

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 28, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 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. Colen Lindell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Vice Chair  
Mr. Barry Moulton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent  
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

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- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0; MOTION CARRIED.

VIDEO SPOTLIGHT

- The Communications Department presented and shared the Back-to-School Video for the video spotlight.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation
  - Mr. Jim Oremus spoke on the topic of ACPSD ruling concerning athletic booster sponsorship and related signage packages.
  - Mr. Darnell Holston spoke on the topic of recent social media post.
  - Mr. Tony Rickard spoke on the topic of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders not playing high school sports.
  - Mr. Stacey and Mrs. Kayla Whittle spoke on the topic of students not being allowed to play high school sports.

- 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 Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.
- A-2 DISCUSSION OF POLICY GBI AND POLICY KHE, AND POTENTIAL SUSPENSION OF POLICY GBI FOR PRE-EXISTING PAID ADVERTISEMENT/SPONSORSHIPS AT DISTRICT ATHLETIC FACILITIES: Mr. Broome MOVED to suspend enforcement of action for Policy GBI and KHE regarding signage on scoreboards, athletic fencing, etc. with political candidates' names on them until the Board can review Policy GBI and KHE further; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION FAILED, 2-5 (Mrs. Tyler, Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Nuessle and Mr. Silas opposed). Mr. Silas made a MOTION and MOVED to apply Policy KHE for upcoming football season only to be applied until

such time the Board can review and revise Policy KHE and Policy GBI; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION FAILED, 3-4 (Mrs. Tyler, Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, Mr. Nuessle and Mrs. Morris opposed).

#### CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RELEASE FROM ACPSD REQUESTS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be released for out-of-district transfer from Aiken County Public School District.
- B-2 NON-RESIDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be allowed to transfer into Aiken County Public School District.
- B-3 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS DONATION TO CLEARWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation to Clearwater Elementary School – FY27, in the amount of \$1,900.00, from Public Education Partners for approved projects submitted by the school.
- B-4 CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT DONATION FOR THE MIDLAND VALLEY AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES – FY27:  
Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the grant donation for the six Midland Valley Area elementary school – FY27, in the amount of \$6,000.00, from Central Carolina Community Foundation (Mr. Wayne Carmichael, Donor) to be used to purchase books for the schools' libraries.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-4 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA AUXILIARY GYMNASIUM PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH AUDITORIUM ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-4 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MAY 31, 2026: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-5 REPORT OF MINORITY PURCHASES FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-6 ANNUAL REPORTING OF SOLE SOURCE AND EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

##### 1. AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson – Telephone System Concern: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson asked to remove her item from the agenda as no discussion is needed.
- Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson – Website Concern: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson asked to remove her item from the agenda as no discussion is needed.

##### 2. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

#### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update: Dr. Murphy presented and spoke for the 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. Employment Matters- A.) Administrative Appointment – Highland Springs Middle School, Legal Matters- A.) Legal Advice regarding HR Investigation.

Ms. Rhinehart- Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 6-1 (Mr. Broome opposed).

Regular Session recessed at 7:21 p.m.  
Executive Session convened at 7:31 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:38 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED, 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. Employment Matters - A.) Administrative Appointment – Highland Springs Middle School, Legal Matters – A.) Legal Advice regarding HR Investigation.

#### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

A.) Administrative Appointment – Highland Springs Middle School: Mrs. Morris MOVED to make a motion that the Board accept the District's recommendation for the Administrative Appointment for Highland Springs Middle School; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

A.) Legal Advice regarding HR Investigation: Chairman Nuessle states no action is required.

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Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell;  
MOTION CARRIED, 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: