

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MAY 16, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Monday, May 16, 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. David Caver, Deputy 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 conduct a work study regarding the Tentative Budget for 2011-2012.

Mr. Traxler began the Tentative Budget for 2011-2012 work study with a power point presentation including the following: Decision Points and What Options Will Be Approved. One of the options presented included an expansion of the alternative program. At this point, Mr. Traxler turned the power point over to Dr. O’Gorman.

Dr. O’Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding Alternative Learning. Dr. O’Gorman concluded his presentation to the Board, Mr. Traxler continued with his power point presentation.

The Board discussed several concerns about voting on funding options. Mr. Liner MOVED to vote on each decision point separately; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DECISION POINTS: Mr. Liner MOVED that the Board approve the following budget options as follow: provide a one step increase for teachers and a 1% increase for teachers at steps 0, 1, 2, and 22 and a 1% increase to remaining employees in the amount of \$1,754,652; increase technology budget (hardware) to \$400,000; fully fund 9<sup>th</sup> grade academies at MVHS, WSHS, and SBHS in the amount of \$427,500; fund an ISS supervisor at each middle school (part of alternative restructuring plan) in the amount of \$275,000; expansion of alternative program in the amount of \$1,261,375; replenish travel budgets in the amount of \$90,000 (all options totaling \$4,208,527); SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FUNDING OPTIONS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to use the flex 2011-2012 State allocations from Fund #3 and Fund #9 in the estimated total amount available of \$4,539,571 as needed; increasing operating millage up to 3.8 mills in the amount of \$1,216,183; and use the Education Foundation Supplement (if available) in the amount of \$1,613,259; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; Mr. Hightower MOVED to table this motion to discuss capital needs prior to voting on funding options for General Fund; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote 7-2 (Mr. Fleming and Mr. Hazen opposed).

Mr. Traxler fielded several questions from Board members regarding Capital Needs and Debt Service.

CAPITAL NEEDS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve Capital Needs Scenario #3 - Continuing with 5 year payoff but with larger first year payment which would require an increase in debt service millage; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mrs. English, Dr. Bass and Mr. Hightower opposed).

FUNDING OPTIONS: Mr. Hightower MOVED to remove the Funding Options motion from the table for vote; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; The motion was to use the flex 2011-2012 State allocations from Fund #3 and Fund #9 in the estimated total amount available of \$4,539,571 as needed; increasing operating millage up to 3.8 mills in the amount of \$1,216,183; and use the Education Foundation Supplement (if available) in the amount of \$1,613,259; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: