

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2025

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Edward Jackson with the following other members present: Ms. Abbis Bivins, Mr. Rick Barnes, Mrs. Carolyn Hamilton, and Mr. Dwight Harris. Mrs. Patricia Harris and Mr. Vincent Kearsse participated virtually.

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

The following consent agenda items were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Hamilton:

- A. Minutes of November 13, 2025
- B. School Use Requests & Overnight Field Trip Requests

FACILITY USE REQUEST

Dwight Harris (SCPRD) to use the gymnasium at Sumter County Primary, A.S. Staley Complex, and the Old Americus Sumter High School, the month of December, for basketball practices. (Fees waived, Insurance secured)

OVERNIGHT/OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Approximately one hundred students and ten chaperones from Beyond the Bell (21st Century Afterschool Program), will travel to The Legacy Museum, Montgomery, AL, on Saturday, December 13, 2025, to tour the museum and experience its history.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Thirty students and three chaperones (SCHS Varsity/Junior Varsity Cheerleaders) to the Georgia State Farm Arena, Atlanta, GA, December 23-24, 2025, to cheer during the boys' basketball tournament games, and to attend the Atlanta Hawks game.

- C. Financial Reports
- D. Open Payables – November 2025
- E. Georgia Education Workers' Compensation Trust Renewal (\$188,045.56)
- F. SB 68 Corrective Action Plan
- G. Tyler Technologies, Inc. Renewal (\$10,455.55) SPLOST
- H. Request for Proposal E-RATE 5-Year Cycle for Category 1 & 2.
- I. Employments
- J. Resignations
- K. Family Medical Leave Requests
- L. Long Term Substitutes
- M. Retirement

The following personnel matters were approved as part of the consent agenda:

Employment

Schettaka Davis
Gladys Sailaja Merugumalla
Phoenecia Cummings
Shirley Williams
Willie Hunter

Resignation

Adriatica Clark
Devendar Daranath
Carlicia Johnson

Long Term Substitute

Jerita Stalvey

Stephanie Tyson

Retirement
Gayla Braziel

FINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes, second by Ms. Bivins to approve the following financial reports ending November 2025. The motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Reports Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	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
October 31, 2025	\$0.00	\$7,870,835.38	\$3,804,878.69	\$21,929.98	\$469,428.69	\$771,957.85
Incoming	\$0.00	\$18,253.73	\$12,522.14	\$355,257.59	\$461,288.93	\$7,957,712.00
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$4,419,000.00	\$0.00	\$272,067.59	\$483,665.95	\$4,721,809.85
October 31, 2025	\$0.00	\$3,470,089.11	\$3,817,400.83	\$105,119.98	\$447,098.30	\$4,007,860.00

Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report 396 Fund Balance Revenue Report Vendor Payments – November 2025

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes to approve the agreement between This Works, Inc. and Sumter County Schools to provide professional, comprehensive training in Restorative Practices. (\$49,500.00) Title V. With there being no second on the motion, the motion did not carry.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:40 pm by Mrs. Hamilton; 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 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 by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Ms. Bivins at 8:37 p.m. to return to open session; the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Ms. Bivins. The motion was carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary