

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 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
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler
Mrs. Liz Morris

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

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.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2025, were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2025; SECONDED by Ms. Morris; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0; MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

No Items this Meeting

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

No Items this Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Pniewski spoke on the state of Athletic Trainers in our schools.

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, 8-0.
- A-2 UPDATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IN POLICY CCA ORGANIZATION CHART, SECOND READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve updates to Organizational Chart in Policy CCA Organization Chart, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

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- A-3 SOAR OVERVIEW AND RENAMING OF CIL: Mr. Postell and Ms. Hamrick presented the SOAR presentation to the School Board. Mr. Nuessle stated motion not to rename CIL at this time and to keep the name as it is. Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve of keeping the name for CIL and not rename at this time; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.
- A-4 POLICY GCLE UNENCUMBERED TIME, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve updates to Policy GCLE Unencumbered Time, First Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.
- A-5 PROPOSAL FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve proposal for athletic trainers presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler. Prior to voting, Mr. Silas asked for amendment to proposal. Mr. Silas MOVED to make amendment to the motion to approve three trainers for action item for WSHS, AHS and SBHS and to incorporate the remaining trainers to be added for the four remaining schools in the next budget for 26-27 SY, as district employees. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-1 (Mr. Lindell abstained).

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 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-2 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-3 REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FOR ALLOCATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY PRIORITY FUNDS- AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT - FY 25-26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the approval to submit the application for allocation of school safety priority funds for Aiken County Public Schools in the amount of \$562,843.56.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-3 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 SCHEMATIC AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETT TA AUXILIARY GYMNASIUM: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE SILVER BLUFF HIGH RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Bradley mentioned on behalf of the School Board that we pass along condolences for family of a previous Board Member, Cecil Atchley, that has passed away.

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. Contractual Matter – Superintendent's Evaluation.

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Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated;
SECONDED by Ms. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0).

Regular Session recessed at 7:14 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 10:20 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Ms. Morris;
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0).

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. Contractual Matter – Superintendent's Evaluation.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

- a) Superintendent's Evaluation- After reviewing the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Nuessle made a MOTION that after reviewing Dr. Murphy's report on the District's progress, and considering the Board Members' comments regarding Dr. Murphy's performance, he MOVED that as a Board, they conclude that Dr. Murphy receive an overall Above Average evaluation for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Nuessle further states and MOVED that as a result of Dr. Murphy's overall Above Average evaluation, that his contract be extended by one year through June 30, 2028 and approve a salary increase, that would also be back-dated to July 1, 2025; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED 7-1 (Mr. Broome objected).

LEGAL MATTERS

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Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0). The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: