

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 17, 2025

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was opened at 7:02 pm by Chairman Patricia Harris with the following other members present: Carolyn Hamilton, Vincent Kears, Rick Barnes, and Sylvia Roland. Edward Jackson entered at 7:23 pm.

Abbis Bivins participated virtually.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Roland, second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the agenda. Upon discussion, Mr. Barnes recommend to remove the 2025-2026 Teacher Recommendations form the consent agenda and be placed under personnel to be voted on separately. Mr. Jackson also recommended to remove Item D, Vendor Payments, Vendor #12089 to be discussed in executive session, with all other vendors remaining on the consent agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes, second by Mr. Kears to adopt the consent agenda with 2025-2026 Teacher Recommendations placed under personnel and Item D Vendor #12089 moved to executive session for discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items were unanimously approved:

- A. Minutes of March 13, 2025 & March 31, 2025
- B. Fund Raisers, School Use Requests & Overnight Field Trips

FACILITY USE REQUEST

Dr. Deatrice Harris, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to use the gymnasium at Sumter County Primary School, June, 1, 2025, for the Jabberwock Pageant. *(Fees waived, and Insurance secured)*

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Fourteen students (SCHS JROTC) to (GMC) Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, GA, May 27-30, 2025, to participate in a JROTC Summer Camp.

- C. Financial Reports
- D. Vendor Payments – March 2025
- E. Open Payables – March 2025
- F. 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
February 28, 2025	\$0.00	\$14,500,000.00	\$3,683,674.68	\$0.00	\$541,735.93	\$2,879,367.87
Incoming	\$0.00	\$41,185.34	\$12,509.00	\$249,583.99	\$409,459.86	\$5,247,551.86
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249,583.99	\$543,989.13	\$1,969,847.27
March 27, 2025	\$0.00	\$14,541,185.34	\$3,696,183.68	\$0.00	\$407,206.66	\$1,969,847.27

- G. Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report
- H. 396 Fund Balance Revenue Report
- I. Insurance Renewal extended to renew on July 1, 2025
- J. Turfplaner of Georgia – Local (\$18,000.00)
- K. Resignations
- L. Military Leave
- M. Employments

- N. Family Medical Leave Act
- O. Long-Term Substitutes
- P. Retirement
- Q. Approval and Acceptance of the Sumter County Primary School re-roofing bid.
SPLOST---(583,472.16)
- R. Approval School Safety Grant Items to total \$47,124.00 per school. (FY25 School Security Grant)
- S. Approval of shared cost of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLGCP) through Georgia Emergency and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS). Pending approval of the grant. SPLOST---(\$117,416.00)
- T. Approval of the agreement between the Sumter County Schools and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, on behalf of Georgia Southern University for Field Experiences and Internships.

PERSONNEL

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

Resignations

Carolyn Brown
 Eliza Bryant
 Catherine Daniels
 Raquel Ewings
 Peggy Franklin
 Yolynda Gardner-Sanford
 Kiegler, Brent
 Lisa Law
 Susan Quinet
 Arlissa Bullard
 Laney Griffin
 Kaneisha Meadows
 Mackenzie Edgcombe
 Martha Savage
 Andre Walton
 Jerita Stalvey
 Nikiya Lewis
 Toni Brown

Employments

Roy Augustian
 Eleanor Mizell
 Melissa Mizell
 Chelsey Kimbrough
 Lexie Wall
 Jade Sims
 Eliza Long
 T'aisha Brown

Long Term Substitutes

Chelsey Kimbrough
 Yashica McCoy
 Mary Frances Hayes

Retirement

Jeremiah Lyles

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse, second by Ms. Roland to approve the proposal from Laneback & Company, Inc. to appraise the value of the old Americus Sumter High School campus in the amount \$16,000.00 with local funds. The motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:58 by Mr. Kearse; second by Ms. Roland 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 Ms. Roland at 9:00 p.m. to return to open session; the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL


A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; by Ms. Roland to approve the FY 2025-2026 Teacher Recommendations with the exception of Jarret Barnes, Uniek Crumbly, and Sherri Harris to be voted on separately. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton to accept the teacher recommendation of Jarret Barnes at Sumter County Intermediate School. The motion was approved with six in favor (P. Harris, E. Jackson, A. Bivins, C. Hamilton, V. Kearse, and S. Roland); one abstention (R. Barnes).

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes to accept the teacher recommendation of Uniek Crumbly at Sumter County Middle School, and Sherri Harris at Sumter County High School. The motion was approved with six in favor (E. Jackson, A. Bivins, R. Barnes, C. Hamilton, V. Kearse, and S. Roland); one abstention (P. Harris).

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Ms. Roland to approve the Vendor Payment, Item #12089 the was pulled for executive session. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse. The motion was carried unanimously.



Chairman



Secretary