THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 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
Mr. Brian Silas
Mr. Colen Lindell
Mr. Barry Moulton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Samantha Whitmire, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Operations

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 October 13, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October

13, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Moulton abstained); MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Ms. Calandria Fields was recognized for being named the SC Association of School Resource Officers Educator of the Year and was presented with an award.
- Communications recognized and presented the SCSBA 2025 – 2026 Boardmanship Institute certificates and Boardmanship new levels within the SCSBA Board Institute. Mr. Lindell achieved Level 1, Mrs. Morris achieved Level 2 and Mrs. Tyler achieved Level 2.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

- Principal, Dr. Sanders- Pee presented the North Aiken Elementary school spotlight.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation
    - Ms. Geneve Wright spoke to the Board on the topic of year-round school.
- Office of the Board Chairman

  No Items This Meeting
- SCSBA LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY –APPORTIONING OF VOTES:
    - Chairman Nuessle MOVED to appoint and designate Mr. Colen Lindell as the Delegate of Aiken County Public School District Board of Education with 8 delegate votes at the SCSBA Delegate Assembly in December 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0-1 (Mr. Lindell abstained).

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, 8-0.

A-2 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the district strategic plan as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

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 PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW) JOHN DEERE GRANT APPLICATION – ELEMENTARY STEM AND SCIENCE EDUCATION EXPANSION: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application of Project Lead the Way (PLTW) -Elementary STEM and Science Education Expansion application by the Aiken County Pubic School District –FY27, in the amount of $35,000.00, for the purpose to strengthen fourth-grade science instruction across the district's 21 elementary schools, and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

B-4 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE AIKEN INTERMEDIATE BUS TRANSPORTATION OFFICE: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the construction bids for the Aiken Intermediate Bus Transportation Office in the amount of $1,014,600.00. The project will be funded by 8% funds.

B-5 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA RENOVATION: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the schematic design plans and preliminary budget for the Paul Knox Middle School Cafeteria renovation with an overall budget of $4,457,195.

B-6 ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL, PHASE II: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the athletic facility improvements for Aiken High School, Phase II, to include new baseball and softball bating cages, baseball bleachers, and baseball scorer's tower improvements.

B-7 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 – BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CANOPY ADDITION: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving Change Order Number 1 for Byrd Elementary School canopy addition in the amount of <$22,019.17>.

B-8 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 – AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC RENOVATIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Change Order Number 1 for Aiken Elementary School for HVAC renovations in the amount of <$314,082.15>.

B-9 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Murphy recommended declaring items surplus and authorize the Administration to dispose of items by utilizing the methods described.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0. (Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson was absent for the vote.)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

C-1 SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

C-2 AREA FIVE MASTER FACILITY PLAN PROPOSAL COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY: 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: Dr. Murphy gave the Superintendent 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. Student Matters- A.) Student Appeal – Area One; B.) Out-of-County Tuition for Transfer Students.

Mrs. Morris MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Regular Session recessed at 7:25 p.m.
Executive Session convened at 7:35 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:48 p.m.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

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 One; B.) Out-of-County Tuition for Transfer Students.

STUDENT MATTERS

A.) Student Appeal – Area One: Dr. Bradley MOVED to uphold the District's recommendation for the Student Appeal- Area One; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.
B.) Out-of-County Tuition for Transfer Students: Mr. Lindell MOVED to adopt the District's recommendation for the out-of-county tuition for transfer students; SECONDED by Chairman Nuessle; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: