

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 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
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mrs. Deborah Tyler
Mr. Brian Silas
Mr. Colen Lindell
Mr. Barry Moulton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 September 22, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting

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of September 22, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Moulton abstained); MOTION CARRIED.

- Minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting of September 29, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting of September 29, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mrs. Tyler abstained); MOTION CARRIED.

VIDEO SPOTLIGHT

- The Communications presented and shared the Intersession Video with the Board.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation
 - Mr. Todd Etheredge spoke to the Board on the topic of Jackson Middle School closure.
- Office of the Board Chairman

No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of administrative, certified, and classified personnel appointments; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- A-2 PROPOSED 2027 – 2028 BUDGET CALENDAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the proposed 2027 – 2028 budget calendar; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the ratification of expulsions presented to the Board.

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- B-2 RELEASE FROM ACPSD REQUESTS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be released for out-of-district transfer from Aiken County Public School District.
- B-3 SUBMISSION OF META: THE FUTURE IS FOR EVERYONE – AIKEN DATA CENTER GRANT BY THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION -ELEMENTARY LEVEL - FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application of META: The Future is for Everyone – Aiken Data Center Grant application by the Aiken County Pubic School District – Division of Instruction, Elementary Level – FY27, in the amount of \$20,000.00, for the purpose to support an elementary interactive learning and STEM initiative, and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-4 SUBMISSION OF META: THE FUTURE IS FOR EVERYONE – AIKEN DATA CENTER GRANT BY THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION - FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application of META: The Future is for Everyone – Aiken Data Center Grant application by the Aiken County Pubic School District – Division of Instruction – FY27, in the amount of \$25,125.00, for the purpose to provide math-focused professional development for educators through the Ongoing Assessment Project (OGAP), and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-5 SUBMISSION OF META: THE FUTURE IS FOR EVERYONE – AIKEN DATA CENTER GRANT BY THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES - FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application of META: The Future is for Everyone – Aiken Data Center Grant application by the Aiken County Pubic School District – Division of Human Resources – FY27, in the amount of \$200,000.00, for the purpose to support the proposed META Educator Excellence Scholars Program, a recruitment and retention initiative in partnership with USC Aiken, and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-6 SUBMISSION OF META: THE FUTURE IS FOR EVERYONE – AIKEN DATA CENTER GRANT BY THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT - FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application of META: The Future is for Everyone – Aiken Data Center

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Grant application by the Aiken County Pubic School District – Fine Arts Department – FY27, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for the purpose to support the continued growth of the ACPSD Youth Strings Academy, and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-7 SUBMISSION OF META: THE FUTURE IS FOR EVERYONE – AIKEN DATA CENTER GRANT BY THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION - FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application of META: The Future is for Everyone – Aiken Data Center Grant application by the Aiken County Pubic School District – Division of Instruction, – FY27, in the amount of \$106,035.00, for the purpose to support the continued implementation of Leader in Me at Chukker Creek, Mossy Creek, North Augusta, Wagener-Salley, and Byrd Schools, as well as 4 Disciplines of Execution professional learning for administrators, and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-8 DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION AWARD TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the grant award for Aiken County Public School District – FY27, in the amount of \$4,998.00, from Dollar General Literacy Foundation, to be used by the Instructional Division to purchase TranslateLive Instant Language Assistant (ILA) Pro devices to be used at Jefferson Elementary School and Midland Valley School.
- B-9 PARKERS KITCHEN DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT - FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation for Aiken County Public School District – FY27, in the amount of \$20,000.00, from Parker's Kitchen, to be used to support district initiatives as determined by administration.
- B-10 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL CONRACTOR: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the annual contract for commercial electrical contractors to perform district-wide electrical services.
- B-11 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2026 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RENTALS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the proposals for the 2026 annual contract for uniform services.
- B-12 AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Aiken High School Athletic

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facilities improvements, Phase II, to include the scope of work to include new baseball and softball batting cages, baseball bleachers, and a baseball scorer's tower improvements with an overall budget of \$591,100 using 2014 1% funds.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-12 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-2 PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL ACCOUNTS: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-5 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE NEW AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Mr. Silas: Area Three Advisory Council Member Nomination: Mr. Silas MOVED to appoint Robert Wise to the Area 3 Advisory Council; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

2. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update: Dr. Murphy gave the Superintendent update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman, Dr. Bradley, 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 Two; Contractual Matters – A.) Consideration to Purchase Property.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Regular Session recessed at 7:51 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:00 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

Vice Chairman, Dr. Bradley, 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 Two; Contractual Matters – A.) Consideration to Purchase Property.

STUDENT MATTERS

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A.) Student Appeal – Area Two: Mrs. Tyler MOVED to uphold the District's recommendation for the Student Appeal- Area Two; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

A.) Consideration to Purchase Property: Mr. Lindell MOVED to adopt and approve the District's recommendation to purchase property; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 7-1 (Mr. Silas opposed).

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: