

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 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  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler  
Mrs. Liz Morris

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Brian Silas  
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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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 One, B.) Student Appeal – Area One, C.) School Appeal – Area One; Employment Matters – A.) XSEL Personnel Matter, B.) HR Staffing Request; Legal Matters – A.) School District Attorney Update.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.

Regular Session recessed at 6:02 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:05 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:42 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.

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. Student Matters – A.) Student Appeal – Area One, B.) Student Appeal – Area One, C.) School Appeal – Area One; Employment Matters – A.) XSEL Personnel Matter, B.) HR Staffing Request; Legal Matters – A.) School District Attorney Update.

STUDENT MATTERS

A.) Student Appeal – Area One: Mr. Lindell MOVED to send the student to alternative school/Pinecrest for the remainder of the year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIES 5-2 (Mr. Nuessle and Dr. Bradley opposed), MOTION CARRIES.

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B.) Student Appeal – Area One: Mr. Lindell MOVED to overturn the decision of expulsion and send the student to CIL/Pinecrest for the remainder of the year; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson. Mr. Broome made a MOTION to request the student be sent to virtual learning. Mr. Lindell retracted his motion and SECONDED the motion made by Mr. Broome. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson does not agree with retracting the motion. Mr. Lindell states that he will remain with his main MOTION with Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson to overturn the decision of expulsion and send the student to CIL/Pinecrest for the remainder of the year. Mr. Broome withdrew his motion; MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.

C.) School Appeal – Area One: Dr. Bradley MOVED to overturn the decision for alternative placement and expel the student; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

A.) XSEL Personnel Matter – Mr. Nuessle states no action required at this time.

B.) HR Staffing Request – Mr. Lindell MOVED to accept the recommendation of the District and approve the HR staffing request as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-2-1 (Mr. Nuessle and Mr. Broome opposed; Mrs. Tyler abstained), MOTION CARRIED.

LEGAL MATTERS

A.) School District Attorney Update – Mr. Nuessle states no action required at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2025, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2025; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0; MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

No Items this Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Items this Meeting

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ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Ballots were given to Board Members for Election of Board Officers by Mr. Mazik.

Vote 1: There is a tie for Board Chairman – Mr. Nuessle and Dr. Bradley. Revote due to ballot confusion.

Vote 2: Board Chairman: Cameron Nuessle; Board Vice-Chairman: Tie vote with Dr. Bradley and Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson.

Vote 3: Board Vice-Chairman: Dr. John Bradley

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mr. Nuessle spoke at the Board Meeting to address parents, students, and staff with a message.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

B-1 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

B-2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

B-3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

B-4 INTERSESSION PRESENTATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

C-1 PROPOSED MODIFIED YEAR-ROUND STUDENT CALENDAR FOR 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR AND PRESENTATION: Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve the proposed modified year-round student calendar for 2027-2028 school year

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after a presentation by Mr. Jeffcoat. Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the proposed 2027-2028 school year calendar; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell. MOTION CARRIED, 6-1(Mr. Broome opposed).

C-2 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of administrative, certified, and classified personnel for school year 2025-2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

D-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSION: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing to this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.

D-2 OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN: Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.

D-3 SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RECYCLING EDUCATION GRANT AWARD TO BUSBEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the education grant as presented to Busbee Elementary School.

D-4 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY GRANT AWARD TO THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County Grant Award to the listed recipients as presented.

D-5 SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION BY THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS INSURANCE TRUST RISK CONTROL GRANT -FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the grant application by the Division of Human Resources and Administration for the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust Risk Control Grant as presented.

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D-6 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY DONATION TO CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County donation to Chukker Creek Elementary School as presented.

D-7 SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC (SRNS) DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) donation to Aiken County Public School District as presented.

D-8 GMP #2 RE-ROOFING OF SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the GMP #2 re-roofing of South Aiken High School requested by the District.

D-9 GMP #1 RE-ROOFING OF MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the GMP #1 re-roofing of Midland Valley High School requested by the District.

D-10 GMP #1 RE-ROOFING OF SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the GMP #1 re-roofing of Silver Bluff High School requested by the District.

D-11 FLOORING PROJECTS DISTRICT-WIDE FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the flooring projects district-wide for Aiken County Public Schools requested by the District.

D-12 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE GMP #2 FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the construction documents and guaranteed maximum price (GMP) #2 for the North Augusta Middle School addition and renovation requested by the District.

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D-13 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE(GMP) FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROJECT: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the construction documents and guaranteed maximum price (GMP)for the Wagener-Salley High School Athletics Project requested by the District.

D-14 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve items to be declared surplus and method of disposal as requested by the District.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items D-1 through D-14 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.

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

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: