

# SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2023

6:00 PM

### MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Board Member Rick Barnes in the absence of Chairman, Carolyn Hamilton, and Vice Chairman, Sylvia Roland who were currently participating virtually. The following other members were present: Abbis Bivins, Edward Jackson, and Vincent Kearse.

Mrs. Patricia Harris participated in the meeting virtually.

A moment of silence was observed.

### BOARD ELECTIONS

As required by policy, the annual board elections for chairman and vice chairman were conducted. Superintendent Knighton declared all positions open and asked for nominations for chairman. Mr. Kearse offered a motion to elect Mrs. Sylvia Roland for chairman; second by Ms. Bivins. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Roland was elected on the following vote: six in favor (Mr. Kearse, Ms. Bivins, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Roland. Mrs. Hamilton abstained.

Mrs. Roland assumed the office of chairman and asked for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Kearse nominated Mrs. Harris; second by Ms. Bivins. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Harris was unanimously elected as vice chairman.

Mrs. Hamilton entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The chairman called for nominations for school board attorney for school matters. Mr. Barnes recommended the law firm formerly known as Harben, Hartley and Hawkins; second by Ms. Bivins. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Mr. Barnes nominated Gatewood, Skipper and Rambo for local matters; second by Mr. Kearse. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Mr. Barnes nominated the Americus-Times Recorder as the weekly legal organ; second by Mr. Kearse. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Roland entered the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse to adopt the agenda with one change, to move item 10-C (Sumter County High School Fieldhouse) from the executive session to property committee. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The following consent agenda items were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Kearse:

A. Minutes of January 17, 2023

B. Fund Raisers, School Use Requests & Overnight / Out-of-State Field Trips

#### School use Request

Deatrice Harris, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Americus Alumnae Chapter, to use the SCPS gymnasium and cafeteria monthly from January 2023 – June 2023 for youth initiative meetings. (*Fees waived; insurance secured*)

#### Overnight Field Trip Requests

Five students (SCHS DECA) to Atlanta, GA, January 26-28, 2023 to participate in the DECA State Competition/Conference.

Two students (SCHS Band) to Tifton, GA, February 10-11, 2023 to participate in Honor Band

Overnight /Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Fifteen students (Varsity Girls Track & Field) to Birmingham, AL, January 27-28, 2023 to compete in an indoor track meet.

Two students (SCHS Band) to Troy University, Troy, AL, February 2023 to participate in the Honor Band event.

Overnight/Out-of-Country Field Trip Request

Approximately 14 students and four adults to travel abroad to Japan as part of the Sister-City Exchange Program with Miyoshi-City, Japan, May/June 2023 (specific dates to be determined with Miyoshi-City) as part of the delegation to Japan.

- C. Financial Report
- D. Vendor Payments – December 2022
- E. Open Payables – December 2022
- F. Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank General Fund	GA Fund 1 General Fund	GA Fund 1 Special/ Capital	Citizens Bank SPLOST 2015	Regions Bank Sales Tax 2015	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
November 30, 2022	\$15,870.50	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,530,020.00	\$0.00	\$459,212.03	\$0.00
Incoming	\$0.00	\$2,750,000.00	\$13,387.54	\$154,387.06	\$426,030.99	\$0.00
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$154,387.06	\$0.00	\$0.00
December 31, 2022	\$15,870.50	\$7,250,000.00	\$4,543,407.54	\$0.00	\$885,243.02	\$0.00

- G. Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report
- H. 396 Fund Balance Revenue Report

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Personnel matters were deferred to executive session.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The committee recommended the proposal submitted by Parrish Construction Management as the construction manager for the HVAC project. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Harris to approve the request for a new 4-H Program Assistant Position (Commitment between Sumter County Board of Commissioners, Sumter County Board of Education & UGA). The motion carried five in favor (Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Harris, Ms. Bivins, Mr. Kearsse & Mr. Jackson); and one opposed (Mrs. Hamilton).

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Columbus State University and Sumter County Board of Education for Practical Field Experiences was unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearsse.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearsse to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Georgia Department of Education and Sumter County School District regarding Tier III: Promise Schools Service and Support for Sumter County Primary School and Sumter County Elementary School; motion carried unanimously.

The Memorandum of Agreement between Georgia Department of Education and Sumter County School District regarding Tier III: Comprehensive Support and Improvement for Sumter County Intermediate School was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Kearsse; second by Mr. Barnes.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the Sumter County Board of Education Meetings Calendar for 2023; motion carried unanimously.

The Partnership Agreement between Thomas University Division of Education and Sumter County Board of Education for Leadership Program Candidates was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton.

A motion was made at 7:04 p.m. by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Jackson 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 7:46 p.m. by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes to return to open session; motion was carried unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

Release from Contracts

Sarah Inzetta  
Shalnica French  
Clifford Fedd

Resignations

Brittany Sanders  
Wesley Durham  
Jennie Pennington  
Christina Farias

Transfers

Cordell Winters  
Tamika Sparks  
Vatima Reid-Williams  
William Rogers

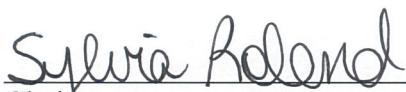
Employment


Flossie Shingles  
Montavious Boykins

Long-Term Substitutes

Kayla Powell  
Chelsey Kimbrough

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Jackson; motion was carried unanimously.

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary