

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 24, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Dr., 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. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Dr. Cecelia Davidson, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O’Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction/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. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant to
Board of Education/Superintendent

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman English welcomed those in attendance and noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to hear student appeals and consideration of a contractual issue related to District's Administrative Organizational Structure.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Contractual issues related to District's Administrative Organizational Structure; and student appeals as follow: three from Area 2; one from Area 4; and nine from Area 1.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:04 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:09 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:12 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered the following matters: Contractual issue related to District's Administrative Organizational Structure; and student appeals as follow: three from Area 2; one from Area 4; and eight from Area 1 (one appeal from Area 1 did not attend meeting).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEALS:

- A-1: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Fleming 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 UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mrs. Wesby opposed).
- A-4: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 4. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and permanently expel the student from Aiken County Public Schools; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION failed on a vote of 4-5 (Mr. Smith, Mr. Liner, Mrs. Wesby, Mrs. English, and Mr. Hightower opposed). Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the student to attend the Alternative Program on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Hazen and Dr. Bass opposed).

- A-5: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 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 attend the Alternative Program on strict probation; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Dr. Bass opposed).
- A-7: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Wesby and Mrs. English opposed).
- A-8: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not attend requested appeal hearing.
- A-9: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-10: 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 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-1 (Mr. Hazen opposed).

A-11: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A-12: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. 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. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote 8-0-1 (Mr. Hazen abstained).

A-13: 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 Byrd Learning Center on strict probation and also include counseling services; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mr. Smith and Dr. Bass opposed).

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: