

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 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
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mr. Barry Moulton
Mrs. Deborah Tyler
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 26, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26,

2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2-0; MOTION CARRIED (Mr. Silas and Mrs. Tyler abstained).

- Minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting of June 2, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of June 2, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-2-0; MOTION CARRIED (Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Tyler abstained).

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Highland Springs Middle School and South Aiken High School students and programs were recognized for All State Band/All State Jazz Ensemble.
- Ridge Spring Monetta High School, Silver Bluff High School, Midland Valley High School and New Ellenton Middle School students and programs were recognized for SCBDA Outstanding Performance Awards.
- North Augusta High School was recognized as an American Choral Directors Association Honor Choir.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

- Mrs. Kolmar, Principal of Silver Bluff High School, presented a school spotlight for Silver Bluff High School to the Board.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation

No Items This Meeting

- Office of the Board Chairman

Chairman Nuessle shared a reminder that this would be the only regular scheduled board meeting in June.

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 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.
- A-2 BUDGET AMENDMENT 2025 – 2026 FOR FUNDS #1,2,3,6,8 AND 9: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the budget amendment 2025-2026 for funds #1,2,3,6,8 and 9; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATIONS OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing to this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 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-3 SERTOMA CLUB OF NORTH AUGUSTA DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – DIVISION OF OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation to Aiken County Public School District – Division of Operations and Student Services – FY26, in the amount of \$10,220.00, from the Sertoma Club of North Augusta for the purchase of student handheld microphones.
- B-4 CEDAR CREEK LADIES CLUB DONATION TO GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation to Greendale Elementary School – FY26, in the amount of \$1,300.00, from the Cedar Creek Ladies Club for Santa Books at Christmas.
- B-5 AMERICAN RED CROSS DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC PROGRAM -FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation to Midland Valley High School NJROTC, in the amount of \$2,500.00, from the American Red Cross for the school's scholarship fund and program activities.

- B-6 THE ARTS NOW LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AWARD DONATION TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation to East Aiken School of the Arts from The Arts Now Leadership School, in the amount of \$2,500.00. This will allow funds to be used for teachers and leaders to attend professional development conferences for arts integration.
- B-7 SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS (SRNS) INNOVATIVE TEACHING MINI GRANT AWARDS TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT -FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the Innovative Teaching Mini Grant Awards to twenty-seven ACPSD teachers, in the amount of \$17,750.00, to be used for projects stated in their grant applications.
- B-8 SUBMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TEACHER AND SCHOOL LEADER GRANT APPLICATION – AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application for the United States Department of Education Teacher and School Leader Grant by Aiken County Public School District- FY27 and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-9 GMP #1 FOR REDCLIFFE ELEMENTARY SECURE VESTIBULE CONSTRUCTION: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the GMP #1 for Redcliffe Elementary School secure vestibule construction in the amount of \$271,297.
- B-10 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the funding flexibility for the quarter and year ending June 30, 2026.
- B-11 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2026 ANNUAL CONTRACT OR FACILITIES HEALTH AND SAFETY CLEANING PROGRAM: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the request for proposals for 2026 annual contract or facilities health and safety cleaning program services.
- B-12 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE – AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, AND SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT AT SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board

approve the Change Order Number One for Aiken County Public Schools- Football, Baseball and Softball field lighting replacement at South Aiken High School.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-12 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

C-1 DISCUSSION OF AREA ADVISORY COUNCILS AND POTENTIAL FUTURE REVISIONS TO POLICY AAA: 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

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 Five; Employment Matters- A.) Administrative Appointment – Executive Director of Technology.

Ms. Rhinehart- Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

Regular Session recessed at 6:59 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:10 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:17 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler;
MOTION CARRIED, 7-0. (Mr. Lindell 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. Student Matters – A.) Student Appeal – Area Five; Employment Matters- A.) Administrative Appointment – Executive Director of Technology.

STUDENT MATTERS

A.) Student Appeal – Area Five: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District regarding the student appeal; SECONDED BY Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0. (Mr. Lindell was absent for the vote.)

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

A.) Administrative Appointment – Executive Director of Technology: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to make a motion that the Board accept the District's recommendation for the administrative appointment for the Executive Director of Technology; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0. (Mr. Lindell was absent for the vote.)

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

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: