

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 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
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant 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 – Budget Workshop of February 18, 2025 were presented for approval. Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting -Budget Workshop of February 18, 2025; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-2(Dr. Bradley & Mr. Moulton abstained).
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2025 were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2025; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Betty Ryberg & Mr. Jeffery Reynolds spoke regarding the creation of a scholarship in honor of the late Mrs. Diana Floyd, a local advocate for education, who passed away last year.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Colen Lindell along with fellow board member Mr. Barry Moulton congratulated the North Augusta High Ladies Basketball Team on their sixth 4A state title in the last nine years. In addition, he congratulated the North Augusta High Boys Basketball Team on their 4A State Championship Runner-up finish.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Silas MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2025-26, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, certified personnel for school year 2024-25, certified retiree rehire personnel for 2024-25, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2025-26, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25, and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25, SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Bradley MOVED to accept the recommendation to award MAE Consulting, The Green Team, Instructional Empowerment and The Leadership Academy to begin executive leadership development coaching effective immediately. Title II will be used as the funding source; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2025-2026: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-3 ITEMS TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND METHOD OF DISPOSAL: Superintendent Murphy recommended declaring items surplus and authorizing the administration to dispose of items by utilizing the methods described above.
- B-4 2025 INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT AL CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended authorizing the administration to accept the low base bid and enter into a contract with MAR Construction in the total amount of \$313,378.00 for the 2025 Flooring at AL Corbett Middle School.
- Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-4 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES OVERVIEW: Dr. Tim Yarborough Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services provided an update on the staffing and the structure of the Operations and Student Services Departments.
- C-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE NEW AIKEN COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH ATHLETIC FIELDS PHASE 4 PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AREA TWO ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT– MR. LINDELL; Mr. Lindell
MOVED to appoint Mrs. Laurie Reese to the Area Two Advisory Council:
SECONDED by Mr. Moulton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update

Dr. Murphy congratulated the North Augusta High Ladies Basketball Team on their 2025 state 4A Championship. He also congratulated the North Augusta High Boys Basketball Team on their 4A State Championship Runner -Up finish. The Superintendent also discussed the Leadership Aiken County event held at Aiken high earlier that day. He then announced that the last e-learning day/weather make up day is scheduled for March 14 and that the final Board of Education Retreat would be held on that date as well.

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. Employee Matters – Employee Matter – Breach of Contract and Legal Matters – Legal Advice – Policy BHC.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 6:51 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:08 p.m.

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

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. Employee Matters – Employee Matter – Breach of Contract and Legal Matters – Legal Advice – Policy BHC.

STUDENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

EMPLOYEE MATTER – BREACH OF CONTRACT

Mr. Silas MOVED to direct the administration to make a formal complaint to the State Board of Education regarding Employee A and B's breach of contract; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

LEGAL ADVICE – POLICY BHC – No Action Taken

Mr. Lindell MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: