

# SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 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 Mrs. Patricia Harris with the following other members present: Ms. Abbis Bivins, Mr. Rick Barnes, Mr. Edward Jackson, Mrs. Carolyn Hamilton, and Mr. Dwight Harris. Mr. Vincent Kearse participated virtually.

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

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

- A. Minutes of October 9, 2025 & October 29, 2025
- B. Fund Raisers, School Use Requests & Overnight Field Trip Requests

#### FUNDRAISER

The Panther Nation Football Booster Club to host a 2025 Playoff Fundraiser, November 10-18, 2025. The Panther Nation Football Booster Club will sell raffle tickets at \$10 or get donations at \$26 for the football team as they get ready for the playoffs.

#### FACILITY USE REQUEST

Vickki Pigeon to use the cafeteria at Sumter County High School, November 22, 2025, for a Class of 2026 brunch. (Fees waived)

#### OVERNIGHT/FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Four students and one chaperone (SCHS CTAE/FCCLA) to Covington, GA, November 11-12, 2025, to attend and participate in the FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference.

Three students and one chaperone (SCHS FBLA) to Athens, GA, November 18-19, 2025, to attend the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference. This conference will help members develop leadership skills, personal and professional goals, train officers, participate in competitive events, and learn from other FBLA members.

Fifteen students and three chaperones (SCHS Engage Youth in Government) to Atlanta, GA, March 1-3, 2026, to participate and be a part of the Civic Sunrise Grant that promotes specialized areas of academics with real life scenarios.

Fifteen students and one chaperone (SCHS CTAE/FCCLA) to Columbus, GA, March 25-26, 2026, to attend and compete in the FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

#### OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Thirty-four students and four chaperones (SCMS Chorus) to Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL, November 18, 2025, to attend the Matinee Musical Theatre performance of Camp Logan, a powerful story of the 24th Infantry Regiment.

- C. Schools Quarterly Reports
- D. Approval to dispose of by on-line auction through govdeals.com surplus property\_3-Buses
- E. Gaggle.Net, Inc.----Title V (\$16,074.00)
- F. Employments
- G. Resignations
- H. Long Term Substitutes
- I. Family Medical Leave Act Requests

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

Employments

Azad Shekav Maidam  
Jessica Gavel  
Timothy Perry

Long Term Substitutes

Lakeia Taylor  
Casandra Dice  
Valerie Trice

Resignations

Anita West  
Edward Horn  
Felecia Smith

FINANCE

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

Financial Reports  
Vendor Payments – October 2025  
Open Payables – October 2025  
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
September 30, 2025	\$0.00	\$8,630,753.58	\$3,764,379.80	\$202,273.01	\$483,619.32	\$2,464,840.11
Incoming	\$0.00	\$27,640.84	\$40,498.89	\$0.00	\$469,475.32	\$4,455,480.42
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$787,559.04	\$0.00	\$180,343.03	\$483,665.95	\$6,148,362.68
October 31, 2025	\$0.00	\$7,870,835.38	\$3,804,878.69	\$21,929.98	\$469,428.69	\$771,957.85

Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report  
396 Fund Balance Revenue Report

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the FY26 Amended Budget. The motion was carried with four in-favor (Barnes, Jackson, Kearse, and Harris), and two abstentions (Bivins, and Hamilton).

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Barnes to approve the Memorandum of Understanding concerning affiliation of students for educational field experiences on the part of the Sumter County School System in the state of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as “District”, and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia, Mary France Early College of Education, hereinafter referred to as “University”. The motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

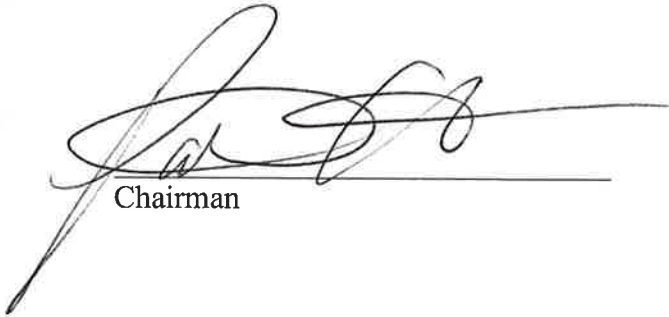
A motion was made at 8:21 pm by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse to enter into executive session for the following reasons as read by the chairman: To discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)). To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student’s educational records; (20 USC § 1232g; O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4))). To discuss records that are otherwise protected from disclosure under the Open Records Act and there is no reasonable means to consider the records without closing the meeting; (O.C.G.A.50-14-3(b)(4)). 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

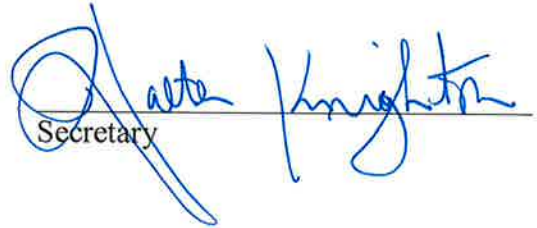
A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Ms. Bivins at 10:16 p.m. to return to open session; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Ms. Bivins to approve a Family Medical Leave Act Request. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Ms. Bivins. The motion was carried unanimously.



Chairman



Secretary