

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2025

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mrs. Patricia Harris with the following other members present: Ms. Abbis Bivins, Mr. Rick Barnes, Mrs. Carolyn Hamilton, Mr. Vincent Kearse, and Mr. Dwight Harris. Mr. Edward Jackson participated virtually.

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

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

- A. Minutes of September 11, 18, 22, & 25, 2025
- B. School Use Requests & Overnight Field Trip Requests

FACILITY USE REQUEST

Beatrice Harris, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to use the cafeteria at Sumter County Primary School, (October, 2025-June, 2026), to host youth initiative meetings. (Fees waived, insurance to be secured)

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Approximately forty students and five chaperones (SCHS Seniors) to Orlando, FL, April 29 – May 1, 2025, for a class senior trip.

Seventy students and seven chaperones (SCHS Band) to Savannah, GA, November 7-8, 2025, to perform at the Savannah State Band Day.

Sixteen students and four chaperones (SCHS SGA/Youth Assembly) to Atlanta, GA, November 30-December 2, 2025, to participate in the Annual Youth Assembly Simulation with the Georgia Center of Civic Engagement.

Ten students and one chaperone (SCHS HOSA) to Atlanta, GA, November 14-15, 2025, to participate in the Georgia HOSA Fall Leadership Conference.

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Twenty-two students and two chaperones (SCHS Varsity Cheer) to Troy, AL, November 1, 2025, to perform at the Troy University Homecoming Parade.

- C. GLISI Partnership----Title II (\$38,500.00)
- D. Employment
- E. Resignation
- F. Family Medical Leave Act
- G. Paid Parental Leave Act
- H. Long Term Substitute
- I. Retirement

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

Employment

Jebin Paul Inbaraj

Resignation

Nena Williams-Solomon

Long Term Substitute

Stephanie Tyson

Retirement

Clyde Tullis

FINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second Mr. Barnes to approve the financial reports for October. The motion was carried with five in-favor (Barnes, Harris, Hamilton, Kearse, and Harris), and one abstention (Bivins).

Vendor Payments – September 2025
Open Payables – September 2025
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	Citizens Bank General Fund 2
August 31, 2025	\$0.00	\$8,630,753.58	\$3,764,379.80	\$99,480.00	\$0.00	\$4,027,219.53
Incoming	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500,510.13	\$3,719,452.74
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$854,865.46	\$0.00	\$998,050.04	\$500,510.13	\$5,281,832.16
September 30, 2025	\$0.00	\$7,775,888.12	\$3,764,379.80	\$99,480.00	\$0.00	\$2,464,840.11

Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report
396 Fund Balance Revenue Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 8:13 pm by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes 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 consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student’s educational records; (20 USC § 1232g; O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4)). To discuss records that are otherwise protected from disclosure under the Open Records Act and there is no reasonable means to consider the records without closing the meeting; (O.C.G.A.50-14-3(b)(4)). 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 by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton at 9:03 p.m. to return to open session; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes to approve the transfer of Ms. Vatina Reid-Williams, and a Family Medical Leave Act Request. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Barnes to approve eleven transfers to ESS. The motion was carried with six in-favor (Barnes, Harris, Jackson, Hamilton, Kearse, and Harris), and one opposed (Bivins).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes. The motion was carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary