

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2024

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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

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. Kears offered a motion to elect Mrs. Patricia Harris for chairman; second by Ms. Bivins. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Harris was unanimously elected as chairman.

Mrs. Harris assumed the office of chairman and asked for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Kears nominated Mr. Jackson; second by Mr. Barnes. There being no further nominations, Mr. Jackson was unanimously elected as vice chairman.

The chairman called for nominations for school board attorney for school matters. Mr. Barnes recommended law firm Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger & Nguyen, LLP.; second by Mr. Kears. The nomination was approved unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Kears motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Mrs. Harris; and the vote was carried unanimously.

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

- A. Minutes of December 14, 2023
- B. Fund Raisers, School Use Requests & Overnight Field Trip Requests
- C. Financial Report
 - o Vendor Payments – December 2023
 - o Open Payables – December 2023
 - o 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
Nov. 30, 2023	\$15,870.50	\$7,500,000.00	\$4,651,090.29	\$0.00	\$475,018.28	\$2,652,139.34
Incoming	\$0.00	\$2,950,000.00	\$21,167.42	\$462,058.48	\$475,957.30	\$10,342,655.01
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$462,535.42	\$453,843.26	\$8,452,699.77
Dec. 31, 2023	\$15,870.50	\$10,000,000.00	\$4,671,733.99	\$0.00	\$464,909.32	\$3,512,449.16

- o Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report
- o 396 Fund Balance Revenue Report
- D. Teacher & Support Staff Retention Supplement (Total \$833,085)
- E. Sophos Central Intercept X Advanced Renewal (\$24,909.20)

F. Personnel Matters

Resignations

Destiny Williams
Ali Montilla

Transfers

Betty Allen
Raska Tahiyat
Kelly Lloyd

Employments

Jamee Robinson
Charles Shingle
Wendy Adams
Perry Burton

Long Term Substitute

Gloria Wakefield

Family Medical Leave Act

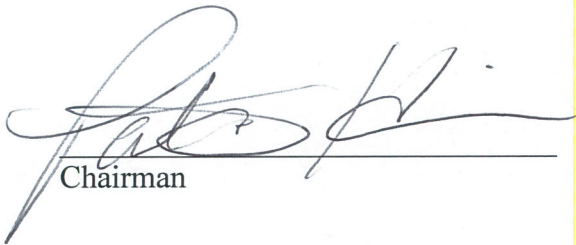
NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Jackson to approve the Sumter County Board of Education Meetings Calendar for 2024, with adjustments made from December 9th and 12th to December 3rd and 5th. The motion was approved unanimously.

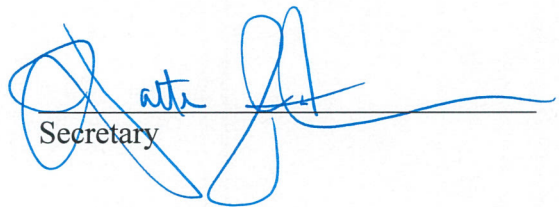
A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the purchase of three (3) vehicles according to transportation plan (Maintenance Dept. 2024 Truck-\$60,459, Technology Dept. 2024 Van-\$44,330, and Transportation Dept. 2024 Truck-\$67,357) for a total of \$172,146. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes to approve the resolution to local act and the legislation to increase compensation for board members. Board compensation will increase from \$200.00 to \$500.00 a month, and the professional learning allowance will increase from \$2,500.00 to \$4000.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Barnes; motion was carried unanimously.



Chairman



Secretary