Briefing Update on one litigation item, a potential claim issue on a facility concern, a property authorization request, and a student discipline procedural matter.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- PURCHASE OF PROPERTY: Mr. Liner MOVED to authorize the Administration to proceed the purchasing the property adjacent to North Augusta High School as discussed; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTUAL ISSUES RELATED TO A REFORM PLAN: No action necessary.

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 4. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pincrest on strict probation and short term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 5. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and allow the student to attend the Center of Innovative Learning at Pinecrest on strict probation and long term assignment; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal for transfer from Out-of-District for Area 2. Mr. Fleming MOVED to allow the student to attend North Augusta High School for school year 2013-2014 with the stipulation that tuition is paid; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTER: Mr. Liner MOVED to allow students involved in the incident at North Augusta High School on January 25, 2013, and placed in the Alternative Program, be returned to school immediately for time served; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Barber, Mrs. English, Mr. Hightower and Mr. West opposed).

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: