

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 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 Regular Meeting of December 9, 2025, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2025; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-2; MOTION CARRIED (Mr. Moulton and Mr. Silas abstained).

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Ms. Piccolino recognized Aiken Scholars Academy with the Blue Ribbon Award.
- Ms. Piccolino presented the Robert E. Alexander Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award to Mrs. Kristie Brooks, from Aiken Elementary School.
- Ms. Piccolino recognized the PEP Grant Winners before the School Board.
- Aiken Education Association recognized the ACPSD School Board for School Board Recognition Month.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

- Aiken Elementary School

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 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, 9-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATIONS OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing to this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- 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 approved for transfer into the school district.
- B-4 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval of the request to admit foreign exchange students.
- B-5 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS (CD) AND GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA AUXILIARY GYMNASIUM: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the construction documents (CD), and guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the Ridge Spring-Monetta High School gymnasium as presented.
- B-6 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 – AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT AT NORTH AUGUSTA, SILVER BLUFF, MIDLAND VALLEY AND AIKEN HIGH: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the Change Order Number 1 for unused allowances for the football field lighting at North Augusta, Silver Bluff, Midland Valley and Aiken High.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE J.D. LEVER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM BUILDING: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NEW AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-4 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2025: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-5 AIKEN INNOVATE ENTRY AND DISMISSAL CRITERIA PRESENTATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-6 ATHLETIC TRAINERS PRESENTATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to appoint Rasheeka Bush to the Area 1 Advisory Council's vacant seat; SECONDED by Mr. Nuessle; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

Mr. Broome requested discussion in regard to student athlete transportation. Mr. Nuessle asked that this be discussed and requested numbers for the next board 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 One, Student Matters – B.) Student Appeal – Area Three, Student Matters – C.) Student Appeal – Area Four; Employment Matters – A.) Personnel Matter – Breach of Contract.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

Regular Session recessed at 7:36 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:46 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:54 p.m.

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

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, Student Matters – B.) Student Appeal – Area Three, Student Matters – C.) Student Appeal – Area Four; Employment Matters – A.) Personnel Matter – Breach of Contract.

STUDENT MATTERS

- A.) Student Appeal – Area One: Mr. Lindell MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District regarding the student appeal; SECONDED BY Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 0-0.
- B.) Student Appeal – Area Three: Mr. Lindell MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District regarding the student appeal; SECONDED BY Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- C.) Student Appeal – Area Four: Mr. Lindell MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District regarding the student appeal; SECONDED BY Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- A.) Personnel Matter- Breach of Contract: Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District regarding the personnel matter and file a formal complaint with the State of SC Board of Education; SECONDED BY Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: