

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mrs. Patricia Harris with the following other members present: Ms. Abbis Bivins, Mr. Rick Barnes, Mrs. Carolyn Hamilton, Mr. Vincent Kearse, and Mr. Dwight Harris.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton to adopt the agenda, second by Mr. Barnes. The motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 6:02 pm by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes 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 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 Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse at 8:07 pm to return to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the resentment of a personnel matter approved on September 18, 2025. The motion carried with (Bivins, Barnes, Mrs. Harris, Jackson, Hamilton), one abstention (Kearse), and one opposed (Mr. Harris)

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris to approve a recommendation of a personnel matter. The motion was not carried with three in-favor (Barnes, Mrs. Harris, and Hamilton), two abstentions (Kearse, and Jackson), and two opposed (Bivins, and Mr. Harris).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes. The motion was carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary