

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 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
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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 made a MOTION to object to tonight's agenda. Chairman Nuessle MOVED to make a motion to AMEND the agenda by eliminating Agenda Item A-3 and put it on the next meeting and make sure it is resolved; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, MOTION CARRIED, 9-0. The amended agenda is now considered approved.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 25, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 9-0; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting of September 1, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting of September 1, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1(Mr. Broome abstained); MOTION CARRIED.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

- Principal Lindsay Hager of Mossy Creek Elementary School presented a school spotlight to the Board.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation
No Items This Meeting
- 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 Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY CCA: ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION, SECOND READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the Second Reading of Policy CCA, Administrative Organization; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1(Mr. Broome abstained).

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- A-3 BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2025 – 2026 FOR FUNDS #1,2,3,8 AND 9: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the budget amendments 2025 – 2026 for Funds #1,2,3,8 and 9; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- A-4 CONFERENCE ROOM EXTERIOR PANELS AT THE AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL BOARD: Dr. Bradley MOVED to table the agenda item until the next meeting until the Board can see the current color; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson. Mr. Broome made a MOTION to AMEND the motion on the floor that instead of postponing the agenda item to the second meeting in September, we would table the agenda item to later in this meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler, 8-1 (Mr. Lindell opposed). Item was tabled and addressed once administration provided additional information. Dr. Bradley MOVED to leave the colors as they are on the exterior panels at the Aiken County Career and Technology Center; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson, MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

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 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students requesting home instruction.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 – RE-ROOFING OF MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Change Order Number 1 for re-roofing of Midland Valley High School re-roofing project reflecting shared savings credit for the GMP #1 and unused allowances.
- B-5 SUBMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION BY A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL, BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOSSY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving

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the submission of the application of South Carolina Department of Education Innovation Grant application by A.L. Corbett Middle School, Byrd Elementary School, Chukker Creek Elementary School, Mossy Creek Elementary School, North Augusta Elementary School, and Wagener-Salley High School and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

- B-6 NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) GRANTS FOR GROWING AWARD TO SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the Grants for Growing Award to Silver Bluff High School – FY27 by National Future Farmers of America (FFA) in the amount of \$2,870.00.
- B-7 SAVANNAH RIVER NATIONAL LABORATORY (SRNL) K-12 CATALYST GRANT FOR STEM EDUCATION AWARDS TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education Awards to Aiken County Public School District – FY27 in the amount of \$42,500.00.
- B-8 PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEP) OF AIKEN COUNTY DONATION TO J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CYRIL B. BUSBEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OAKWOOD-WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GREENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND RIDGE-SPRING MONETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation for J.D. Lever Elementary School, Cyril B. Busbee Elementary School, Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School, North Aiken Elementary School, Greendale Elementary School, and Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary School – FY27, in the amount of \$5,610.00 from Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County to be used to support the Battle of the Books programs already underway in the Aiken County Public School District.
- B-9 NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC. DONATION FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL PROGRAM- FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation for North Augusta High School Choral Program – FY27, in the amount of \$3,000.00, from National Financial Services, LLC. to be used for the choral program.
- B-10 PARKERS KITCHEN DONATION TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT- FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the donation for Aiken

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County Public School District, in the amount of \$16,000.00, from Parker's Kitchen to be used to support district initiatives as determined by administration.

- B-11 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR THE AIKEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION OFFICE –
PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL BOARD: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board accept the construction documents and guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the Aiken Intermediate School Transportation Office.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-11 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley.

Mr. Broome made a MOTION to pull agenda item B-11 from consent items and vote on it separately; SECONDED by Mr. Silas, MOTION CARRIED, 5-4 (Chairman Nuessle, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Tyler and Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed). Motion on the floor is now to approve items B1-B10, MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

Mr. Moulton made a MOTION to MOVE to postpone B11 until the next meeting to better understand item B11.

Mr. Lindell made a MOTION to MOVE that instead of approving item B11, the District re-open the item for bidding, or go back to procurement to do the process again. Mr. Lindell revoked his amendment to the motion.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve item B11 by itself; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION FAILED, 3-3-3(Dr. Bradley, Mr. Nuessle and Mr. Moulton voted to approve, Mr. Broome, Mr. Silas and Mr. Lindell opposed, and Mrs. Tyler, Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson and Mrs. Morris abstained the vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 2025 -2026 STATE TEST SCORES (SC READY AND EOCEP) – PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL BOARD: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

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- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETA AUXILIARY GYMNASIUM PROJECT – PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL BOARD: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT - PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL BOARD: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-4 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT – PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL BOARD: 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 his 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.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED, 8-0(Mr. Moutlon was not present).

Regular Session recessed at 7:46 p.m.

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Executive Session convened at 7:56 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Tyler MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; 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.

STUDENT MATTERS

A.) Student Appeal – Area One: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to uphold the District's recommendation for the Student Appeal- Area One SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: