

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 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
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton

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 Board Retreat of January 24-25, 2025, and the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2025 were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board Retreat of January 24-25, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2025; Mr. Lindell WITHDREW MOTION; Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board Retreat of January 24-25, 2025; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2025; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1(Mrs. Tyler abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Requests or Sign Ups for This Meeting

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

No Recognitions This Meeting

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2025-26, certified personnel for school year 2024-25, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25, SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-2 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FIVE-YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve the proposed Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan as presented in the attachment; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,
- A-3 AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (ACPSD) UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS TURNAROUND PLANS APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Morris MOVED to approve the submission of school improvement turnaround plans of the Underperforming Schools for the 2024-2025 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler' MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2024-2025: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2025-2026: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-4 PETER R. MARSH FOUNDATION MUSIC GRANT AWARD TO LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL-FY25: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the \$1,550.00 Peter R. Marsh Foundation Music Grant Award to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School music program and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the donation and expenditures.
- B-5 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SECURE VESTIBULE: Superintendent Murphy recommended authorizing the administration to accept the low bid of \$182,310.00 and enter into a contract with First Class Construction, LLC to build the secure vestibule at Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School.
- Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 HUMAN RESOURCES OVERVIEW: Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Chief Officer of Human Resources and Administration provided an update on the staffing and the structure of the Human Resources Department.
- C-2 INTERIM FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS: Ms. Kare Olin presented an overview of the IReady Computer Assisted Instruction Software.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE NORTH AUGSTA ATHLETIC FIELDS PHASE 4 PROJECT: 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
Superintendent Murphy gave a brief update regarding the February 1, 2025 Hiring event. He congratulated students that were recognized as Junior Scholars at a recent ceremony held at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School. The Superintendent also congratulated the two-time Spelling Bee Champion, and the winners of the Black History Month Quiz Bowl held at South Aiken High School. Superintendent Murphy discussed briefly the event held recently at Midland Valley High School in honor of former school board member Dwight Smith and announced it was Love the Bus Week and SRO Appreciation Day on February 15, 2025.

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 – Area Two.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:29 p.m.
Executive Session convened at 7:40 p.m.
Regular Session resumed at 7:55 p.m.

Dr. Bradley 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 – Student Appeal – Area Two.

STUDENT MATTERS

- STUDENT APPEAL – AREA TWO: The Board heard an appeal of an Area Two High School Student. Mrs. Tyler MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District Hearing Officer of expulsion for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year with Virtual Services (EVS); SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: