

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2026

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 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
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:

Dr. John Bradley, Vice Chair

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.

Mr. Broome objected to the agenda and made a MOTION amending the current agenda, according to Policy BED, to add an item to Executive Session to discuss an employment matter at Silver Bluff High School; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-1 (Mr. Nuessle opposed); MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2026, were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-0-2 (Mr. Nuessle and Mr. Moulton abstained); MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

No Items This Meeting

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Heard presented the school spotlight for Warrenville Elementary School.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Public Participation
 - Ms. Ashley Brittain – Altercation at Silver Bluff High School
 - Mr. Karl Bush – Accountability
 - Ms. Iris Glover – Student Voices
 - Mr. Patrick Casper – Student Protection

- Office of the Board Chairman

Chairman Nuessle addressed staff and students by sharing that this is the last board meeting before Spring Break. Chairman Nuessle also stated he hopes everyone has a restful Spring Break from school and comes back refreshed.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of administrative, certified, and classified personnel for school year 2025-2026; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY: POLICY BEC EXECUTIVE SESSIONS/OPEN MEETINGS AND POLICY BG/BGC.BGD POLICY REVISION AND REVIEW/BOARD REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, FIRST READING: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the First Reading of Policy Revisions BEC and BG/BGC.BGD; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing to this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 RELEASE FROM ACPSD REQUESTS 25-26 SY: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be released for out-of-district transfer from Aiken County Public School District.
- B-3 RELEASE FROM ACPSD REQUESTS 26-27 SY: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be released for out-of-district transfer from Aiken County Public School District.
- B-4 NON-RESIDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS 25-26 SY: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be allowed to transfer into Aiken County Public School District.
- B-5 NON-RESIDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS 26-27 SY: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the students be allowed to transfer into Aiken County Public School District.
- B-6 META DATA CENTER COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT AWARDS TO AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT- FY26: Superintendent Murphy recommended to approve the META Data Center Community Action Grant Awards to ACPSD in the amount of \$8,640.00, Aiken Elementary School in the amount of \$3,048.00, Chukker Creek Elementary School in the amount of \$10,000.00 and Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle/High DECA Chapter in the amount of \$22,000.00, for an Award Total of

\$43,688.00, and for the funds to be used by the awardees to carry out the projects for which they requested a grant.

- B-7 SUBMISSION OF S.C. ARTS COMMISSION – ARTS IN BASIC CURRICULUM GRANT APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application for the S.C. Arts Commission – Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant by East Aiken School of the Arts- FY27 and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-8 SUBMISSION OF THE DISTINGUISHED ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) 2026-27 ARTS CURRICULAR INNOVATION GRANT (ACIG) APPLICATION BY EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS- FY27: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the submission of the application for the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) 2026-27 Arts Curricular Innovation Grant by East Aiken School of the Arts- FY27 and the receipt of funds, if awarded.
- B-9 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NETWORK UPGRADES: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the proposals for network upgrades.
- B-10 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the design development plans and preliminary budget for the South Aiken High School renovation and addition project.
- B-11 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT: Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the design development plans and preliminary budget for the Silver Bluff High School renovation and addition project.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-11 as presented; SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

C-1 DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES OVERVIEW: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Broome made a MOTION to appoint Sharon Sullivan to the Area 5 Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Nuesle; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

2. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Nuesle 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 – A.) Student Appeal- Area Three, B.) Student Appeal- Area One; Employment Matters- A.) Administrative Appointment – Byrd Elementary School, B.) Employment Matter- Silver Bluff High School.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,7-0.

Regular Session recessed at 7:21 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:30p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:15 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

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. Student Matters – A.) Student Appeal-Area Three, Student Matters- Area One; Employment Matters- A.) Administrative Appointment- Byrd Elementary School, B.) Employment Matter- Silver Bluff High School.

STUDENT MATTERS

- A.) Student Appeal – Area Three: Mrs. Tyler MOVED to make a motion to offer admission into the Virtual CIL Program; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.
- B.) Student Appeal- Area One: Mrs. Tyler MOVED to make a motion to offer admission into the Virtual CIL Program; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- A.) Administrative Appointment- Byrd Elementary School - Mr. Silas MOVED to accept the District's recommendation for the Administrative Appointment for Byrd Elementary School; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.
- B.) Employment Matter- Silver Bluff High School- Mr. Broome MOVED to reinstate the employee with a four-game suspension; SECONDED by Mr. Silas. Chairman Nuessle ruled that the MOTION was Out of Order, as there is no
- C.) Employee Matter #2- No action needed at this time.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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SUBMITTED BY: Kim Waters *Kim Waters*

APPROVED: