

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 27, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 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  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Brian Silas

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 13, 2025, were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2025; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mrs. Tyler abstained).

#### PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS PRESENTATION

Mr. John Hutchins, Chairman of the Grant Review Committee for Public Education Partners, presented a check in the amount of \$5,305.96 for classroom teacher grants.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- The North Augusta High Schools Men's Basketball Team 2025 4A State Championship Runners-Up were recognized.
- The North Augusta High Schools Women's Basketball Team 2025 4A State Champions were recognized. This is the teams sixth title in eight years.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Myles F. Davidson did not attend tonight's meeting.
- Mr. Sean Davidson spoke against the district's current discipline hearing process and alternative program.
- Ms. Kasey Davidson spoke against the district's discipline policies and hearing process.
- Mr. Bubba Craven spoke regarding employee concerns at Redcliffe Elementary School.
- Ms. Lacy Pace spoke regarding safety concerns and bullying issues at Redcliffe Elementary School.
- Ms. Jillian Forrest spoke regarding safety concerns at Redcliffe Elementary School.
- Ms. Sylar Fowler spoke about communication between the parents and school/district administration regarding Redcliffe Elementary School.

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- Ms. Emily Satterfield spoke regarding the safety of students and teachers at Redcliffe Elementary
- Ms. Alyssa Pitts spoke regarding staff and student wellbeing and safety at Redcliffe Elementary.
- Mr. Ron Kessler spoke regarding PowerSchool Improvements.

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 retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2025-26, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2025-26 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2025-2026, SECONDED by Mrs. Morris ; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 POLICY JLCG SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS-SECOND READING: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the following policy, second reading Policy JLCG Seizure Safe Schools; SECONDED BY Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 POLICY JLCD ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICINES, POLICY JLCDA INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PLANS (IHPS)-SECOND READING: Mr. Lindell MOVED to Approve The following policies. Second Reading: Policy JLCD Assisting Students with Medicines, Policy JLCDA Individual Healthcare Plans; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-4 2025-2026 BUDGET-SECOND/FINAL READING; Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the Second/Final Reading of the 2025-2026 budget; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1(Mr. Lindell opposed)

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2025-2026:  
Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-2 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY GRANT AWARDS TO THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$5,305.96 Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County Grant Awards to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant donation and expenditures.
- B-3 SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS (SRNS) INNOVATIVE TEACHING MINI GRANT AWARDS TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY25:  
Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$18,750.00 SRNS Mini Grant Award Donation to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-4 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS VESTIBULE:  
Superintendent Murphy recommended authorizing the administration to accept the low bid of \$258,385.00 and enter into a contract with First Class Construction, LLC to build the secure vestibule at East Aiken Elementary School.
- B-5 GMP #1 AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FIELD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND SCORER'S TOWER: Superintendent Murphy recommended Authorizing the administration to negotiate a contract with H.G. Reynolds Company in the amount of \$576,252 for installation of new Aiken High School softball bleachers, field, and scorer's tower utilizing the CM at Risk delivery system.

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

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 2024 ONE PERCENT SALES TAX PROJECT UPDATE: Dr. Tim Yarborough and Mr. Mike Jara presented an update on the 2024 One Cent Sales Tax Projects.
- C-2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

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

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS VERSUS DISTRICT TRANSPARENCY- Mr. Broome discussed community concerns regarding Redcliffe Elementary School.

##### CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

#### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update  
Dr. Murphy discussed end of the year events celebrating the accomplishment of our students, such as awards day, field days, and high school graduations. He thanked the board for the approval of the budget at tonight's meeting and the salary increases for teachers and staff. He wished parents and students a safe and restful summer and looks forward to seeing everyone again on July 21 the first day of the 2025-2026 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. Student Matters – a.) Student Appeal – Area One – Withdrawn, Employment Matters – a.) Assistant Director of Transportation, b.) Administrative Appointment-Ridge Spring Monetta-Elementary, c.) Human Resources Director, and Legal Matters – Redcliffe Investigation Update.

Mrs. Tyler MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 8:03 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:13 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:57 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. Student Matters – a.) Student Appeal – Area One – Withdrawn, Employment Matters – a.) Assistant Director of Transportation, b.) Administrative Appointment-Ridge Spring Monetta-Elementary, c.) Human Resources Director, and Legal Matters – Redcliffe Investigation Update.

## STUDENT MATTERS

STUDENT APPEAL AREA ONE – APPEAL WAS WITHDRAWN

#### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- a) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Assistant Director of Transportation; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- b) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT-RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Principal of Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- c) HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the creation of the Human Resources Director position; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

NO ITEMS THIS MEETING

#### LEGAL MATTERS

REDCLIFFE INVESTIGATION UPDATE – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED: