

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 6:00 p.m. In accordance with S.C., Code of Laws, 1976, amended Section 30-4-80, 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  
Mr. Jim Broome  
Mr. Colen Lindell  
Mrs. Liz Morris  
Mr. Barry Moulton  
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Vice Chair

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant  
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Nuessle called the special called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge were led by Chairman Nuessle.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chairman Nuessle MOVED to amend the agenda regarding two bullet points listed under 2025-2026 Budget Discussion; Bullet Point #3 would become Bullet Point #2 and Bullet Point #2 would change to Bullet Point #3: SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson: MOTION to approve AMENDED Agenda CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Nuessle stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

- SALARY STUDY DISCUSSION: Mr. Traxler reviewed and provided updates regarding the salary study presented by MAG, International, at last month's board retreat and fielded questions from board members. Chairman Nuessle MOVED to include the recommendations from the salary study in any future 2025-2026 budget discussions and proposals; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Lindell opposed).
- 2025-2026 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Superintendent Murphy presented a power point presentation regarding the administrations list of 2025-2026 budget priorities and fielded questions from board members. Mr. Traxler then presented an overview of other 2025-2026 budget considerations and funding sources.

Mr. Nuessle MOVED to have 10-minute recess; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Recess began at 7:46 p.m. and ended at 7:56 p.m.

- BOARD PRIORITIZATION EXERCISES: Board members participated in two prioritization exercises. During the first exercise, members assigned a rank of high, medium, or low to the list of the administrations 25-26 budget priorities. The second exercise gave members a chance to list their own list of 2025-2026 budget priorities.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the special-called meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Special Called Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: