

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

MARCH 30, 2026

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The called meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Abbis Bivins with the following other members present: Carolyn Hamilton, Rick Barnes, Dwight Harris, Patricia Harris, Edward Jackson, and Vincent Kears.

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

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Jackson.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Harris to approve the acceptance of HB 68 Mental Health Grant funds for the Cartwheel Health Services Agreement for two years in the amount of \$40,000 to begin May 1, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 5:40 p.m. by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kears 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 Mr. Barnes, second by Mrs. Harris at 6:22 p.m. to return to open session; motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kears and second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the military leave as recommended; motion carried unanimously.

The FY 2026-2027 Non-Renewals were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Kears; second by Mr. Barnes.

The FY 2026-2027 Teacher Recommendations with the exceptions of Jarret Barnes and Sherri Harris were approved unanimously on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mrs. Harris.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kears to approve the employment of Jarret Barnes for FY 2026-2027. The motion was approved on the following vote: six in favor (Mrs. Hamilton; Mr. Kears, Ms. Bivins, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Jackson & Mr. Harris); and one abstention (Mr. Barnes).

A motion was made by Mr. Kears; second by Mr. Barnes to approve the employment of Sherri Harris for 2026-2027. The motion was approved on the following vote: six in favor (Mrs. Hamilton; Mr. Kears, Ms. Bivins, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Jackson & Mr. Harris); and one abstention (Mrs. Harris).

The approval of two addition FY 2026-2027 administrative recommendations were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Kears; second by Mrs. Harris.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kears. The motion was carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary