

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2017

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 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:

Mr. Levi Green, Chairman  
Mr. Tad Barber, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Cecil Atchley  
Mrs. Rosemary English  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Jeremy Mace  
Mr. Ahmed Samaha  
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent  
Dr. Shawn Foster, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. William Burkhalter, General Counsel  
Mr. King Laurence, Chief Officer of Administration  
Dr. DeeDee Washington, Chief Officer of Instruction  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Executive Director  
of Elementary School  
Mrs. Laurie Reese, Executive Director  
of Elementary School  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Executive Director  
of Middle School  
Mr. Scott Newman, Interim Executive Director  
of High School  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant  
to Board of Education



- Chairman Green also congratulated the District for receiving Full Accreditation from South Carolina Department of Education.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner gave a brief Legislative Update.

A-2 ENROLLMENT TRENDS RECOMMENDATIONS: Superintendent Alford spoke regarding recommendation by the committee on Enrollment Trends and other considerations.

School Start Times – Recommendations

Elementary Schools: 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (7 hours of instruction)

Middle Schools: 8:00 a.m. – 3:10 p.m. (7 hours and 10 min. of instruction)

High Schools: 8:20 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (7 hours and 10 min. of instruction)

Byrd Elementary is in urgent need of four modular units due to full capacity. Administration recommends approval to proceed with purchasing the modular units for Byrd Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Liner MOVED to approve the purchase of four modular units for Byrd Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Mace; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A Superintendent Alford also recommended hiring a firm to look at facilities regarding enrollment/facility use for 3, 5, and 10 years. The firm would also look at the following: demographics within areas (hard lines); demogr2(a)13(r)-3(c000912 0o/F1 11.04



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- B-4 PURCHASE OF C-CANS FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATIONS CENTER: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the administration to enter into a contract with Touax Modular in the amount of \$29,700.00. The funding will come from the new Aiken County Operations Center account.
- B-5 ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY/ENGAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE GRANT – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the Adult Education and Family Literacy/Engagement Collaborative Grant in the amount of \$17,980 and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue fund to reflect the amount of the award and the expenditures.
- B-6 BOB RICHARDS TOYOTA DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 donation to Aiken County Public Schools and adjustments to the FY17 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-7 WOMEN'S STUDY CLUB OF RIDGE SPRING DONATION TO RSM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY17: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$2,000 Women's Study Club of Ridge Spring donation toon

B-9 SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM TOILETS & CONCESSIONS: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board authorize the Administration to accept the low base bid totaling \$693,544.00 and enter into a contract with J.E. Stewart Builders, Inc. for the South Aiken High School Football Toilets & Concessions with the funding coming from the Athletic account for Year 2017-2018.

B-10 PROJECT LEAD THE WAY LAUNCH GRANT TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$7,500 Project Lead the Way Launch grant and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditure.

B-11 PROJECT LEAD THE WAY LAUNCH GRANT TO NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY18: Superintendent Alford recommended the Board approve the \$78,500 Project Lead the Way Launch grant and adjustments to the FY18 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditure.

Mr. Liner MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-11; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Liner MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2016-2017; classified personnel for school year 2016-2017; certified personnel for school year 2017-2018; certified retiree rehariae personnel for school year 2017-2018; classified personnel for school year 2017-2018; and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2017-2018; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



- C-8 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL OF 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. English MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contracts of the employees shown on the attached list, all of whom are induction contracted employees, not be renewed for the 2017-2018 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-9 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Mace MOVED to accept the Superintendent's recommendations and authorize the re-employment for the 2017-2018 school year of the certified employees shown on the attached list, subject to the conditions, stipulations, requirements, or qualifications set forth for the employees; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-10 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. West MOVED to authorize and approve the re-employment for the 2017-2018 school year t fied ep



C-13 2017-2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation regarding the Preliminary Budget for 2017-2018. Mrs. English MOVED to approve the Preliminary Budget for 2017-2018 with the inclusion of an additional step to teacher scale (Step 25); and Phase 2 of service credit as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Mr. Burkhalter declared the hearing of the Cotton Mill Charter School Application open:**

C-14 CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION – COTTTTTF1 612pVs[a(l)-4(i)-4(ca)3(t)-3(i)-4(on)26( )TJET

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OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

Mr. Samaha spoke regarding the Junior Preview Day at USCA. The event was a success and thanked all that made it possible.

Content Interventionist presented a power point presentation regarding successes and goals for Aiken County students.

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: Personnel: Consideration of Administrative Appointments as proposed employment contract matters; and Student Appeal: Student Appeal (Area 2).

Mr. Liner MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Atchley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 7:41 p.m.

Executive session convened at 7:48 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Green announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Personnel: Consideration of Administrative Appointments as proposed employment contract matters; and Student Appeal: Student Appeal (Area 2).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

Contractual Issue: Mr. Atchley MOVED to approve the new contractual agreement for continued services with Mr. William Burkhalter as Aiken County School District Legal Counsel for 2017-2018 school year;

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL (AREA 2): The Board heard an appeal from the guardian of a student in Area 2. Mr. Liner MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and expel the student for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year; SECONDED by the