

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

JUNE 3, 2026

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The called meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Abbas Bivins with the following other members present: Carolyn Hamilton, Dwight Harris, Edward Jackson and Vincent Kears. Rick Barnes and 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. Jackson; the motion was carried unanimously.

The amended SCS FY 2026-2027 School Calendar was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Kears; seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.

A motion was made by Mr. Kears; seconded by Mr. Jackson to accept the Interim Superintendent's recommendation to approve the increase in cost for Xerox copier lease agreement due to the addition of color functionality; motion carried unanimously.

The renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement between Communities in Schools of Georgia, Georgia Department of Education and Sumter County Schools was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jackson; second by Mr. Harris

A motion to renew the Renaissance Learning Services, Inc. contract was made by Mrs. Hamilton; seconded by Mr. Kears; motion carried unanimously.

The Georgia AMIRA Learning Assessment Agreement was tabled for discussion at the June 16, 2026 Work Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 5:43 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.

Mr. Barnes left the meeting virtually after executive session.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made at 6:58 p.m. by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Kears to return to open session; motion was carried unanimously.

The following personnel matters were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; seconded by Mr. Kears:

Employments

Sacajawea Cambron
Arturo Meza

Resignations:

Sandra Cobb
Takeya Goodman

Transfers

Brittany Sanders
Danika Tyson

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson; second by Mr. Kears to approve the Superintendent Advisor's Final Payment; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Kears to not conduct a superintendent search; motion carried on the following vote: four in favor (Mr. Jackson, Mr. Kears, Mrs. Hamilton & Mr. Harris); one opposed (Dr. Bivins); and one abstention (Mrs. Harris).

Mr. Harris offered a motion to appoint Mr. Jerry Jamal Sanders as the next superintendent of Sumter County Schools; seconded by Mr. Kearse; motion carried on the following vote: five in favor (Mr. Harris, Mr. Kearse, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Jackson. Mrs. Harris voted in favor pending everything is in order). There was one opposed (Dr. Bivins).

A motion was made at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Jackson to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kearse; motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Following adjournment, additional information relevant to the business of the Board was presented. The Chair reconvened the meeting 7:09 p.m. with the consensus of the Board to consider the matter.

Mr. Harris offered a motion to rescind the motion to appoint Mr. Jerry Sanders as superintendent; seconded by Mr. Jackson; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Harris offered a motion to appoint Mr. Jerry Sanders as the sole finalist as Superintendent of Sumter County School District; second by Mr. Kearse. The motion carried five in favor (Mr. Harris, Mr. Kearse, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Jackson & Mrs. Harris); one opposed (Dr. Bivins).

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse; seconded by Mr. Harris.


Chairman


Secretary