

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICIAL AGENDA                      REGULAR SESSION 6:00 P.M.                      OCTOBER 22, 2024

Location:                      1000 Brookhaven Drive                      Aiken, SC

*Tuesday's meeting will be live streamed on our website, acpsd.net.*

REGULAR SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE: Mr. Cameron Nuessle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – September 24, 2024

Regular Meeting – October 8, 2024

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

- Public Participation

No Requests This Meeting

Special Recognitions

- RSM Middle/High -State 2024 Carolina Canvas Award Winner – Multilingual Learner Program
- RSM Middle/High & Aiken Sholars Academy – FFA Middle School Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) Record Book Winner- Home and Community Development Leadership State Winner
- Board Member Recognition – Mr. Dwight Smith
- Office of Board Chairman

A. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

1. Delegate Selection – 2024 SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference
2. Personnel Appointments (Mrs. Hart)

The certified and classified personnel presented have been screened by the Human Resources Department and interviewed, and/or approved by the Principal or Supervisor for each location.

3. Policy GCLE Unencumbered Time, Second Reading (Dr. Minolfo)

In 2023, S.C. Code Section 59-5-63 was enacted, which stated the following “the district will require the principal of each elementary school to provide at least 30 minutes of unencumbered time on each regular school to a full-time teacher, and to require the principal of each elementary, middle and high school to provide at least 30 minutes of unencumbered time on each regular school to any full time teacher who is responsible for instructing a special education class for more than 20 percent of the school day with students removed from the general education setting. Recently two provisos were approved that included school nurses and 4K teachers “where practical.”

4. Proposed 2025-2026 Budget Calendar (Mr. Traxler)

Board Policy DBG requires that the Aiken County Board of Education adopt a budget calendar by November 1 each year.

- B. CONSENT ITEMS: The following items will be voted on as a group, individual items may be discussed prior to a vote being taken.

1. Ratification of Expulsions (Dr. Murphy)

The School Board, according to the Code of Laws for South Carolina Section 69-63-240, is authorized to expel students from school. Although the Board may receive recommendations for expulsion from others, it is solely empowered to take the final expulsion action.

2. Textbook Adoptions for Fall 2024-2025 (Mrs. Dove)

The District examines and evaluate textbooks adopted by the State for use in the classroom and recommends to the School Board those selected by teacher committees for our district. Upon approval by the School Board and funding by the State, schools, may proceed to order those textbooks from the State Textbook Depository.

3. Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC Donation to Midland Valley High School – FY25 (Dr. Edwards)

Midland Valley High School baseball program has been given a \$2,500.00 donation from Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC. The funds will be used for baseball operations, supplies, equipment, maintenance, and uniforms.

4. American Chemical Society-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant Award to Midland Valley High School – FY25 (Dr. Edards)

Midland Valley High School has been awarded the American Chemical Society-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grand Award in the amount of \$1,404.00. These funds will be used to purchase educational equipment. Materials and supplies for science classrooms such as meter sticks, graduated cylinders, and digital balances.

5. Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education Awards to Aiken County Public School District – FY25 (Dr. Edwards)

The Aiken County Public School District has received \$25,000.00 in grant awards from Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) made possible through the generosity of Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC (BSRA), and the Columbus Foundation. Seven Aiken County Public School District teachers were selected to receive awards.

6. GMP #1 for Mossy Creek Elementary Exterior wall repairs (Dr. Yarborough)

Mossy Creek Elementary is having problems with moisture wicking through the exterior walls. The plan to repair this issue would involve removal of the exterior brick veneer, waterproofing the walls, replacing the windows, and rebuilding the brick veneer/ The GMP for these repairs is \$2,088,644.00.

7. Request for Proposals for HVAC Services or plumbing Services for Aiken County Public Schools (Dr. Yarborough)

Request for Proposals for HVAC Services or Plumbing Services were received October 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

- C. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: The following items are for information only and do not require Board Action.
  1. Construction Status Report for the North Augusta High Athletic Fields Phase 4 Project (Dr. Yarborough)
  2. Construction Status Report for the Wagener-Salley High School New Construction Project (Dr. Yarborough)

3. Facilities Construction Quarterly Change Order Notification (Dr. Yarborough)

Policy FGG sets the limit of approval for construction change orders by the Superintendent or designee up to \$15,000.00. The policy requires a summary of such change orders to be presented to the Board at least once a quarter for notification.

D. INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

2. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

E. OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. STUDENT MATTERS

- Student Appeal – Area Four

2. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- a.) Administrative Appointment – Paul Knox Middle School
- b.) Employee Grievance

3. CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

4. LEGAL MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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