

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 15, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 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  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Liz Morris

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Tim Yarborough,  
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 Special Called Meeting of June 24, 2025, were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of June 24, 2025; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-2(Mr. Nuessle and Mr. Yarborough abstained).

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

No Items this Meeting

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

No Items this Meeting

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Shannon Chandler spoke regarding Board Policy IKA change.
- Mr. Ron Kessler spoke regarding improving teacher/parent use of Powerschool.
- Mr. Sean Davidson spoke addressing policy on District appeals.

#### 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 2025-26, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2025-26, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2025-26 and

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non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2025-26, SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED 7-0-1 (Mr. Moulton abstained.)

- A-2 BUDGET AMENDMENT 2024-2025 FOR FUNDS #2,3,8 and 9: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the amendment, SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Dr. Yarborough recommended to approve admission of foreign exchange students for high schools in Aiken County School District.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2025-2026: Dr. Yarborough recommended to approve that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-3 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN 2025-2026: Dr. Yarborough recommended to approve that the students be allowed for transfer into Aiken County Public School District.
- B-4 YOUNG KAPPA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DONATION TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Dr. Yarborough recommended approving the \$1,500.00 scholarship donation to graduating seniors at Aiken High School.
- B-5 CAROLINE MCKIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION TO AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL: Dr. Yarborough recommended approving the \$4,000.00 scholarship donation to graduating seniors at Aiken high School.
- B-6 CREDIT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE NEW WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: Dr. Yarborough recommended approval for shared savings credit for the GMP #3 Main Building Package project.
- B-7: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FY 2026 ANNUAL CONTRCAT FOR PROGRESS MONITORING AND DATA TRACKING SOFTWARE PLATFORM: Dr. Edwards

recommended approving proposals for the annual FY 2026 annual contract for K-12 Supplemental E-Learning.

B-8: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FY 2026 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR K-12 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE: Dr. Edwards recommended approving proposals for the annual FY 2026 annual contract for K-12 Supplemental Educational Software.

B-9 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FY 2026 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR ROOFING REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Dr. Yarborough recommended approval for the annual FY 2026 contract for roofing maintenance, repair and replacement.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-9 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0).

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

C-1 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: Dr. Tim Yarborough, Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services provided an update on the construction change orders to the Board for the quarterly update.

C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATES REPORT FOR THE NEW AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER: 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

On behalf of Dr. Murphy, Dr. Yarborough warmly welcomed everyone to the start of a new school year. He shared that teachers returned to their classrooms this past Monday and are hard at work preparing for the exciting arrival of students next week. Dr. Yarborough highlighted the recent professional learning experiences- Ignite for educators and Ascend for administrators. Colleagues came together to reignite their passion for teaching and learning to set the tone for a year driven by excellence.

Dr. Yarborough also extended a special invitation to families and students to attend Meet the Teacher for elementary students and Walk Your Schedule for middle and high school students, on Thursday. He mentioned the fantastic opportunity to get acclimated to classrooms and student schedules before the year officially begins.

In addition, Dr. Yarborough announced to the School Board that Summer School Graduation will take place on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at South Aiken High School.

With the first day of school fast approaching on Monday, July 21, 2025, we're excited to welcome our students back and hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer break.

## 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 Five; Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment – Director of the Aiken County Career Center; Legal Matters – a.) Receipt of legal advice regarding employment matters.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0).

Regular Session recessed at 7:12 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:22 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:40 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).

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 Five; Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment – Director of the Aiken County Career Center; Legal Matters – a.) Receipt of legal advice regarding employment matters.

## STUDENT MATTERS

### a) STUDENT APPEAL- AREA FIVE:

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area Five Middle School student. Ms. Tyler MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the

administrative decision previously recommended. SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).

#### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- a) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – DIRECTOR OF THE AIKEN COUNTY CAREER CENTER: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the recommendation of the appointment for the Director of the Aiken County Career Center; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).

#### CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

NO ITEMS THIS MEETING

#### LEGAL MATTERS

RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING EMPLOYMENT MATTERS – No Action Taken

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: