

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

MARCH 23, 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, Edward Jackson, and Vincent Kears.

Patricia Harris participated virtually.

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

Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Barnes; and the motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; seconded by Mr. Kears to approve the job description for school psychologist; motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 6:19 p.m. by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Jackson 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 at 7:25 p.m. by Mr. Barnes, second by Mr. Harris to return to open session; motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kears and second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Retirement

Molly Speir

Resignations

Trelanie Nevill

Eugenia Collins

Transfer

Miracle Campbell-McCook

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Termination

Marquis Williams

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Harris to approve the FY 2026-2027 administrative recommendations with changes as presented. The motion passed six in favor (Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Harris, Mr. Kears, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Barnes, and Mrs. Harris); one opposed (Ms. Bivins).

A motion was made by Mr. Kears; second by Mr. Barnes to approve one interim salary justification and to approve the Administrative Assistant to the Human Resources Director; motion carried unanimously.


The additional responsibilities for Special Programs Director (SPHERE Executive Oversight) were approved unanimously on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; seconded by Mr. Harris.

The FY 2026 salary supplemental pay for employees from state and local funds was unanimously approved as recommended on a motion made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the one-time custodian salary supplemental pay for all custodians who were employed at the time of the award. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barnes; seconded by Mr. Kearse; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary