

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Deborah Tyler
Mr. Brian Silas

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 MOVED to amend the agenda for the May 26, 2026, board meeting to add a third special recognition for PEP Partners; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-1; MOTION CARRIED (Dr. Bradley abstained).

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Midland Valley High School DECA Team was recognized for the State Placement Winners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- Poster and Bookmark Winners from Busbee Elementary School and Wagener Salley High School were recognized for their state awards.
- PEP Partners recognized multiple teachers and presented Aiken County Public School District with a check for the teacher awards.

VIDEO SPOTLIGHT

- The Communications Department shared and showed a video spotlight for the Transportation Department, Becoming a Bus Driver.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation

No Items This Meeting

- Office of the Board Chairman

No Items This Meeting

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INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve lists of administrative, certified, and classified personnel; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0.
- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY AAA: LEGAL STATUS OF AREA ADVISORY COUNCILS, SECOND READING: Mr. Lindell MOVED to postpone the Second Reading of Revision of Policy AAA; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton. After discussion, Mr. Lindell WITHDREW the MOTION to postpone the Second Reading of Revision of Policy AAA; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton. Mr. Nuessle MOVED to approve the Second Reading of Revision of Policy AAA; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.
- A-3 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY GCJ: PROFESSIONAL STAFF PROBATION, SECOND READING: Mrs. Morris MOVED to approve and accept the revisions to Policy GCJ, Second Reading; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED, 4-2 (Mr. Lindell and Mr. Broome opposed).
- A-4 BOARD MEMBER CAMERON NUESSELE NOMINATION FOR SCSBA REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Dr. Bradley MOVED to vote to approve and nominate Cameron Nuessle for SCSBA Regional Director; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0.
- A-5 2026-2027 BUDGET – SECOND/FINAL READING: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve and accept the 2026-2027 Budget, Second/Final Reading; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION FAILED, 3-3 (Mr. Broome, Mr. Moulton and Mr. Lindell opposed), MOTION FAILED APPROVAL. Mr. Nuessle stated the item will need to be brought back to the next meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 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.

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- B-2 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-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the request to admit foreign exchange students into the School District of Aiken County.
- B-4 CARHILL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS DONATION TO SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the Carhill Scholarship for the visual and performing arts donation to Silver Bluff High School for FY26.
- B-5 SUBMISSION OF THE CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS (CKH) FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION BY AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY27:
Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the request to submit the application by Aiken County Public School District – FY27 for the Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH) Foundation grant.
- B-6 SUBMISSION OF THE TD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REGIONAL GRANT APPLICATION BY AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT - FY27:
Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the request to submit the application by Aiken County Public School District – FY27 for the TD Charitable Foundation Regional Grant.
- B-7 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept and approve the design development drawings/budget and construction documents for Gloverville Elementary School renovations and improvements.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-7 as presented; SECONDED

by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2026: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 ANNULA UPDATE ON 2024 1% SALES TAX COLLECTIONS: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD COURSES FOR 2026-2027 PRESENTATION: 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. Employment Matters- A.) Administrative Appointment – Director of Elementary Behavior Analysis.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

Regular Session recessed at 7:40 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:50 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:01 p.m.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

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 – Director of Elementary Behavior Analysis.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

A.) Administrative Appointment – Director of Elementary Behavior Analysis: Mr. Lindell MOVED to make a motion that the Board accept the District's recommendation for the administrative appointment for the Director of Elementary Behavior Analysis; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED, 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: