

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 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
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
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and 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

Chairman English called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mrs. Donna Wesby.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved. Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve agenda as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 24, 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2011; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; Mr. Hightower MOVED to amend the motion to have the attachment to the minutes removed from the May 24, 2011 meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- SBHS Boy's 4x4 Track AA State Champions were recognized.
- Budget Update from Mr. Traxler.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carmen Landy, Executive Director of Helping Hands thanked the District and Board for their continued support of the students at Helping Hands.

- PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET: The following citizens of Aiken County spoke regarding the Budget: Diane Giddings, Ed Abele, Mike Vasovski, Randy Sullivan, Jane Page Thompson, Davis Berry, Derek Berry, Dianne Parker, Kit Parker, Jet Beckum, Debbie Nix, Kathy Pate, Andrew McCaskill, Marsha Harris, Carolyn Bazzle, and Moses Mims.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to add to the calendar a Special Called Meeting two weeks after the Tentative Budget has been posted for the purpose of receiving Public Input on the 2012-2013 Budget; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to have a 5 minute recess; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The Regular Session convened at 9:16 p.m.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English reminded the Board of an invitation received from URS regarding a reception for Tony Fountain on June 9, 2011, at Newberry Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF APRIL 30, 2011: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

A-2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

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.

B-2 ANNUAL REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – SECOND READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board adopt on second reading the proposed changes in the Code of Student Conduct 2011-2012.

B-3 SAVANNAH RIVER REMEDIATION, LLC GRANT TO MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,600 Savannah River Remediation, LLC Grant to Millbrook Elementary School and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

B-4 SAVANNAH RIVER REMEDIATION, LLC GRANT TO JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 Savannah River Remediation, LLC Grant to Jefferson Elementary School and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-5 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS GRANT TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$7,500 Public Education Partners Grant to the Aiken County Career and Technology Center and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-6 FY2012 APPLICATION FOR TITLE I OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize the submission of the Title I application to the South Carolina Department of Education, adjustments to the FY2012 Budget to reflect authorized expenditures, and implementation of the program.
- B-7 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN), SERIES 2011, NOT EXCEEDING \$9,500,000: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of a tax anticipation note, Series 20111, not exceeding \$9,500,000.
- B-8 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST (AREA 1): Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the list for out-of-district transfer with the stipulation that there will be no financial obligation on the part of the School District of Aiken County.

Mr. Green MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-8 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2010-2011; classified personnel for school year 2010-2011; and classified supplemental personnel for school year 2010-2011; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 RE-EMPLOYMENT ON NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the re-employment for the 2011-2012 school year all non-instructional personnel under Service Agreements and not listed on the attached list. Personnel listed on the attached "HOLD" list may be recommended for employment at a later date; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- BUDGET POWERPOINT: Mr. Hightower presented a power point presentation regarding the 2011-2012 Budget.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Everitt presented a power point presentation on events around the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal briefing – Update on a due

process personnel hearing matter; Administrative Appointments; and Student appeals as follow: Three in 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 10:07 p.m.

Executive session convened at 10:12 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:50 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal briefing – Update on a due process personnel hearing matter; Administrative appointments; and heard one student appeal from Area 1.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board received a legal briefing with no action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve the administrative appointments as recommended by the Superintendent; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Rebecca Koelker, Principal at Aiken Elementary School

Ms. Becky Wilson, Principal at Jefferson Elementary School

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the expulsion of the student but waive the permanent expulsion. Also included in the motion, the Administration will evaluate the student to determine placement for the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Smith, Dr. Bass, and Mr. Green opposed).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal.

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Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: