

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:00 p.m. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, amended Section 30-4-80, the print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, place, and web location of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman
Dr. John Bradley, Vice Chair
Mr. Jim Broome
Mr. Colen Lindell
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mr. Barry Moulton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Waters, District Office Manager to the Superintendent and the Board of Education

Chairman Nuessle called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Chairman Nuessle led Moment of Silence and Pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Nuessle stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting of April 14, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 9-0; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

No Items This Meeting

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

No Items This Meeting

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation
 - Mr. Malik Jenkins - Chorus Loss at KMS
 - Mr. Christopher Leyseth -Middle School Chorus Elimination
 - Mr. Jason Fox – Middle School Chorus Elimination
- Office of the Board Chairman

No Items This Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A-1 OVERVIEW OF COURSE OFFERINGS PROCESS: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

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- B-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve lists of administrative, certified, and classified personnel; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- B-2 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF NJROTC PERSONNEL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the lists of re-employment NJROTC personnel for the 2026-2027 School Year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- B-3 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the lists of re-employment certified personnel for the 2026-2027 School Year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- B-4 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the lists of re-employment certified personnel, subject to certain conditions for the 2026-2027 School Year; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- B-5 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED INDUCTION CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the lists of non-renewal employee contracts whom are induction contracted employees, not to be renewed for the 2026-2027 school year, pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- B-6 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the lists of non-renewal employee contracts of the annual contract employees, not to be renewed for the 2026-2027 school year, subject to Board's duty to review the matter on the merits of a hearing pursuant to South Carolina law; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

- B-7 NON-RENEWAL OF IDENTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the lists of non-renewal identified continuing contracts for certified personnel, not to be renewed for the 2026-2027 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- B-8 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY BEC EXECUTIVE SESSIONS/OPEN MEETINGS, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the revision of Policy BEC, Executive Sessions/Open Meetings, Second Reading; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- B-9 REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve and accept the revisions to the Code of Conduct, First Reading, with the deletion of language for headbands; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0 (Mr. Moulton was not present for the vote.)
- B-10 CONSIDERATION OF XSEL REDESIGN: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the proposal recommendations for the XSEL Program; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0 (Mr. Moulton was not present for the vote.)
- B-11 2026-2027 BUDGET- FIRST READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve and accept the 2026-2027 Budget, First Reading and hires; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED, 6-2 (Mr. Moulton was not present for the vote, Mr. Broome and Mr. Lindell opposed).

CONSENT ITEMS

- C-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing to this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- C-2 RELEASE FROM ACPD REQUESTS 26-27 SY: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be released for out-of-district transfer from Aiken County Public School District.

- C-3 NON-RESIDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS 26-27 SY: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be allowed to transfer into Aiken County Public School District.
- C-4 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS:
- C-5 GMP #1 FOR HVAC RENOVATIONS AT AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
- C-6 GMP #2 FOR HVAC RENOVATIONS AT NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
- C-7 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT (DD) AND CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS (CD) FOR THE AREA ONE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE AT AIKEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the design development plans and construction drawings for the Area One Transportation Office at Aiken Intermediate School.
- C-8 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS FOR THE GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the schematic design plans for the Gloverville Elementary School renovations and improvements.
- C-9 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MOLD REMEDIATION:
- C-10: ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL:

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items C-1 through C-10 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0. (Mr. Moulton was not present for the vote.)

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

2. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Nuessle announced the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Student Matters – A.) Student Appeal- Area Three; Employment Matters- A.) Employment Matter- Chief of HR.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0. (Mr. Moulton was not present for the vote.)

Regular Session recessed at 8:27 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:37 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:16 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0. (Mr. Moulton was not present for the vote.)

Chairman Nuessle announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matter for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Student Matters – A.) Student Appeal-Area Three; Employment Matters- A.) Chief of HR.

STUDENT MATTERS

A.) Student Appeal – Area Three: Mr. Lindell MOVED to make a motion that the Board accept the District’s recommendation for the student appeal- Area Three; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0. (Mr. Moulton was not present for the vote.)

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

A.) Chief of HR – No action to be taken at this time.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0. (Mr. Moulton was not present for the vote.) The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: