

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 2025

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Mrs. Patricia Harris with the following other members present: Ms. Abbis Bivins, Mr. Rick Barnes, Ms. Carolyn Hamilton, Mr. Vincent Kearse, Mrs. Sylvia Roland, and Mr. Edward Jackson.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse to adopt the agenda, second by Ms. Roland. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

- A. Minutes of April 17, 2025
- B. Fund Raisers, School Use Requests & Overnight Field Trips

FACILITY USE REQUESTS

Mark Tyler, Class of 1980, to use a classroom at Americus-Sumter High School, May 31, 2025, for a class social. (Fees to be paid, and Insurance secured)

Ryan Grunto, Roundball Round-up, to use the gym at Americus-Sumter High School South Campus, June 16-21, 2025 for basketball camp. (Fees paid, and Insurance secured)

James Davis to use the practice field and gymnasium at Americus-Sumter High School South Campus, June 28, 2025 for charity/community engagement event. (Fees waived, and Insurance secured)

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Seven students and one adult (SCHS Boys Track & Field) to East Jackson High School, Commerce, GA May 8-10, 2025 to compete in the GHSA Class AA State Track & Field Championship.

Six students and two adults (SCHS Band) to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) Tifton, Ga, May 28-29, 2025 to participate in the John P. Sousa Honor Band.

Five students and one adult (ESOL) to Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, June 1-8, 2025 to participate in the Migrant Education High School Program for a Leadership Academy.

Four students and one adult (SCHS Tennis) to Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, June 8-12, 2025 to participate in a summer tennis camp.

Fifteen students and four adults (SCHS Boys Basketball) to Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA, June 13-15, 2025 to participate in a boys' basketball team camp.

Fifteen students and four adults (SCHS Boys Basketball) to LakePoint Sports Facility, Emerson, GA, June 20-22, 2025 to participate in a boys' basketball team camp (GBCA Live).

Three students and one adult (ESOL) to Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA, June 22-27, 2025 to participate in the Migrant Education High School Program for academic enrichment and campus activities.

Sixteen students and three adults (SCHS Girls Basketball) to Suwanee Sports Academy, Suwanee, GA, June 12-14, 2025 to attend the GHSA Live Event.

OVERNIGHT/OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Fifteen students and four adults (SCHS Boys Basketball) to Tallahassee, FL, June 6-8, 2025 to participate in the 2024 Leonard Hamilton Team Camp.

Six students and two adults (SCHS Band) to travel to Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, June 22-27, 2025 to participate in the Southern University Summer High School Band Camp.

OVERNIGHT/OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Approximately six students and two adults to travel abroad to Japan as part of the Sister-City Exchange Program with Miyoshi-City, Japan, June 7-18, 2025 as part of the delegation to Japan.

- C. CDW-G_8 ViewBoards-SCES---(\$17,024.00) Fund 150-Consolidated Funding
- D. Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement, LLC---(\$46,800.00) Title II/Title V
- E. IT Risk Assessment Procedures
- F. Network/Account Access Modification and Removal Procedures
- G. Password Policy
- H. Remote Access Policy
- I. Risk Assessment Evaluation Template
- J. User Access Review Policy
- K. CINTAS_Mat Management Contract---(\$11,371.08) QBE/Local
- L. Nu-Idea IGNITE Academy Furniture---(\$14,080.82) QBE/Local
- M. Replacement White Fleet Vehicles/Maintenance_(2) 2025 Crew Cab Truck---(not to exceed \$99,500.00) QBE/Local
- N. Renewal of NEOS Support Agreement---(\$32,400 annually) QBE/Local
- O. Infinite Campus, K-12 Solutions Renewal---(\$60,811.50) QBE/Local
- P. CDW Education-Google License Renewal---(\$18,000.00) QBE/Local
- Q. CSM Consulting, INC_E-RATE Renewal---(\$6,100.00) QBE/Local
- R. Microsoft 365 License Renewal---(\$22,262.96) QBE/Local
- S. Resignations
- T. Employments
- U. Family Medical Leave Act Request
- V. Long-Term Substitute
- W. Retirement
- X. Transfers

The following personnel matters were approved as part of the consent agenda:

Resignations

Kelly Lloyd
Ayana Harvey
Sharon Reese
Laquinitha Williams
Travis Payne
Jagan Gugulothu
Cecil Williams
Elena Carne Larenz

Employments

Spencer McDowell
Jadyn McRae
Anthony Darling
Kristal Minter
Adriatica Clark

Long Term Substitute

Delphine McGrady

Retirement

Ora D. Cooper

Transfers
Cordell Winters
Delana Price

FINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse to approve Item A-Financial Reports, Item B-Open Payables, Item C-Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report, and Item D-396 Fund Balance Revenue Report. The motion was carried unanimously. Item E, FY 2026 Tentative Budget was tabled.

PROPERTY

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes to approve the purchase of football helmets from Baker's Sports in the amount of \$11,950.00; and to football shoulder pads in the amount of \$9,000.00 using SPLOST funds. The motion was carried with six in favor, and one abstention (Mrs. Hamilton).

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Ms. Roland to approve the facility use for Dwight Harris, Dwight Harris Boys Club, to use the gymnasium and classroom at A.S. Staley Educational Complex, May 10-July 27, 2025, for a summer basketball league in the amount of \$5,000.00. The motion was not carried with two in favor (S. Roland and R. Barnes), four opposed (P. Harris, E. Jackson, C. Hamilton, and V. Kearse), and one abstention (A. Bivins).

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the facility use for Dwight Harris, Dwight Harris Boys Club, to use the gymnasium and classroom at A.S. Staley Educational Complex, May 10-July 27, 2025 for a summer basketball league in the amount of \$4,000.00. The motion was carried with five in favor (A. Bivins, P. Harris, E. Jackson, C. Hamilton, and V. Kearse), and two opposed (R. Barnes and S. Roland).

NEW BUSINESS

The approval of the agreement between ESS Southeast, LLC, and Sumter County Schools to provide LEA (Local Education Agency) services for support staff, was tabled.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton, second by Ms. Roland to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Sumter County Board of Commissioners and the Sumter County Board of Education for use of livestock equipment. The motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 8:28 p.m. by Ms. Roland; second by Mr. Jackson 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)).

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Roland; second by Mr. Barnes at 9:51 p.m. to return to open session; the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the 2025-2026 Administrative Recommendations. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the resignation of Sumter County District 7, Board Member, Ms. Sylvia Roland, effective June 30, 2025. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the resignation of the Associate Superintendent, Mr. Kimothy Hadley, effective June 30, 2025. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Hamilton. The motion was carried unanimously.



Chairman



Secretary