

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 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
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mr. Barry Moulton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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 August 26, 2025, were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2025; SECONDED by Ms. Morris; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1(Mr. Moulton abstained); MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- MVHS Nurse Recognition – Nurse Morris
- ASA Recognition – US News & World Report Best High Schools – ASA ranked #1 in the State and #10 Nationally

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

No Items This Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve lists of administrative, certified and classified personnel for school year 2025-2026; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- A-2 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds series 2025; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

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A-3 POLICY GCLE Unencumbered Time, Second Reading: Ms. Rhinehart- Jackson MOVED to approve the policy, second reading, for Policy GCLE Unencumbered Time; SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

A-4 REQUEST TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL NURSE: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the District's recommendation to hire an additional 190 Float Nurse; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

B-1 RATIFICATIONS OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.

B-2 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Murphy recommended the approval by the Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services for the program of home instruction for the students indicated on the attached list.

B-3 AMERICAN RED CROSS DONATION TO MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC PROGRAM – FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended the approval of the \$1,350.00 American Red Cross Donation to Midland Valley High School NJROTC.

B-4 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION: 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-5 SCHEMATIC AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA AUXILIARY GYMNASIUM: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Ridge Spring-Monetta Auxiliary Gymnasium Project as presented.

B-6 SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE SILVER BLUFF HIGH RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board

approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Silver Bluff High renovation/addition project as presented.

Mr. Broome made a MOTION to table consent item B-6 indefinitely.

Mr. Moulton made a MOTION to amend the main motion to table the next Board Meeting in two weeks; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED 7-2 (Dr. Bradley and Mrs. Morris opposed.), MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Nuessle states main motion to table item B-6 to the next Board Meeting.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

C-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NEW AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

C-2 MERIT AWARDS PRESENTED FOR HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM: 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

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. Employment Matters – A.) Salary Schedule Adjustment - Maintenance Department; B.) Consideration of Pay Scale Adjustment – Director of CTE; C.) Administrative Appointment – Redcliffe Elementary. Contractual Matters – A.) Legal Services. Mr. Lindell MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

Regular Session recessed at 7:13 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:23 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:39 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

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. Employment Matters – A.) Salary Schedule Adjustment -Maintenance Department; B.) Consideration of Pay Scale Adjustment – Director of CTE; C.) Administrative Appointment – Redcliffe Elementary. Contractual Matters – A.) Legal Services.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- A.) Salary Schedule Adjustment -Maintenance Department: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the District's recommendation for the pay adjustment recommended by the District; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.
- B.) Consideration of Pay Scale Adjustment – Director of CTE: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the District's recommendation for the pay scale adjustment and to change the title from Director of CTE to Principal; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED, 7-2 (Mr. Broome and Mr. Silas opposed.)
- C.) Administrative Appointment – Redcliffe Elementary: Mr. Moulton MOVED to approve and accept the recommendation of the District's Administrative Appointment of Redcliffe Elementary School; SECONDED BY Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

LEGAL MATTERS

- A.) Legal Services – Mr. Nuessle states no action needed at this time.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: