

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

May 19, 2025

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The called meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Patricia Harris at 5:32 pm with the following other members present: Carolyn Hamilton, Abbis Bivins, Rick Barnes, and Vincent Kears. Edward Jackson entered at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Sylvia Roland was absent.

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

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

FACILITY USE REQUESTS

A motion by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kears to approve Eddy Coley, Life Transformation Ministry, Inc. to use three classrooms and the cafeteria at A.S. Staley Educational Complex, June 3-July 18, 2025 for a youth summer camp. The fees are paid, and insurance secured. The motion did not carry with one in-favor, one oppose (Barnes), two abstentions (Harris, and Kears).

A motion by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kears to approve Eddy Coley, Life Transformation Ministry, Inc. to use three classrooms at A.S. Staley Educational Complex, June 3-July 18, 2025 for a youth summer camp. The fees are paid, and insurance secured. The motion was carried with four in-favor (Bivins, Harris, Hamilton, and Kears), one opposed (Barnes).

The facility use for Jessakeetha Maddox to use the gymnasium at Americus-Sumter High School Campus, June 14, 2025, for a youth day and dance recital. The fees are paid, and insurance secured. The item was approved with four in-favor (Bivins, Barnes, Harris, and Kears), and one abstention (Hamilton).

A motion was made by Mr. Kears; second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve Eugene Edge, Sumter County NAACP, to us the gymnasium at Sumter County High School, June 21, 2025 for the Sumter County NAACP Freedom Fund Gala. The fees are paid, and insurance secured. The motion was carried unanimously.

CURRICULUM

A motion was motion was made by Mr. Kears; second by Mr. Barnes to approve the W.I.N. summer school additional teachers’ pay in the amount of \$28,000.00 using QBE funds. The motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Kears; second by Mr. Barnes to approve the Preliminary Cash Flow Report for the month of April. The motion was carried unanimously.

	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
March 27, 2025	\$0.00	\$14,541,185.34	\$3,696,183.68	\$0.00	\$407,206.66	\$1,969,847.27
Incoming	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240,582.93	\$446,581.11	\$5,247,551.86
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240,582.93	\$407,899.20	\$1,969,847.27
April 30, 2025	\$0.00	\$14,541,185.34	\$3,696,183.68	\$0.00	\$445,888.57	\$1,758,118.54

A motion was made by Mr. Kears; second by Mr. Jackson to approve the Vendor Payments for April 2025, with the exception of the Vendor #12089. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Banes to approve Vendor #12089. The motion was not carried with six oppose (Bivins, Barnes, Jackson, Hamilton, and Kearse), and one abstention (Harris).

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the FY 2026 Tentative Budget in the amount of \$56,033,310.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the agreement between ESS Southeast, LLC, and Sumter County Schools to provide LEA (Local Education Agency) services for support staff. The motion was carried with five in-favor (Harris, Barnes, Jackson, Hamilton, and Kearse), and one oppose (Bivins).

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the equipment for the Agricultural Facility and Cannery, not to exceed \$807,791.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the additional work to Sumter County Middle School's gym renovations in the amount of \$1,086,228.00 using SPLOST funds. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:26 pm by Mr. Kearse, second by Mr. Jackson 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)). The motion was carried unanimously.

#### OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse at 7:59 p.m. to return to open session. The motion was carried unanimously.

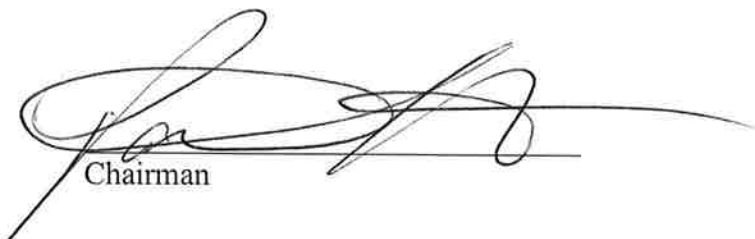
#### PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the resignation of the following personnel:

Calvin Poole  
Lakeshia Jackson  
Tiffany Pless  
Markita Cooper

The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Jackson. The motion was carried unanimously.



Chairman



Secretary