SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2026

12:00 NOON

MINUTES

The called meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chair, Abbis Bivins at 12:00 noon with the following other members present: Carolyn Hamilton, Rick Barnes, Dwight Harris, Edward Jackson and Vincent Kearse. Patricia Harris entered the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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

Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. D. Harris. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Progress Learning in the amount of $22,912.50 to be paid with QBE funds; motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the K-12 Tutorial for $36,450 (federal funding) was made by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mr. Barnes. The motion carried on the following vote: six in favor (Mr. Kearse, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Jackson, Mr. D. Harris & Mrs. P. Harris); one opposed (Dr. Bivins).

The Unified Literacy Plan was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; seconded by Mr. Kearse.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the District Winter Leadership Retreat in the amount of $23,802.38 to be paid with federal funds. The motion carried unanimously.

The contract with Marion County Board of Education for Deaf/Hearing Services was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mr. Harris.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 12:43 p.m. by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mr. D. Harris 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)). The motion was carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made at 1:04 p.m. by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mrs. Hamilton to return to open session; motion was carried unanimously.

The following personnel matters, with one correction, were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mrs. Hamilton; seconded by Mr. Jackson:

Employments
Valerie Trice
Elena Gomez

Resignations
Maria Garcia Favela

Transfer
Johnny Genwright

Contracted Services
Charlette Pines
Nancy Cochran

Brenda Mansfield
Connie Whitehead
Stephanie Tyson
Ella Perry

Long Term Substitutes
LaDonna Taylor
C. Pam Fields

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mrs. Hamilton; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Secretary