

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 pm by Mr. Rick Barnes with the following other members present: Ms. Abbis Bivins, Mr. Vincent Kearse, and Mr. Dwight Harris.

Mrs. Carolyn Hamilton and Mrs. Patricia Harris participated virtually. Mr. Edward Jackson participated virtually, but entered the meeting at 7:37 pm.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 6:04 pm by Mr. Kearse; second by Ms. Bivins 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 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)).

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson; second by Mr. Kearse at 7:32 p.m. to return to open session; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris to approve a recommendation of a personnel matter. The motion was carried with six in-favor (Bivins, Harris, Jackson, Hamilton, Kearse, and Harris), and one opposed (Barnes).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Jackson. The motion was carried unanimously.


Chairman
Secretary