

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2021

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The called meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Vice Chairman Carolyn Hamilton with the following other members present: Abbis Bivins, Patricia Harris, and Vincent Kearse. Mrs. Patricia Harris and Mrs. Sylvia Roland participated remotely.

Members absent: Mr. Rick Barnes and Mr. Jim Reid

A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kearse made a motion to adopt the agenda; second by Ms. Bivins; motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve a facility use request from the Sumter County Parks and Recreation Department to use gymnasiums at Sumter County Primary School and Americus Sumter Ninth Grade Academy from December 13-30, 2021 for youth basketball practice. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made at 6:05 p.m. by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Roland to go into executive session for the following reasons as read by the chairman: to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2) or to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase dispose of, or lease property; authorize ordering an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)). The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Roland exited the meeting at the start of executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

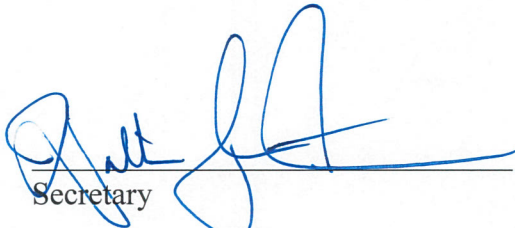
A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris at 6:38 p.m. to return into open session; motion carried unanimously.

The resignation of Jim Reid was accepted unanimously on a motion by Ms. Bivins; second by Mr. Kearse.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris to approve the contract of Mr. Walter Knighton as Superintendent of Sumter County Schools effective December 14, 2021 – November 30, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris.


Chairman


Secretary