

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2026

**7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chair, Abbis Bivins at 7:02 p.m. 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.

Prior to the adoption of the agenda, the Superintendent, Jerry Sanders added a facility use request the agenda under new business, and a job description for a School Administration Manager (SAM). Mr. Kears made a motion to adopt the agenda with the two additions; second by Mrs. Hamilton. The motion carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Kears; second by Mrs. Hamilton:

- A. Minutes of July 9 & 23, 2026 (Attachment A)
- B. Fund Raisers, School Use Requests & Overnight Field Trips (Attachment B)
- C. K-3 Science & Social Studies Curriculum Resources: Studies Weekly (\$23,673) Title I
- D. STEMscopes Science Renewal: 4th–6th Grade (\$16,463.65) 7th & 8th Grade (17,706.64) Local
- E. Gallopade Social Studies Renewal: 4th–6th Grade (\$17,222.87) 7th & 8th Grade (12,391.61) Local
- F. Finance Reports

	GA Fund 1 General Fund	GA Fund 1 Special/ Capital	Citizens Bank SPLOST 2021	Regions Bank Sales Tax 2021	Citizens Bank General Fund 2
June 30, 2026	\$13,239,911.65	\$539,533.10	\$208,058.49	\$2,294,460.86	\$1,908,593.23
Incoming	\$41,116.31	\$1,628.25	\$0.00	\$469,188.74	\$0.00
Outgoing	\$1,000,000.00	\$17,773.00	\$122,665.41	\$1,583,645.12	\$4,591,361.82
July 31, 2026	\$12,281,027.96	\$523,388.35	\$85,393.08	\$1,180,004.48	-2,682,768.59

- Preliminary Cash Flow Report
- Revenue Report
- Open Payables – July 2026
- Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report
- 2021 SPLOST Report
- 396 Fund Balance Revenue Report
- GSBA Membership Renewal (\$7,606) Local
- G. Policy JCEB – Student Hearing Procedure
- H. Zonar GPS/telematics Renewal (\$29,433.60) Local
- I. SCPS Upgrade Fire Alarm System (Invision Technologies - \$45,820) SPLOST
- J. GoGuardian Renewal (\$43,290) Title V
- K. Acceptance of FY 27 Career, Technical, Agricultural Education (CTAE) State & Federal Allotments
- L. Acceptance of FY 27 Career, Technical, Agricultural Education (CTAE) Perkins V Plus Reserve Grant Allocation
- M. Memorandum of Understanding between Easter Seals of Southern Georgia and Sumter County Board of Education
- N. Accounting Internship II Agreement between South Georgia Technical College and Sumter County Board of Education
- O. South Georgia Leads (\$1,500) Local
- P. Personnel Matters
- Employments
- Tania Lundy

De'Ondria Hudson

Resignations

Carrasquel De Gomez

Curtis Walton

Retirement

Brian Simon

Transfer

Belinder Woodard

Consultant Contract

Therapy Specialist of Georgia

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Request

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to approve a facility use request from the Panther Cheer Alliance to use the gymnasium at Sumter County High School for a mini cheer camp on September 26, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Vendor Payments for July 2026 were approved on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes. The motion passed on the following vote: six in favor (Mr. Kearse, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Jackson & Mr. Harris); one opposed (Dr. Bivins).

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 8:21 p.m. by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris to enter into executive session for the following reasons, as read by the vice 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 8:45 p.m. by Mrs. Harris and second by Mr. Jackson to return to open session; motion was carried unanimously.

The following personnel matters were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mrs. Harris:

Employment

Molly Speir 49%

Transfers

Elizabeth Holloway

Sherralyn Stone

Additional Duties – Interim Human Resources Director

Sebrina Pitts

Termination

Michael Bobbitt

Consultant Contract

Sonji Harvey

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Harris; seconded by Mr. Jackson; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary