

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 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
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant 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 January 14, 2025, were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Requests or Sign Ups for This Meeting

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Mr. John HutchIns, Chairman of the Grant Review Committee for Public Education Partners, presented a check in the amount of \$5,316.75 for classroom teacher grants.
- The Aiken County Board of Education was recognized for their support of students and staff.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mr. Silas announced that retired Area Three Assistant Superintendent Mr. Troy Nobles had passed away.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2024-25, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2024-25, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, and certified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25, SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2024-2025: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-3 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY GRANT AWARDS TO THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve the \$5,316.75 Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County Grant Award to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD DISPOSAL: Superintendent Murphy recommended declaring item's surplus and authorize the Administration to dispose of items utilizing the methods described.
- B-5 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS AND STEEL GMP #2: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving Shared Savings Change Order #1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the credit amount of \$638,062.82.
- B-6 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2025 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS INSPECTIONS, TESTING, REPAIRS, SECURITY SYSTEM REPAIRS, INTERCOM SYSTEMS REPAIRS, DATA SYSTEMS, ACCESS CONTROLS, CAMERA SYSTEMS AND INSTALLS FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Superintendent Murphy recommended allowing the administration to enter contracts with the firms listed on an annual basis for various maintenance services and small system installations over the next five years.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-6 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2024: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2024: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE ON MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update
Superintendent Murphy thanked the board members for their service and their support for the students and staff members. He discussed the board retreat held over the weekend and thanked those that presented during the sessions. The Superintendent congratulated district students that were recognized at the USCA MLK Jr. Day Celebration. The students recognized participated in the poster and essay contests. He then discussed the additional winter weather days that resulted in closings and delayed start times the previous week.

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 Two, and b.) Student Appeal – Area Five.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 6:21 p.m.
Executive Session convened at 6:30 p.m.
Regular Session resumed at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 Two, and b.) Student Appeal – Area Five.

STUDENT MATTERS

- a.) STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO: The Board heard an appeal from a parent of an Area Two Middle School Student. Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer of a 45-day placement in the district's alternative program; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Moulton abstained).

- b.) STUDENT APPEAL – AREA FIVE: The Board heard an appeal from a parent of a Area Five Middle School Student; Mr. Silas MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer of a 45-day placement in the District's Alternative Program; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley ; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Moulton abstained),

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: