

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 14, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 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
Mr. Jim Broome
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mrs. Deborah Tyler
Mr. Brian Silas
Mr. Barry Moulton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Vice Chair
Mr. Colen Lindell

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Tim Yarborough, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services
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 Board Meeting of June 9, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9,

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2026; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting of June 30, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of June 30, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION carried on a vote of 4-0-3; MOTION CARRIED (Mrs. Morris, Mr. Moulton and Mrs. Tyler abstained).

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

- Mrs. Fallaw, Principal of East Aiken School of the Arts, presented a school spotlight for East Aiken School of the Arts to the Board.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation
No Items This Meeting
- 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; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DUES: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the dues for Aiken County Board of Education for the South Carolina School Boards Association membership.
- B-2 RATIFICATIONS OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing to this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.

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- B-3 RELEASE FROM ACPSD REQUESTS 26-27 SY: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be released for out-of-district transfer from Aiken County Public School District.
- B-4 NON-RESIDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS 26-27 SY: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be allowed to transfer into Aiken County Public School District.
- B-5 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS 26-27 SY: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the request to admit foreign exchange students into the School District of Aiken County.
- B-6 SUBMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVPP) GRANT APPLICATION – AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application for The Department of Justices' Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Grant by Aiken County Public School District- FY27 and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-7 SUBMISSION OF SC ARTS COMMISSION – ARTS IN BASIC CURRICULUM ADVANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION BY NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE STEAM MAGNET – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application for SC Arts Commission – Arts in Basic Curriculum Advancement Grant by New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet- FY27 and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-8 GOLDEN HARVEST FOOD BANK DONATION TO OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the Golden Harvest Food Bank donation to Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School in the amount of \$9,540.30 for FY27 for the purpose of starting a new clothes closet and food pantry for students in need.
- B-9 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS DONATION TO THE DISTRICT FINE ARTS PROGRAM – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the Public Education Partners to the District Fine Arts Program donation for approved projects submitted by teachers/schools in the amount of \$5,752.48 for FY27.

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- B-10 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY DONATION TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND WARRENVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County donation to Aiken Elementary School, Belvedere Elementary School, Hammond Hill Elementary School, Gloverville Elementary School, and Warrenville Elementary School for FY27 in the amount of \$7,500.00. These funds will be used to purchase interactive STEM kits to enhance, replenish, or provide new resources, giving students additional hands-on learning opportunities in STEM subjects.
- B-11 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS ROOF REPLACEMENT: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the construction bids for East Aiken School of the Arts roof replacement in the amount of \$1,533,500.00. The project will be funded by 8% funds.
- B-12 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE – AIKEN INTERMEDIATE BUS PARKING LOT: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Change Order Number One for Aiken Intermediate bus parking lot to provide material, labor and equipment to export and dispose of 5,306 cubic yards of unsuitable soils offsite.
- B-13 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWO – AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FOOTBALL FIELD TURF INSTALLATION AT AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL, MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL AND RSM HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Change Order Number Two for Aiken County Public Schools- Football field turf installation at Aiken High School, Midland Valley High School, Silver Bluff High School and RSM High School reflecting the shared savings credit for the GMP related to football field turf installation, amounting to <\$139,957.08>.
- B-14 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE – AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Change Order Number One for Aiken County Public Schools- South Aiken High School Athletics reflecting the shared savings credit for the GMP related to the South Aiken High School Athletics, amounting to <\$29,335.37>.

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- B-15 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DISTRICT WIDE INVENTORY OF CAPITAL ASSETS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the proposals for District Wide inventory of capital assets coordinated through the District's Business Services Department.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-15 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 6-1 (Mr. Broome opposed).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE CAFETERIA RENOVATION AT PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2026: 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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update: Dr. Yarborough provided a Superintendent's Update on Dr. Murphy's behalf.

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

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deems appropriate. Employment Matters- A.) Administrative Position Request – Schofield Middle School.

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 6:48 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:53 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:11 p.m.

Mrs. Tyler MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0. (Mr. Moulton was absent for the vote.)

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. Employment Matters- A.) Administrative Position Request – Schofield Middle School.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

A.) Administrative Position Request – Schofield Middle School: Chairman Nuessle MOVED to make a motion that the Board accept the District's recommendation for the administrative position for Schofield Middle School; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0. (Mr. Moulton was absent for the vote.)

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: