

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2022

7:00 PM

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent, Mr. Walter Knighton with the following board members present: Rick Barnes, Carolyn Hamilton, Abbis Bivins, Vincent Kears and Sylvia Roland.

Patricia Harris participated virtually.

A moment of silence was observed.

BOARD ELECTIONS

As required by policy, the annual board elections for chairman and vice chairman were conducted. Superintendent Knighton declared all positions open and asked for nominations for chairman. Mr. Barnes nominated Mrs. Hamilton for chairman. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Hamilton was elected unanimously.

Mrs. Hamilton assumed the office of chairman and asked for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Kears nominated Mrs. Roland. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Roland was unanimously elected as vice chairman.

The chairman called for nominations for school board attorney for school matters. Mr. Barnes recommended the law firm of Harben, Hartley and Hawkins. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Mr. Barnes nominated Gatewood, Skipper and Rambo for local matters. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Roland nominated the Americus-Times Recorder as the weekly legal organ. The nomination was approved five in favor and one opposed (Ms. Bivins).

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

The consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on December 9 & 14, 2021 was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kears.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for December 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 1 General Fund	GA Fund 1 New HS Construction	Citizens Bank Construction 2015	Regions Bank Sales Tax 2015	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
Nov. 30, 2021	\$15,870.50	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$166,650.82	\$0.00	\$0.00
Incoming	\$0.00	\$5,500,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$403,492.35	\$0.00
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	89,711.34	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dec. 31, 2021	\$15,870.50	\$8,500,000.00	\$3,025,000.00	\$76,939.48	\$403,492.35	\$0.00

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Personnel matters were deferred to Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearsse to extend the Sumter County Schools' mask mandate until the end of the 3rd nine-weeks, March 15, 2022; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Kearsse to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement between Sumter County Schools and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office; second by Mrs. Harris; motion carried unanimously.

The 2022 Calendar for Sumter County Board of Education meetings was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Kearsse.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearsse to approve the redistricting maps process; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made at 7:24 p.m. by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearsse 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

Mrs. Harris entered the meeting during Executive Session

A motion was made at 8:08 p.m. by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Kearsse to return to open session; motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

Resignations

Alice Alexander
Warren Bruce
Mike Wilson
Shane Bush
Sheila Green

Employment

Marilynn Waters

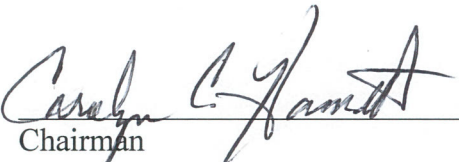
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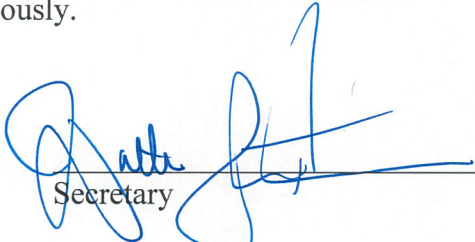
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Salary Adjustment

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Harris; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary