

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 8, 2021

7:00 PM

MINUTES

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

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

Dr. Torrance Choates, Superintendent, provided the superintendent's report.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Reid to adopt the agenda; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on June 17, 2021 by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton; motion carried unanimously.

The following fundraiser and facility use request were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Reid; second by Mr. Kearse:

FUND RAISERS

Sumter County Primary School to sell pictures, yearbooks, doughnuts, popcorn, t-shirts, ice cream, snacks, freeze pops, early pick up/drop off tags and to sponsor school dances, activity days and dress-up days.

FACILITY USE REQUEST

Sumter County Fire Department to use classrooms at Sumter County High School along with an area outside of the school building for a demonstration (date TBA). *(Fees waived)*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for June 2021 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 1 General Fund	GA Fund 1 New HS Construction	Citizens Bank Construction 2015	Regions Bank Sales Tax	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
May 31, 2021	\$26,964.59	\$4,860,000.00	\$10,588,585.00	\$853.85	\$444,189.91	\$18,069.73
Incoming	\$0.00	\$9,999.98	\$1,120,327.60	\$850,094.20	\$434,778.34	\$41.02
Outgoing	\$12,108.09	\$519,999.98	\$2,483,912.60	\$40,655.50	\$0.00	\$18,110.75
June 30, 2021	\$14,856.50	\$4,350,000.00	\$9,225,000.00	\$810,292.55	\$878,968.25	\$0.00

The 2021-2022 GSBA Membership Renewal (\$6,779) was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

The School Food Nutrition bids were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

The School Food Nutrition salary schedule was recommended by the committee and received unanimous approval.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The personnel recommendations were deferred until after discussions in executive session.

POLICY COMMITTEE

The School Food Nutrition Handbook revisions were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

The policy committee recommended waiving the 30-day rule of placing a policy on the table in order to take action on the 2021-2022 dress code. After discussion, the committee recommended placing the 2021-2022 dress code on the table for further discussion at the August board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The CARES Act Coordinator (49%) job description was placed on the table.

The Helping Hands Ending Hunger Program was approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Reid; second by Mr. Kearsse.

Mr. Kearsse made a motion; second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the Elevate K-12 teaching proposal for two virtual high school English teachers in the amount of \$114,000; motion carried five in favor (Mr. Kearsse, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Roland, Mr. Barnes & Mrs. Harris); one opposed (Ms. Bivins) and one abstained (Mr. Reid).

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearsse to approve the gymnasium projector and electric screen for SCPS in the amount of \$13,967 to be purchased from CARES Act Funds; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid; second by Mr. Kearsse to purchase 600 new chrome books not to exceed \$186,000 to be paid from CARES ACT Funds; motion carried six in favor (Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Kearsse, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Bivins, Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Roland); one opposed (Mr. Reid).

A motion was made by Mr. Kearsse to purchase 70 storage carts in the amount of \$186,000 to be paid from CARES Act Funds; second by Mrs. Hamilton; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearsse; second by Mr. Reid to approve the contract submitted by Georgia Power Company to provide electrical services. The approval is contingent upon correct revisions and review by the board attorney. The motion failed on the following vote: three in favor (Mr. Kearsse, Mr. Reid & Mr. Barnes) three opposed (Mrs. Hamilton, Ms. Bivins & Mrs. Roland) and one abstention (Ms. Bivins).

A motion was made at 9:10 p.m. by Mr. Kearsse; 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board returned into open session at 9:40 p.m.

The following personnel matters were unanimously approved on the recommendation of the committee:

Rescindment of Job Offers
Jonathan Gooden
Mary Frances Thomas
Stephanie Herndon
Krystal Willis

Transfers

Clyde Angry
Scotty Baker
Joyce Bryant
Shunda Green
Rosa Floyd
Brenda Poole
Angela Jackson
Aretha Woods
Tina Jenkins
Wendy Wooden
Chris Slappey
Percilla Arnett
Barbara Stone

Employments

Timothy Beck
Robert Walton
Joe Williams
Jasper Slaton
Concepcion Deriso
Makayla Cobb
Brittany Berryhill
Latravietta Florence
Kimberla Anthony
Brian Merritt
Martha Harvey
Angela Willis
Tiana Solomon
Ranae Breedlove
Warren Jones
Truedia Thompson
Tiffany Ann Smith
Candis Ellis
Gerald Harp
Paula Mangham
Brianna Woods
Farona Garner
Lillie McCoy
Sherlean Thornton
Jaquetta Zanders
Wiffi Harvey
Dannette Sasser

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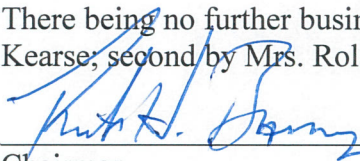
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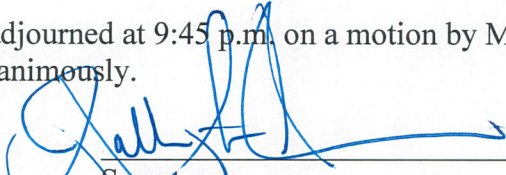
Long Term Substitute

Joan Converse

The transfer of Sarah Slappey was recommended by the committee and approved on the following vote: six in favor (Mr. Barnes, Ms. Bivins, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kearse, Mr. Reid & Mrs. Roland); one abstention (Mrs. Hamilton).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse, second by Mrs. Roland; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary