

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 9, 2026

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Vice Chairman Carolyn Hamilton at 7:05 p.m. with the following other members present: Rick Barnes, Dwight Harris and Patricia Harris. Abbas Bivins arrived after the meeting started.

Edward Jackson arrived during Executive Session.

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

Prior to the adoption of the agenda, the Superintendent, Jerry Sanders added administrative salary schedule to the agenda. Mrs. Harris made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, which was seconded by Mr. Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items were unanimously approved with two corrections (use of vending machines, and teacher dress down days) on a motion by Mrs. Harris; seconded by Dr. Bivins:

- A. Minutes of June 18, 22, and 29, 2026
- B. Fund Raisers School Use Requests & Overnight Field Trips

Fund Raisers

Sumter County Primary School to sell pictures/school pictures, yearbooks, book fair, dollar days, t-shirts, (doughnuts, popcorn, pizza, ice cream, cookies/cookie dough, freeze pops, candy, Chips, drinks, snacks) food sales, holiday items, yellow hall car riders, school activities, food sales, school supplies/school store, specialty items, car wash, online fundraiser/donation sites, school dances/activity days, sunshine fund, adult dress-down days, vending machines, Jump Rope for Heart and Relay for Life.

Sumter County Elementary School to sell pictures/school pictures, yearbooks, book fair, dollar days, t-shirts, (doughnuts, popcorn, pizza, ice cream, cookies/cookie dough, freeze pops, candy, Chips, drinks, snacks,) food sales, holiday items, school supplies/school store, specialty items, car wash, on-line fundraiser/donation sites, school dances/activity days, sunshine fund, adult dress-down days, proceeds from use of vending machines, Jump Rope for Heart and Relay for Life.

Sumter County Intermediate School to sell t-shirts, pictures, book fair, doughnuts, candy; snacks bags, ice cream, car wash, teacher dress down days, school dances/activity days, sheets sale, Jody's Accessories, coke and chips proceeds from vending machines, hospitality, and business partners.

Sumter County Middle School to sell cookies, candy, panther celebrations, pictures, online fundraiser/donation sites, yearbooks, t-shirts, ice cream, snacks, freeze pops, and

school dances/activity days, car washes, food sales, spirit items, school paraphernalia, yard sales, clothing items, discount cards, game tickets, calendar funding match, dances, concert tickets, holiday items, magazines, grab bags, jeans pass, bedsheets, sodas, and other specialty items.

Sumter County High School to sponsor car washes, food sales, spirit items, candles, school paraphernalia, yard sales, 3K-5K Runs, clothing items, discount cards, game tickets, calendar funding match, dances, concert tickets, yearbooks, holiday items, magazines, Homecoming tailgate, and other specialty items.

Sumter County High and Middle School Athletics to sell athletic apparel and paraphernalia, banners, car washes, carnival items, candles, food and drink sales, season tickets/passes, game tickets, photos, game-day tailgates, discount cards, tumblers, 3k-5k fun runs, 12-hour fund run, holiday items, yard sales specialty items, sports program

books, advertising sales, team camps/clinics, sponsorships, softball tournaments, kickball tournaments, bed sheets, online fundraising/donation sites, calendar funding match, donation cards, dances, Spring Carnival, golf tournaments, alumni games (any sport).

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the Open-up Resources renewal instruction materials and textbooks in the amount of \$39,742 to be paid from local funds. The motion carried unanimously.

The renewal of Curriculum and Associates in the amount of \$64,268 to be paid from federal funds, was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Barnes; seconded by Mrs. Harris.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the following financial matters. The motion carried on the following vote: four in (Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Hamilton & Mr. Harris); one opposed (Dr. Bivins).

o Vendor Payments – June 2026

	GA Fund 1 General Fund	GA Fund 1 Special/ Capital	Citizens Bank SPLOST 2021	Regions Bank Sales Tax 2021	Citizens Bank General Fund 2
May 31, 2026	\$10,547,118.56	\$3,463,935.07	\$208,058.49	\$4,761,119.91	\$183,596.95
Incoming	\$2,692,793.09	\$8,023.83	\$0.00	459,548.46	\$1,842,908.91
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$2,932,425.80	\$122,665.41	\$2,926,207.51	\$454,831.58
June 30, 2026	\$13,239,911.65	\$539,533.10	\$85,393.08	\$2,294,460.86	\$1,571,674.28

- o Preliminary Cash Flow Report
- o Open Payables – June 2026
- o Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report
- o 396 Fund Balance
- o Revenue Report
- o SPLOST 2021
- o School Food Nutrition Report
- o Transportation Report

The revised Policy JCEB – Student Hearing Procedure, which adds the use of a tribunal officer, was unanimously tabled for 30 days on a motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mrs. Harris.

On a motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Dr. Bivins, the Board unanimously declared items from the Transportation Maintenance Department as surplus property to be sold as salvage metal.

Bus 15-56 transmission replacement in the amount of \$13,904.70 to be paid from local funds was unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Barnes; seconded by Mrs. Harris.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harris; second by Mr. Barnes to approve the Cloud59 Networks Firewall Protection Renewal for \$65,500 to be paid from local funds; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A Memorandum of Understanding between Middle Flint Health & Wellness (MFHW) Community Services Board (CSB) and Sumter County School District was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Harris; seconded by Dr. Bivins.

The 2026-2027 Student Dress Code was unanimously approved on a motion made by Dr. Bivins; seconded by Mrs. Harris.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 8:26 p.m. by Mrs. Harris; seconded by Mr. Barnes to enter into executive session for the following reasons, as read by the vice 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)). The motion was carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made at 9:44 p.m. by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Harris to return to open session; motion was carried unanimously.

The following personnel matters were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mrs. Harris:

Employments

Kimberly Barrett
Tiara Willis
Maria Garcia Favela
Lakeia Taylor
Tykeria Daniel

Resignations

Ashley Wilson
April Williams Smith
Antwaun Price

Transfers

	Transfer from	Transfer to	Location
Alleyah Sims	Counselor (210-220)	Social Worker	C.O.
Kyler Phelps	Counselor (200-220)	Social Worker	C.O.
Tawanna Tyson	SCIS	Counselor	SCES
Brooks Robinson	Intervention Services Coor.	Director of Student Services	C.O.
Jessica Gavel	School Counselor (SCES)	School Counselor	SCIS
Marcus Wise II	Math EIP (SCES)	Math Teacher	SCIS
Marcus Arnett	ELA Teacher (SCES)	REP ELA	SCMS

Contracted Services

Alexus Burton-Willis
Robert Morgan

The 2026-2027 Academic and Athletic Supplements were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Harris.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Harris; seconded by Mr. Jackson; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary