

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 14, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Carolyn Hamilton with the following other members present: Rick Barnes, Abbis Bivins, Patricia Harris, Edward Jackson, and Vincent Kearsse.

Member absent: Sylvia Roland

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kearsse; second by Mr. Barnes to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kearsse offered a motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on March 10, 2022, and the following facility use requests and overnight field trip request; second by Mr. Barnes; motion carried unanimously.

**FACILITY USE REQUESTS**

1. Alicia Green to use the SCMS cafeteria sitting area, three classrooms, and media center on April 9, 2022, for a Delta Sigma Theta Retreat. *(Fees paid & insurance secured)*
2. Dwight Harris to use the Ninth Grade Academy gymnasium for summer basketball from May 21, 2022 – July 31, 2022. *(Fees to be paid & insurance to be secured)*
3. Teresa White to use the cafeteria at SCIS on May 15, 2022, for a gospel concert. *(Fees paid & insurance secured)*
4. Kizzy Clayton to use the cafeteria at SCHS on May 28, 2022, for a graduation brunch. *(Fees paid & insurance secured)*

**OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST**

Six students (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade FFA) to Athens on July 6-8, 2022 to tour UGA School of Poultry Science, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, and Classic City Clydesdales.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

The following matters were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee:

Strategic Waivers School System (SWSS) Contract  
Participation in the Community in Schools Program

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The financial reports for March 2022 along with the following preliminary cash flow report were unanimously approved upon recommendation of the committee:

**Preliminary Cash Flow Report**

	Citizens Bank General Fund	GA Fund I General Fund	GA Fund I New HS Construction	Citizens Bank Construction 2015	Regions Bank Sales Tax 2015	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
Feb. 28, 2022	\$15,870.50	\$9,500,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$147,640.32	\$465,260.86	\$0.00
Incoming	\$0.00	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$0.00	\$393,835.47	\$0.00
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,014.27	\$0.00	\$0.00
March 31, 2022	\$15,870.50	\$9,750,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$105,626.05	\$859,096.33	\$0.00

The HB 190 – \$2,000 one-time salary supplement to be paid through local/state funds, effective April 2022, was approved unanimously as recommended by the committee.

The substitute teacher supplement pay through ESSER funds, effective April 1, 2022, was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee

After-school tutorial bonuses of \$1,000 to be paid with ESSER funds, effective May 2022, was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

The committee recommended approval of the insurance renewal through Denham, Edwards & Foshee with Liberty Mutual in the amount of \$349,657.00; motion carried unanimously.

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

All personnel matters were deferred to Executive Session.

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

The following revised policies were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee:

Policy JBC(4) – Awarding Units and Transferring Credit  
Policy IDBA – Sex Education

The temporary policy waiver pertaining to revisions in the grading, promotion, and retention policy was unanimously approved on the recommendation of the committee.

#### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

The following items were placed on the table as recommended by the committee:

Air Purification System  
Request for a school bus from A Better Way Grocers

The committee recommended two school buses be declared surplus (bus 99-49 & 03-23); motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kears to approve the Memorandum of Understanding by and among Ignite College and Career Academy, Inc., Sumter County School District, South Georgia Technical College, Georgia Southwestern State University, One Sumter Economic Development Foundation, Inc., Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, and Sumter County Development Authority Regarding the Operation of College and Career Academy (A Georgia College and Career Academy); motion carried unanimously.

The School-based Health Clinic/Memorandum of Understanding Between Sumter County School System and Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc. was unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kears.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The SCBOE named Mrs. Hamilton as the GSBA Summer Delegate and Mrs. Harris to serve as the alternate delegate.

A motion was made by Mr. Kears; second by Mr. Barnes to reimburse the superintendent and board for expenses relating to the 2022 GSBA Summer Conference; motion carried unanimously.

The contract renewal agreement between Sumter County Board of Education and the Georgia Board of Regents of the University of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service (County Extension Agent) was unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Kears; second by Mr. Barnes.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kears to approve the initiation of the process for Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc. to use the Americus-Sumter Ninth Grade Academy pending finalization of the contract; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made at 7:59 p.m. by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris 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 the 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.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made at 9:19 p.m. by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes to return to open session; motion carried unanimously.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The following personnel recommendations were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee:

#### Retirements

Sherralyn Stone  
Sherry Ivey  
James Holloway  
Linda Ross

#### Resignations

Casey Pitts  
Krista Greene  
Jennifer Harshbarger  
Patricia Reddell  
Tiffany Evans  
Natalie English  
Raven Baldwin  
Dina Howard  
Juli Maddux  
Hayley Champion  
Cole Smith  
Deanna Rivero  
William John Wood  
Phillip Austin Rowan  
Nasreen Sultana (Intalage)  
Farha Begum (Intalage)  
Sumam Thomas (Intalage)  
Sekemia Caldwell-Johnson

#### Rescindment of Job Offer

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#### Transfers

Jaela Clemons  
Jamie Hawkins  
April Lake  
Chelsea Law  
April Johnson

#### Employments

Angela Bell  
Christopher Wiggins  
Sheila Moran  
Demarcus Sellers  
William Rogers  
Shureen McEwan

Employments Con't

Ralind Davis  
Terry Yearby  
Sheila Green  
Jarrod White  
Cheri James  
Christopher Lowell  
Priscilla West  
Virginia Moore  
Tangina Bush  
Chalance Deriso  
Shaquille Colbert

Long Term Substitute

Beverly Ross

The 2022-2023 teacher recommendations were unanimously approved with the exception of Sherri Harris and Jarret Barnes.

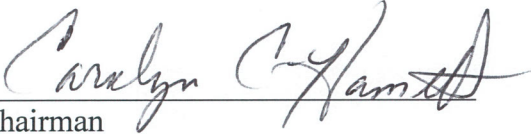
The committee recommended approval of Sherri Harris for the 2022-2023 school year; motion carried with five in favor (Mr. Jackson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Kearse, Mrs. Hamilton & Ms. Bivins) and one abstention (Mrs. Harris).

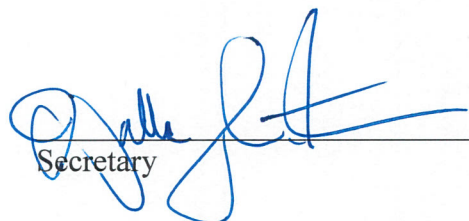
The committee recommended approval of Jarret Barnes for 2022-2023 school year; motion carried with five in favor (Mr. Jackson, Mr. Kearse, Mrs. Hamilton, Ms. Bivins & Ms. Harris) and one abstention (Mr. Barnes).

The 2022-2023 administrative recommendations were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Bivins to approve the LVT flooring/colors (blue & gray) for Sumter County High School as presented by the architect; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Kearse; motion carried unanimously.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary