

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 17, 2021

7:00 PM

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Rick Barnes with the following other members present: Carolyn Hamilton, Patricia Harris, Vincent Kears, Jim Reid and Sylvia Roland. Abbas Bivins participated in the meeting remotely.

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

Dr. Torrance Choates, Superintendent, provided the superintendent's report.

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

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2021 by Mrs. Roland; second by Mrs. Hamilton; motion carried unanimously.

The following fund raisers, overnight field trip and facility use request were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Kears:

FUND RAISERS

1. Sumter County Primary School to sell pictures, yearbooks, doughnuts, popcorn, t-shirts, ice cream, early pick up/drop off tags, school supplies and sponsor dress up days, Jump Rope for Heart, Relay for Life activities, school dances and activity days, July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.
2. Sumter County Elementary School to sell pictures, t-shirts, pencils, specialty items, adult dress-down days, popcorn, cookie dough, donuts, freeze pops and sponsor Jump Rope for Heart, Relay for Life activities, book fairs and activity days, August 2, 2021 – May 31, 2022.
3. Sumter County Middle School to sell pictures, yearbooks, snacks, soft drinks, t-shirts, ice cream, apparel, school supplies and sponsor dress-up days, school dances/activity days, August 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022.
4. Sumter County Middle School FFA to sell honey, meat sticks, t-shirts, birdhouses, picnic tables, homemade soup, olive oil, castile, goat milk, coconut oil, hand sanitizer, plants and baby chickens, August 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022.

FACILITY USE REQUEST

Uneik Crumbley to use ASHS Football Stadium July 10, 2021 for a football camp. *(Fees paid & insurance secured)*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The following matters were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee:

1. 2021-2022 Student Handbook Revisions
2. K-8 Math Curriculum Adoption (\$50,000 CARES Act funds)
3. Social Emotional Learning/Pan aroma (\$44,000 CARES Act funds)
4. Renewal of Modern Teacher Agreement

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for May 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	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
April 30, 2021	\$14,856.50	\$4,850,000.00	\$9,805,000.00	\$853.15	\$1,108,681.62	\$0.00
Incoming	\$12,108.09	\$10,000.00	\$2,384,823.29	\$0.70	\$444,222.66	\$41.02
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,601,238.29	\$0.00	\$1,108,714.37	\$18,110.75
May 31, 2021	\$26,964.59	\$4,860,000.00	\$9,805,000.00	\$853.85	\$444,189.91	\$0.00

The FY 2021-2022 final budget was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The personnel recommendations were deferred until after discussions in executive session.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Upon the recommendation of the committee, the 30-day rule of placing a policy on the table was waived, and unanimously approved the following policies:

- Policy IDE (3) – Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12
- Policy GARHB – Paid Parental Leave

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Five buses, two vans and a truck were unanimously declared surplus, and to be placed on Govdeals.com for auction.

The committee recommended approval of two scoreboards for practice gyms at the new high school; motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The superintendent recommended Fresh Start Alternative Program for Sumter County Schools. A motion was made by Ms. Bivins to approve the two-year contract from Fresh Start in the amount of \$670,000 per year; second by Mr. Kearse. The motion carried on the following vote: four in favor (Ms. Bivins, Mr. Kearse, Mrs. Hamilton & Mrs. Roland); two opposed (Mr. Barnes & Mr. Reid); and one abstention (Mrs. Harris).

NEW BUSINESS

A Memorandum of Understanding between Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc. Head Start Program and Sumter County Board of Education was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mrs. Harris.

A motion was made by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Kearse to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Albany State University’s Stronger Together SWGA Project and Sumter County High School; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hamilton offered a motion; second by Mr. Kearse allowing the Sumter County Board of Education to accept the 14.28% of the original funding amount and 15.65% of the annual payments received from Samsung Solar PILOT. The motion carried on the following vote: Six in favor (Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Kearse, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Roland & Ms. Bivins); one opposed (Mr. Reid).

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Roland to accept 14.28% of the original funding amount and 15.65% of the annual payments received from Recurrent Solar PILOT. The motion carried on the following vote: Six in favor (Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Kearse, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Roland & Ms. Bivins); one opposed (Mr. Reid).

Mr. Kearse offered a motion to approve the School Clinical Staffing Agreement between Phoebe Medical Center, Inc. and Sumter County Board of Education; second by Mrs. Harris; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the Special Education Team Leader Incentive Supplement of \$1,000; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made at 8:03 p.m. by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Kearse 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

A motion was made at 8:20 p.m. by Mrs. Roland to go back into open session; second by Mr. Kearse; motion carried unanimously.

The following personnel matters were unanimously approved on the recommendation of the committee:

Retirements

Andrea Wright
Ben Lyles

Resignations

Crystal Hughes
Milton Reese
Stanley Bouldin
Crystal Cheek
Austin Edmonds
Jordan Swords
Dandre Thompson
Morranda Westberry
Emily Waldroup

Transfers

Nell Rhymes
Shyericka Thornton
Mary Smith-Butts
Shaifaly Kheraj
Teira Wallace

Employments

Lisa Dunlap
Jesus Amaro
Katrina Frazier
Becky Lightner
Philip Gentry
Jelena Hoston
Elizabeth Suggs
Joshua Hicks
Melvin Oliver
Megan Sherret
Stephanie Herndon
Zachary Cason
Kieosha Hawkins
Leigh Poole

Employments (continued)

Toni Brown
Dashia Lyles
Markeisha Banks
Rebecca Brewer
Jonathan Gooden

Family Medical Leave Act Requests

Carol Briley
Jaela Clemons

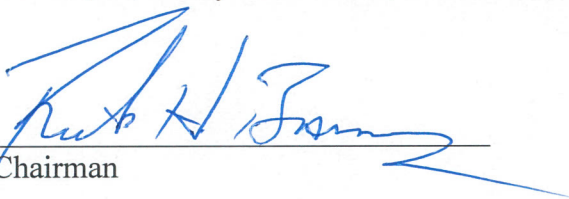
Third Party Contracts

Intalage - Annapurna Rallabandi
Intalage - Siva Poongavanam
Intalage - Shoaib Ali

Tomeka Dudley was recommended for employment by the committee and approved on the following vote: Six in favor; one abstained (Mrs. Hamilton).

The 49% Cares Act Coordinator was tabled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mrs. Harris; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary