

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD RETREAT
JANUARY 24-25, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Board Retreat on Friday, January 24, 2025 and on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at the SRP Baseball Park WOW Room, 187 Railroad Ave, North Augusta, SC at 10:00 a.m. (Friday), and 8:45 a.m. (Saturday). Please note the previously published First Day of the Retreat, Thursday, January 23, 2025, was cancelled due to winter weather concerns. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, amended Section 30-4-80, the print and broadcast news media were notified of the amended times and dates, and the location of this retreat.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT - FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025:

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
Ms. Renee Reynolds, Administrative Assistant
to The Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services

Chairman Nuessle called the board retreat to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge was led by Chairman Nuessle

Mr. Eric Jeffcoat presented "MY Why" prior to the start of the day's presentations.

Ms. Kate Olin presented an overview of the South Carolina Accountability Model.

The following principals presented an overview of their school's testing/data results.

Ms. Angela Moore, Aiken High

Mr. Kenneth Lott, Aiken County Career and Technology Center

Ms. Martha Messick, Aiken Scholars Academy

Mr. Sheldon Higgenbottom, Midland Valley High

Mr. Casey Rogers, North Augusta High

Mr. Sam Fuller, South Aiken High

Ms. Jennifer Kolmar, Silver Bluff High

Mr. Rasheem Neloms, Wagener-Salley High

Mr. Matt Shepler, Principal, Ridge Spring-Monetta High

Ms. Michelle Kennedy, Principal, A.L. Corbett Middle

Ms. Paige Day, Principal, Highland Springs Middle

Ms. Carla Dupert, Principal, Jackson Middle

Dr. Ryan Ashley, Principal, Kennedy Middle School

Mr. Brice Laughter, Principal, LBC Middle School

Ms. Latonia Evans, Principal, Leavelle McCampbell Middle

Mr. Thurston Williams, Principal, New Ellenton STEAM Magnet School

Ms. Kristin Risher, Principal, Paul Knox Middle

Ms. Shunte Dugar – Principal, Schofield Middle

Chairman Nuessle thanked those that attended the day's session, and the board retreat adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT - Saturday, JANUARY 25, 2025:

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/Board of Education

Chairman Nuessle called day two of the board retreat to order at 8:45 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Moment of Silence and Pledge was led by Chairman Nuessle

Salary Study Discussion – Mr. Tray Traxler, Mrs. Jennifer Hart, and officials with Management Advisory Group International, Inc. presented a power point and gave an overview of the recently completed classification and Compensation Study and fielded questions from board members.

Preliminary 2025-2026 Budget Discussion – Mr. Tray Traxler presented an overview of the 2025-2026 budget calendar, recommendations from the salary study and other budget considerations and prioritizations for the upcoming budget discussions/process.

New Board Orientation – Attorney's Mr. Charles Boykin and Ms. Tierney Goodwyn of Boykin & Davis, LLC, presented an overview of the authority and the functions of school boards in the state of South Carolina, Also presented was a discussion concerning FOIA, board member speech and the states ethics act.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to ADJOURN day two of the board retreat; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The board retreat adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Submitted by: Renee Reynolds/Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: