

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER, 11, 2021

7:00 PM

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Rick Barnes with the following other members present: Carolyn Hamilton, Abbis Bivins, Patricia Harris, Vincent Kearse, and Mr. Jim Reid.

Member absent: Mrs. Sylvia Roland

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to adopt the agenda; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kearse made a motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on October 14 & 25, 2021 second by Mr. Reid; motion carried unanimously.

The following overnight field trip requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Reid; second by Mrs. Kearse:

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

1. Sixteen students (SCHS Competition Cheerleaders) to Madison, Georgia, November 12-13, 2021 to participate in the Georgia State Sectionals Cheer Competition.
2. Fourteen students (SCHS Boys Basketball Team) to Marietta, Georgia, December 18-21, 2021 to compete in a basketball tournament.
3. Fourteen students (SCHS Boys Basketball Team) to Atlanta, Georgia, December 27-28, 2021 to compete in a basketball tournament.
4. Fourteen students (SCHS Boys Basketball Team) to Tifton, Georgia, December 28-29, 2021 to compete in a basketball tournament.
5. Fifteen students (SCHS CTAE/FCCLA) to Atlanta, Georgia, March 24-26, 2022 to participate in the state leadership conference.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for October 2021 along with the following preliminary cash flow report were unanimously approved upon recommendation of the committee:

Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank General Fund	GA Fund I General Fund	GA Fund I New HS Construction	Citizens Bank Construction 2015	Regions Bank Sales Tax	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
September 30, 2021	\$15,870.50	\$2,250,000.00	\$4,450,000.00	\$372,353.31	\$403,509.07	\$0.00
Incoming	\$7,953.83	\$275,777.91	\$439.57	\$1,371,030.78	\$398,360.83	\$0.00
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$277.91	\$1,450,439.57	\$1,567,143.22	\$801,869.90	\$0.00
October 31, 2021	\$23,824.33	\$2,525,500.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$176,240.87	\$0.00	\$0.00

The FY 2022 Amended Final Budget was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

The committee recommended approval of a supplement for three employees who are required to attend school board meetings to be retroactive to July 1, 2021. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

Personnel matters were deferred to discussion in executive session.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee recommended the purchase of one school bus in the amount of \$110,700; motion carried unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

A recommendation was made by the committee to approve spending of the FCC Emergency Connectivity Funds Grant (\$487,291); motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kearse made a motion to purchase touchless water fountains for school buildings in the amount of \$39,532.92; second by Mrs. Hamilton; motion carried unanimously.

The Sumter County Schools mask mandate was reviewed. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to approve a Partnership Agreement between Alabama State University and Sumter County Schools for field experience; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to approve the COVID-19 Vaccination Incentive for all Sumter County Schools employees who have been fully vaccinated by December 13, 2021 in the amount of \$500; second by Mrs. Harris. The motion carried five in favor (Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kearse, Mr. Barnes & Ms. Bivins) and one opposed (Mr. Reid).

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to approve Elevate K-12 for 6th grade English Language Arts at Sumter County Intermediate School in the amount of \$44,000; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made at 8:14 p.m. by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris to go 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) or to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize ordering an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)). The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 8:47 p.m. by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris to return to open session; motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following personnel recommendations were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee:

Resignations

- Ross Couch
- Kimberla Anthony
- Sarah Crist
- Gerald Harp
- Candice Ellis

Rescindment of Job Offer

- Twanna Ford

Transfer

- Willie Hooks

Employments

Jada Harpe
Tamara Tyson
Nakia Watts
JoAnn Trujillo

Family Medical Leave Act Requests

Seven employees

Long Term Substitute

Beverly Ross

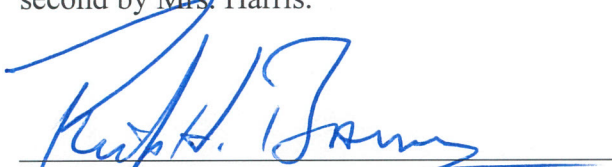
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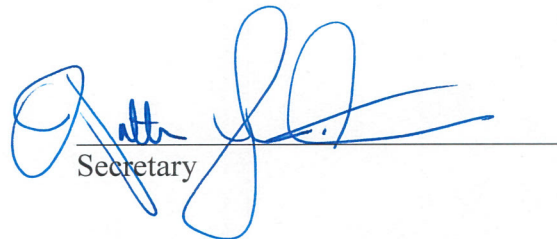
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The personnel committee recommended approval for an administrative support position to be filled as soon as possible; motion carried unanimously.

The committee recommended Mr. Walter Knighton as Superintendent of Sumter County Schools effective November 12, 2021; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris.


Chairman


Secretary