

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 15, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 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
Dr. John Bradley, Vice Chair
Mr. Jim Broome
Mr. Colen Lindell
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Deborah Tyler

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

- PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2025-26, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, classified personnel for school year 2024-25, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2024-25, and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2025-2026 BUDGET: Mr. Traxler presented a power point presentation regarding district budget timeline and state budget timeline, proposed state teacher step increase, proposed state bus driver pay increase, district salary study, consideration of other budget changes regarding employer health insurance, estimating revenue and evaluating funding options, and priority budget requests from the administration, not included in the preliminary budget. Mr. Traxler fielded questions from the board.

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 –Student Appeal – Area One.

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

Regular Session recessed at 8:12 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:20 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:31 p.m.

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

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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 – Student Appeal – Area One.

STUDENT MATTERS

STUDENT APPEAL – AREA ONE

The Board heard an appeal from the parent of an Area One High School Student. Mr. Lindell MOVED to overturn the recommendation of the Hearing Officer of Alternative Placement and expel the student with services for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1(Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson opposed).

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: