

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

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Keith Liner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Alford discussed removing Item B-8 for further discussion after Proviso from State Legislators. Mrs. English MOVED to remove Item B-8 from the agenda as discussed; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Chairman Green stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2017; were presented for approval. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2017; SECONDED by Mrs. English; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

South Carolina School Counselor of the Year Sharon Worsley was recognized.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items this meeting

COMMENTS: Superintendent Alford discussed the news article in Aiken Standard and the comments on social media regarding a statement he had made at the Town Hall Meeting at South Aiken High School. Superintendent Alford stated that he does not believe in punishment but does believe in discipline. AT no point in time will we tolerate students who interrupt in a very severe fashion the learning environment. This has been a distraction for the

B-6 SUBMISSION OF SC STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the SC State Department of Education Arts Curricular Innovation grant for East Aiken School of the Arts and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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CHALLENGE GRANT AIKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the submission of the application for the SC State Department of Education Arts Curricular Innovation grant for East Aiken School of the Arts and the receipt of fund, if awarded.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7

C-3 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FIVE-YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the proposed Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan as presented; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Hightower discussed Board Sub-committees.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

POST-SECONDARY DATA PROTOCOLS: Mrs. Gina Bassford presented a power point presentation regarding Post-Secondary Data Protocols.

Chairman Green announced the Board will need to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board may choose: Appeals: One student appeal (Area 1); Contractual Matters: Initial legal briefing on two proposed contractual requests regarding charter schools; and Brief Verbal Legal Update: one litigation mediation matter and one employment security claim decision.

Mrs. English MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 8:08 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:15 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:01 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Appeals: One student appeal (Area 1); Contractual Matters: Initial legal briefing on two proposed contractual requests regarding charter schools; and Brief Verbal Legal Update: one litigation mediation matter and one employment security claim decision.

