

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

JUNE 22, 2026

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The called meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Carolyn Hamilton with the following other members present: Dwight Harris, Edward Jackson and Vincent Kearse.

Members absent: Abbis Bivins, Rick Barnes & Patricia Harris

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

Before the adoption of the agenda, Mr. Kearse made a motion to add the appointment of Jerry Jamal Sanders, Sr. as Superintendent of Sumter County Schools under New Business. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion carried unanimously, and the agenda was adopted as amended.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the additional 2026-2027 contracted services to be paid from IDEA funding. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to appoint Jerry Jamal Sanders, Sr. as Superintendent of Sumter County Schools beginning July 1, 2026 was made by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mr. Harris; motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 5:39 p.m. by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Kearse 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 5:47 p.m. by Mr. Kearse and seconded by Mr. Jackson to return to open session; motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mr. Jackson; motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman 
Secretary 