THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 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
Mr. Jim Broome
Mr. Colen Lindell
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mr. Barry Moulton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Vice Chair

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. 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 Meeting of September 23, 2025, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2025; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1; MOTION CARRIED (Mr. Moulton abstained).

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Dr. Minolfo presented SCSBA Certificates of Achievement to Mrs. Deborah Tyler and Mr. Jim Broome.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

No Items This Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Collin Orander spoke about school safety and violence.

OFFICE OF 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 for school year 2025-2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

A-2 ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY BEA LIVESTREAMING OF BOARD MEETINGS, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the first reading of the Policy BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

A-3 PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET CALENDAR: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the budget calendar as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

A-4 SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE SILVER BLUFF RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT: Mrs. Tyler MOVED to approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Silver Bluff renovation/addition project as presented.; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson. Mr. Lindell made a MOTION to AMEND the motion where the Board approves the main motion as is but make an amendment for the auditorium to put 8% as high priority. Mr. Nuessle states we are unable to amend the main motion on the table. Mr. Nuessle asked for a MOTION to approve the schematic drawings and budget for the Silver Bluff High School renovation and addition project. Mrs. Tyler MOVED to approve the motion; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson. Mr. Lindell made an AMENDMENT to the main motion to prioritize the renovation of the auditorium at Silver Bluff High School with any surplus 1% sales tax from savings; SECONDED by Mr. Broome. Mr. Nuessle stated the AMENDED MAIN MOTION on the floor is to approve the schematic drawings and budget for the Silver Bluff High School Renovation project, with prioritization of any savings being used to renovate the auditorium at Silver Bluff High School; The AMENDED MAIN MOTION on the floor now is to approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Silver Bluff renovation/addition project with priorities of focus on the auditorium if surplus 1% tax from savings for Silver Bluff High School. 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 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2025-2026: Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.

B-3 FOOTBALL UNIFORM DONATION TO SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval of the football uniform donation for pants and jerseys valued at $3,788.76 through parent efforts to be donated to Schofield Middle School.

B-4 SUBMISSION OF THE CAPTURING KIDS' HEART (CKH) FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION BY AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT - FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval for of the Capturing Kids' Hears (CKH) request to submit a grant application in the amount of $11,300.00 to the Capturing Kids' Hearts Foundation.

B-5 GREGG-GRANITEVILLE FOUNDATION, INC. DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval of the $3,500.00 donation to Midland Valley High School for FY26 from the Gregg-Graniteville Foundation, Inc. for DECA at MVHS.

B-6 SERTOMA CLUB OF NORTH AUGUSTA DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – DIVISION OF OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES:

Superintendent Murphy recommended approval of the $10,000.00 donation from the Sertoma Club of North Augusta to Aiken County Public School District Division of Operations and Student Services for the purchase of student handheld microphones.

B-7 CHARLES E. FERGUSON III DONATION TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval of the $1,500.00 donation from Charles E. Ferguson III to be used at Aiken Elementary for programs and activities which helps students, faculty, and staff.

B-8 CHARLES E. FERGUSON III DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval of the $1,500.00 donation from Charles E. Ferguson III, for funds to be used for the 2025-2026 Bike Drive and will be used for the purchase of bicycles for the program.

B-9 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 – 2023 DEMOLITION OF THE OLD RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the Change Order Number 1 for unused allowances for the Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary/Middle demolition project.

B-10 GMP #1 FOR FOOTBALL FIELD TURF, TRACK RESURFACING, A DIGITAL SCOREBOARD WITH VIDEO DISPLAY, GOAL POSTS, AND TWENTY-FIVE SECOND CLOCKS AT SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board to approve the GMP #1 request for South Aiken High School for the football field turf, track resurfacing, a digital scoreboard with video display, goal posts, and twenty-five second clocks.

B-11 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the South Aiken High School renovation/addition project as presented.

B-12 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX AND CRESCENT CITY PARK Superintendent

Murphy recommended approving the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with contract documents and final working drawing and specifications for this project.

B-13 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with contract documents and final working drawing and specifications for this project.

B-14 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Murphy recommended approval of the items to be declared surplus and method of disposal that are determined to be obsolete and no longer of use to the District and disposal of these items per ACPSD Procurement Code Article 15 Supply Management Sections 3810 and 3820.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-14 as presented; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

C-1 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS 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

   Mr. Broome states that previous conversation earlier in Board Meeting is sufficient and no discussion needed for the agenda item for “SBHS upgrades vs. other ACPSD high school conditions/upgrades.
2. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

   No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent’s Update included a reminder that the next Board Meeting, on October 28, 2025, will be moved to 7:00 p.m.

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

Regular Session recessed at 7:10 p.m.
Executive Session convened at 7:20 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:27 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

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. Student Matters – A.) Student Appeal – Area Three.

STUDENT MATTERS

A.) Student Appeal – Area Three: Mr. Tyler MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the District regarding the student appeal; SECONDED BY Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*
APPROVED: