

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 13, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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

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

Mr. Kearsse made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Mr. Barnes; motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Minutes of June 22, 2023

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

Fund Raisers

1. Sumter County Primary School to sell cookies, candy, pencils, discount cards, pictures, on-line fundraiser/donation sites, yearbooks, t-shirts, ice cream, snacks, freeze pops and to sponsor school dances and activity days.
2. Sumter County Elementary School to sell pictures, yearbooks, doughnuts, popcorn, t-shirts, ice cream, cookie dough, freeze pops, candy, food sales, holiday items, school supplies, specialty items, and to sponsor dress-up days, adult dress-down days, Jump Rope for Heart, Relay for Life, school dances, and activity days.
3. Sumter County Intermediate School to sell pictures, yearbooks, doughnuts, popcorn, t-shirts, ice cream, cookie dough, holiday items, school supplies, and to sponsor dollar days, dress-up days, school dances, and activity days.
4. Sumter County Middle School to sell pictures, yearbooks, doughnuts, popcorn, t-shirts, ice cream, food sales, holiday items, school supplies, and to sponsor dress-up days, school dances, and activity days.

Overnight / Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Six students (SCHS FFA) to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the 96<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention, October 31-November 4, 2023. We have a student competing on the national level.

Facility Use Request

John Schroeder, Well Church of Americus, to use the gymnasium at ASHS on August 20, 2023 for a Sunday worship service. *(Fees paid & insurance secured)*

- C. RFP for Propane Fueling Station & Propane Fuel
- D. Curriculum Associates- i-Ready, Ready Math & Professional Learning (\$193,481.60 Title I & ESSER)
- E. Benchmark Literacy Digital (\$23,390.00 – ESSER)
- F. LETRS Training - SCIS (\$37,960.00 – Success Grant)
- G. Financial Report
- H. Vendor Payments – June 2023
- I. Open Payables – June 2023
- J. Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank General Fund	GA Fund 1 General Fund	GA Fund 1 Special/ Capital	Citizens Bank SPLOST 2021	Regions Bank Sales Tax 2021	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
May 31, 2023	\$15,870.50	\$7,786,774.98	\$4,549,335.64	\$3,549.57	\$0.00	\$0.00
Incoming	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120,603.24	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$786,774.98	\$0.00	\$124,152.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
June 30, 2023	\$15,870.50	\$7,000,000.00	\$4,549,335.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

- K. Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report
- L. 396 Fund Balance Revenue Report
- M. Policy AC~E – School District Organization Plan
- N. Policy JGCD – Medication
- O. 2023-2024 School Food Nutrition Handbook Revisions
- P. 23-07-07 Sumter County HVAC Mods GMP Packet
- Q. GoGuardian Annual License Renewal (\$35,372.00 – Title V
- R. Personnel Recommendations:
  - o Release from Contract  
Arthur Lee Wright
  - o Termination  
Autumn Thomas
  - o Transfer  
Vamsee Mallineni  
Carolyn Owens
  - o Employments  
Chacundria Thornton  
Mariah Walker  
Ooha Paaladuga  
Eliza Bryant  
Obidina Johnson  
Destiny Williams  
Susan Campbell  
Zari Mays  
Elizabeth Holloway  
Jamarcus Scott  
Dimeka Poole  
Britanny Whitfield  
Jasmonique Lumpkin  
Adonice Hicks  
Gabriel Brogdon  
Kadeja Davis  
Latricia White
  - o Calendar Adjustment  
Adrienne Davis
  - o Long-term Substitute  
Sharon Tyson  
Emma Lundy
  - o School Psychologist Job Description
  - o Special Education Transition Specialist Job Description
  - o Job Description Drafts
  - o 2023-2024 Activity/Academic Supplements

o 2023-2024 Athletic Supplements

S. Stipend (up to \$1000 Stipend for Summer School Staff - ESSER)

OLD BUSINESS

A motion to adopt the Sumter County Schools Strategic Plan (2023-2028) was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Ms. Bivins; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kearsse offered a motion to approve the renewal of the Fresh Start Academy Contract in the amount of \$770,000.00; second by Mr. Barnes; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the Memorandum of Understanding by and among Sumter County School District and Ignite College and Career Academy, Inc. regarding shared funding and management issues of the CEO and work-based learning positions for Ignite College and Career Academy (A Georgia College and Career Academy). The motion carried unanimously.

The 2023-2024 Student Handbooks were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearsse.

A motion was made at 7:50 p.m. by Mr. Kearsse; second by Mr. Barnes 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 8:13 p.m. by Mr. Kearsse; second by Mrs. Hamilton to return to open session; motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes to approve the addendum to the contract of employment of Superintendent Walter Knighton, with the following addition: In paragraph #8, add, the superintendent will be compensated for all unused vacation days up to 20; second by Mr. Kearsse; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearsse; second by Mr. Barnes; motion carried unanimously.

Sylvia Roland  
Chairman

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Secretary