

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 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
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler
Mrs. Liz Morris

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 Regular Meeting of July 29, 2025, were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 29, 2025; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mrs. Morris abstained). MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The Board of Education took a photo with the SCSBA Welcome Back Poster.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

No Items this Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Alicia Freeman spoke on Policy IKA in support of asking the Board to change IKA policy.
- Mr. McKinney spoke in place of Mrs. Kim Whitfield regarding not changing the Policy IKA.
- Ms. Harris spoke in support of Policy IKA change and preferred resources and options.
- Ms. Alyssa Whitfield spoke in support of not changing Policy IKA.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve lists of administrative, certified and classified personnel for school year 2025-2026; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

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- A-2 UPDATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IN POLICY CCA ORGANIZATION CHART,
FIRST READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve updates to Organizational Chart in
Policy CCA Organization Chart, First Reading; SECONDED by Ms. Morris; MOTION
CARRIED, 8-0-1 (Mr. Broome abstained).
- A-3 SOAR PRESENTATION AND DATA REVIEW: Mr. Postell and Ms. Hamrick presented
the SOAR presentation to the School Board. No action needed.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DUES: Superintendent Murphy
recommended approval and authorize continuation of membership in the South
Carolina School Boards Association.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2025-2026:
Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve that the students be released for out-
of-district transfer.
- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2025-2026:
Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve that the students be allowed for
transfer into Aiken County Public School District.
- B-4 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Murphy
recommended the approval by the Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services for
the program of home instruction for the students indicated on the attached list.
- B-5 SAVANNAH RIVER NATIONAL LABORATORY (SRNL) K-12 CATALYST GRANT FOR
STEM EDUCATION AWARDS TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT –
FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval of the \$20,000.00 Savannah
River National Laboratory through the generosity of Battelle Savannah River Alliance,
LLC., and the Columbus Foundation to awardee teachers to carry out the projects stated
in their grant application. The grant was awarded to Aiken Elementary School (Kari
Keck- \$2,500.00), Chukker Creek Elementary School (Jeannie Simmons- \$5,000.00),
Jackson STEM Magnet Middle School (Valarie McGahee- \$5,000.00), New Ellenton

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Middle STEAM Magnet School (Christina Walcot- \$2,500.00) and South Aiken High School (Danielle Altringer- \$5,000.00).

- B-6: REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION BID FOR THE J.D. LEVER MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval for authorization and for the administration to accept the base bid to build a new multipurpose building a J.D. Lever Elementary School in the amount of \$1,890,000.00. The total budget needed is \$2,048,000.00 from the 2025-2026 8% Athletic Facility account.
- B-7: REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION BID FOR THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT AT MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval for authorization and for the administration to accept the base bid to replace lighting at Midland Valley High and Silver Bluff High baseball and softball fields in the amount of \$725,045.00. The base bid includes a \$100,000.00 allowance for unforeseen circumstances. The total budget needed for approval is \$805,045.00.
- B-8 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2025 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT GREENDALE ELEMENTARY AND BYRD ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Murphy recommended authorizing the credit for unused allowances <\$37,472.00>.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 SOLAR ARRAY PERFORMANCE UPDATE: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NEW AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

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

Dr. Murphy presented the Board and the District with his presentation of the Superintendent Goals and Annual Report.

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. Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment- North Augusta Middle School, b.) Administrative Appointment – Jackson STEM Middle School; Contractual Matter – a.) Legal Services. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0).

Regular Session recessed at 8:11 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:16 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:58 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0).

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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. Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment- North Augusta Middle School, b.) Administrative Appointment – Jackson STEM Middle School; Contractual Matter – a.) Legal Services.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

a) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT- NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the recommendation of the District Administration for the Administrative Appointment for North Augusta Middle School; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0).

b) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT- JACKSON STEM MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the recommendation of the District Administration for the Administrative Appointment of Jackson STEM Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton. MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2-0 (Mr. Lindell and Mr. Broome opposed).

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

a) LEGAL MATTERS: No action Needed at this time.

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED:

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