

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chair, Abbis Bivins at 7:00 p.m. with the following other members present: Carolyn Hamilton, Rick Barnes, Dwight Harris, Patricia Harris, Edward Jackson and Vincent Kearse.

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

Mr. Kearse made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

The financial reports were presented at the September 8, 2026, Work Session and are to be filed for audit purposes.

The following consent agenda items were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Kearse and seconded by Mr. Harris:

A. Minutes of August 13, 2026 (Attachment A)

B. Fund Raisers, School Use Requests & Overnight Field Trips (Attachment B)

School Use Request

Sumter County Parks & Recreation Department to use Americus Sumter South Campus Gymnasium for an annual cheer pep rally, September 10, 2026 (*fees waived*)

Overnight Field Trip Requests

1. Ten students (SCHS CTAE/FCCLA) to Georgia FFA – FCCLA Center, Covington, GA on November 10-11, 2026, to participate in the Fall Leadership Conference.

2. Fifteen students (SCHS Engage) to Atlanta, GA on November 15-17, 2026, to compete in the Youth Assembly Competition at the State Capitol.

3. Six students (SCHS Engage) to Atlanta, GA on March 7-9, 2027, to compete in the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement.

4. Fifteen students (SCHS CTAE/FCCLA) to Augusta, GA on March 11-13, 2027, to participate in the State Leadership Conference.

C. Edgenuity Renewal (\$24,019.60) Local

D. School Resource Officers Agreement (Renewal)

E. FY 27 Custodian Salary Supplements in the amount of \$1,000 for SCS Employees from Georgia Dept. of Education

F. Literacy Content Specialist K-12

G. Math Content Specialist K-12

H. Job Description for Literacy Coach K-3 (New Policy)

I. Evolve Expedite \$26,063.88 (Title V/Safety Grant)

J. FY 28 State Capital Outlay Projects Application

K. Personnel Matters

Employment

LaDonna Young

Resignations

Emery Graham

Virginia Tullis

Danique Chambers-Dixon

Katrina Fuller

Contracted Services

ProCare Therapy (3)

KL Staffing

Sandra Miller

Transfers

James Arthur Walker
Tonia Pace
Detaiaya Durham
Shettakka Davis

Rescindment of Job Offer

A'Johnia Adams

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mr. Harris to approve purchase of digital signs in the amount of \$229,950 to be funded by SPLOST funds. The motion carried five in favor (Mr. Kearse, Mr. Harris, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Hamilton & Mr. Jackson); two abstentions (Dr. Bivins & Mrs. Harris).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:54 p.m. by Mr. Jackson; second by Mrs. Harris to enter 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)). To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)). The motion was carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made at 8:37 p.m. by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Barnes to return to open session; motion was carried unanimously.

The following personnel matters were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mrs. Harris and seconded by Mr. Barnes:

Termination

Lydia Gunn

Salary Adjustments (One-time supplement)

Reashia Smith
Rusha Gardner

Contracted Services

Shanadrien Lewis

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barnes; seconded by Mr. Kearse; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary