

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 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.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 9-0; MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

No Items This Meeting

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

No Items This Meeting

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation
 - Josh Pniewski spoke about athletic trainers.
- Office of the 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.

A-2 REQUEST TO CONSIDER PAY INCREASE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION BUS MONITORS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the shift in pay to increase for special education bus monitors; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

A-3 ATHLETIC TRAINER COMPENSATION: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the shift in pay of athletic trainers from 119 to 122, with a sign on bonus; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

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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 PROPOSALS FOR AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAM:
Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve the request for the proposed afterschool care program.

B-3 NORTH AUGUSTA CHAMBER FOUNDATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAVANNAH RIVER MISSION COMPLETION TUTORING/MENTORING PROGRAM AT NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve the partnership with Savannah River Mission Completion Tutoring/Mentoring Program at North Augusta High School.

B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUMMER READING CAMP COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval to submit the grant application for the S.C. Department of Education Summer Reading Camp Community Partnership Grant Application.

B-5 CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT DONATION FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES – FY26:
Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the grant donation presented to the Midland Valley area elementary school libraries.

B-6 AIKEN COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL CITIZENS INC. DONATION TO OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation from Aiken County Association for Special Citizens Inc. to Oakwood Windsor.

B-7 FIRST BOOK MARKETPLACE GIFT CERTIFICATE TO OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the First Book Marketplace gift certificate presented to Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School.

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- B-8 SRP FEDERAL CREDIT UNION DONATION TO NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation to North Augusta High School from SRP Federal Credit Union.
- B-9 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY DONATION TO BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation to Byrd Elementary School from Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County.
- B-10 TREE SERVICES FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the recommendation of contractors for district-wide tree services as presented.
- B-11 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2025 SCRUBBING AND COATING OF GYMNASIUM FLOORS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Change Order Number 1 from The Flooring Connection, LLC.
- B-12 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RENOVATION AND ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the construction documents and guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the North Augusta High School auditorium renovation and addition project.
- B-13 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION AND ADDITIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the schematic design plans and preliminary budget for the Midland Valley High School renovation and additions.
- B-14 SCHEMATIC PLANS FOR THE AREA ONE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE AT AIKEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the schematic design plans for the Area One Transportation Office at Aiken Intermediate School.
- B-15 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR THE AIKEN INTERMEDIATE AREA ONE BUS PARKING FACILITY: Superintendent

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Murphy recommended the Board approve the construction documents and guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the Aiken Intermediate Area One Bus Parking Facility.

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 SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING OF SOLE SOURCE AND EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

C-2 SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE ON MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

C-3 PROCUREMENT PROCESS REVIEW: 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

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Superintendent's Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Items This Meeting

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: