

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 31, 2015

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Dr., 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. Levi Green, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Cecil Atchley
Mr. Tad Barber
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Jeremy Mace
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller
Dr. Cecelia Davidson, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction/Accountability
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer
for Elementary School
Mrs. Laurie Reese, 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/Superintendent

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman English welcomed those in attendance and noted the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to have a Budget Work Study and to hear student appeals.

SALARY STUDY PROGRESS REPORT: Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation regarding Salary Study Progress Report.

Mr. Burkhalter discussed Superintendent Search Budget. Mr. West MOVED that the Board authorize the Comptroller to move funds temporarily from any available budget accounts in order to reimburse Human Resource Department for advertisement funds expended in connection with the Superintendent Search; SECONDED by Mr. Barber; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATHLETIC FACILITY COMMITTEE REPORT/POSSIBLE ACTION: Mr. Liner MOVED that the projects and funding profile shown on the "Athletic Facility Project and Funding Plan" timeline be approved and the language be included in Annual Bond Resolution to provide provisions for borrowing and repaying monies from Fund Balance to fund said projects, if required; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Green, Mr. Hightower, Mrs. English and Mr. West; opposed).

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Student Appeals as follow: one student appeal from Area 5; and three from Area 1; and [Only if someone has objected to the letter] Personnel Issue: Grievance Appeal – follow-up

Mr. Mace 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.

Mr. Barber and Mr. Hightower had to leave due to family illness.

Executive session convened at 7:43 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:26 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Student Appeals as follow: one student appeal from Area 5; and three from Area 1; and [Only if someone has objected to the letter] Personnel Issue: Grievance Appeal – follow-up

APPEALS:

- A: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchely; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- B: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hazen 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. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C: 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 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Atchley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the administration and expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Mace MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: