

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 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  
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 May 27, 2025, were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2025; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1(Mr. Silas abstained).

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Dr. Gary Senn, Director of Ruth Patrick Science Center presented the Spirit of Ruth Patrick award to Amanda Wayner, a teacher at Aiken Scholars Academy and the Robert E. Alexander Administrator of the Year award to Mrs. Davina Truitt, Principal at Oakwood Windsor Elementary School.
- Mrs. Martha Messick, Principal at Aiken Scholars Academy was recognized as the South Carolina Association of Student Councils Administrator of the Year.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Sean Davidson spoke against district discipline policies concerning alternative placement appeals.
- Ms. Maretha Harris spoke regarding board policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems - Academic Honors.
- Mr. Matthew Posthuma spoke regarding concerns at Redcliffe Elementary School.
- Mr. Charles A. McCray spoke regarding Academic Honors (Valedictorian & Salutatorian) Eligibility.
- Ms. Beth Mosier spoke regarding concerns at Redcliffe Elementary.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2025-26, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, classified personnel for school year 2025-2026, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2025-26 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2025-2026, SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended to ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2025-2026: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-3 THE GIFTING TREE FOUNDATION, INC. DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving The Gifting Tree Foundation, Inc, donation to the Aiken County Career and Technology Center in the amount of \$2,000.00 and receipt of funds and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the funding flexibility for the quarter and year ending June 30, 2026.
- B-5 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Murphy recommended declaring items surplus and authorize the Administration to dispose of items by utilizing the methods described above.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMETNARY SCHOOL: CFS Architecture presented information regarding Design Development Drawings and Budget for Belvedere Elementary.
- C-2 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RENOVATION AND ADDITION: McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture presented information regarding schematic design plans and preliminary budget the North Augusta High School auditorium renovation and addition.
- C-3 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS AND AN ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE NEW ATHLETIC COMPLEX AT WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture presented information regarding schematic design plans and an estimated budget for the new Athletics Complex at Wagener-Salley High School.
- C-4 SCHEMATIC DESIGN DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL: GMC Architecture presented information regarding schematic design drawings and budget for the North Augusta Middle School.
- C-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NEW AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-6 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH ATHLETIC FIELDS PHASE 4 PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

C-7 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2025: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

C-8 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 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

Dr. Murphy discussed the end of the 2024-2025 school year and congratulated the 1630 students and Adult Education students who graduated. He discussed the ASCEND Leadership Summit held at Wagener-Salley High School last week for principals, assistant principals, and district administrators. He also announced that planning is well underway for the upcoming school year.

## 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 – Leavelle McCampbell Middle School, b.) Administrative Appointment – New Ellenton Middle School, c.) Consideration of an Employment Matter – Transfer, d.) Consideration of an Employment Matter – Transfer, e.) Consideration of an Employment Matter – Title Changes for 2025-2026; f.) Consideration of an Employment Matter – Title Changes for 2025-2026-Maintenance.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:17 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:04 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; 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 Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment – Leavelle McCampbell Middle School, b.) Administrative Appointment – New Ellenton Middle School, c.) Consideration of an Employment Matter – Transfer, d.) Consideration of an Employment Matter – Transfer, e.) Consideration of an Employment Matter – Title Changes for 2025-2026; f.) Consideration of an Employment Matter – Title Changes for 2025-2026-Maintenance.

## STUDENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

## EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- a) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Principal of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- b) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT NEW ELLENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Principal of New Ellenton Middle School; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- c) CONSIDERATION OF AN EMPLOYMENT MATTER-TRANSFER: Mrs. Tyler MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration subject to the amendment made during executive session concerning salary and placement; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- d) CONSIDERATION OF AN EMPLOYMENT MATTER-TRANSFER; No Action on This Item Needed.

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- e) CONSIDERATION OF AN EMPLOYMENT MATTER – TITLE CHANGES FOR 2025-2026: Mrs. Morris MOVED to approve upgraded title changes as described which would become effective July 1, 2025; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; Mr. Lindell MOVED TO AMEND motion and remove titles e, and f; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; Mr. Moulton WITHDREW SECONDED; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; Mr. Lindell WITHDREW MOTION TO AMEND; DR. Bradley MOVED TO AMEND Motion and table titles e and f for further discussion at an upcoming meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION TO AMEND carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mrs. Morris, Mr. Broome, and Mrs. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed); AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mrs. Morris, Mr. Broome, and Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed).
- f) CONSIDERATION OF AN EMPLOYMENT MATTER – TITLE CHANGES FOR 2025-2026-MAINTENANCE: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve upgraded title changes as described, which would become effective July 1, 2025; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1(Mr. Silas abstained).

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

NO ITEMS THIS MEETING

LEGAL MATTERS

NO ITEMS THIS MEETING

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:



