

# SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR MEETING

MAY 11, 2023

7:00 PM

### MINUTES

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kears to adopt the agenda, second by Mrs. Harris. 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 April 13, 2023

B. Fund Raisers, School Use Requests & Overnight / Out-of-State Field Trips

#### Overnight Field Trip Requests

1. Twenty-three students (Boys & Girls Track Teams) to East Jackson High School, Commerce, Georgia, May 5-6, 2023 to compete in the Region 1-AA Track & Field Championships
2. Fourteen students (JROTC) to Milledgeville, GA, May 30-June 2, 2023 for a leadership camp
3. Fourteen students (SCHS Boys Basketball) to Atlanta, GA, June 16-17, 2023 to participate in the Radar Basketball Camp
4. Twenty-five students (SCHS Girls Basketball) to Mercer University, Macon, GA, June 20-21, 2023 to attend basketball team camp
5. Fifteen students (SCHS Boys Basketball) to Atlanta, GA, June 23-25, 2023 to participate in the GHSA Team Camp

#### Overnight Out-of-State Field Trip Requests

1. Fifteen students (SCHS Boys Basketball) to participate in the Florida State Team Camp in Tallahassee, FL, June 9-11, 2023.

#### Overnight Out-of-State Field Trip Requests

2. Fifteen students (SCHS Boys Basketball) to participate in the Florida State Team Camp in Tallahassee, FL, June 9-11, 2023.
3. Twelve students (SCHS Girls Basketball) to Auburn, AL, June 23-24, 2023 to participate in the Auburn University Team Camp.
4. Twenty-five students (SCHS Girls Basketball) to the University of South Carolina, June 29-July 1, 2023 to participate in the Dawn Staley Team Camp.

#### School Use Requests

1. Dwight Harris, Dwight Harris Boys Club, to use the gymnasium at Americus-Sumter Ninth Grade Academy (Staley), May 20 – July 30, 2023, for the summer basketball league. *(Fees to be paid and insurance to be secured prior to May 20)*
2. Dwight Harris (DHBC), to use three classrooms at Americus-Sumter Ninth Grade Academy (Staley), June 1 - July 30, 2023, for a summer leadership camp. *(Fees to be paid and insurance to be secured)*

3. Glenda Ingram (Beauty for Ashes Outreach) to use the Finklea Robinson Stadium, on June 3, 2023, for a community awareness outreach, The Drop (Disrupting Repetitive Oppressive Patterns) for boys and men. *(Fees waived and insurance secured)*

- C. Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement (GLISI - \$34,200)
- D. Panorama Education Renewal (\$62,750)
- E. Financial Report
- F. Vendor Payments – April 2023
- G. Open Payables – April 2023
- H. Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank General Fund	GA Fund 1 General Fund	GA Fund 1 Special/ Capital	Citizens Bank SPLOST 2021	Regions Bank Sales Tax 2021	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
March 31, 2023	\$15,870.50	\$9,850,000.00	\$4,590,573.63	\$0.00	\$389,424.51	\$0.00
Incoming	\$0.00	\$38,237.37	\$17,867.38	\$21,400.00	\$402,036.71	\$0.00
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$888,237.37	\$0.00	\$21,400.00		\$0.00
April 30, 2023	\$15,870.50	\$9,000,000.00	\$4,608,441.01	\$0.00	\$791,461.22	\$0.00

- I. Expenditure Journal Summary Budget Report
- J. 396 Fund Balance Revenue Report
- K. FY 2024 Tentative Budget
- L. FY 2024 Purchase of Band Equipment (\$28,272)
- M. Sumter County Intermediate School Lift Station (\$87,400 + monthly fee rental of \$3,600)  
*SPLOST*
- N. Renewal of NEOS Support Agreement (\$30,000)
- O. Windstream One-year Agreement Renewal Addendum (\$1,637.78)

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Memorandum of Agreement between Columbus Wellness Center Outreach and Prevention Project, Inc., and Sumter County School District was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearsse.

A motion was made at 8:07 p.m. by Mr. Kearsse; second by Mr. Barnes 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 the 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 9:00 p.m. by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Kearsse to return to open session; motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The following personnel recommendations were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Hamilton:

Retirement

Mary Harris

Resignations

Jelena Seay  
Alexis Truesdale  
Aphrin Shaik  
Leonard Holsey  
Tiffany Baldwin

Resignations cont'd

Ashleigh Arnold  
Christopher Lowell  
Donald Gilman

Transfers

Takashia King  
Tina Moses  
Pam Fields  
Crystal Merrell-Calhoun  
Candace Harris-Jenkins  
Rachel Arnold  
Nakia Watts

Employment

Thomas Sumner  
Bryson Moyer  
Joshua Campbell  
Amanda Eggers  
Azriel Pitts  
Rebecca Golden  
Mallory Wise  
Lanautica Tookes  
Julian Bacon  
Markita Cooper  
Shereka Holley  
Marlin Foster  
Xatavius Hardwick  
Latonya Hopkins  
Kenya Wallace  
Kayla Powell  
Sekeitha Brooks

Athletic Trainer Job Description

2023-2024 District Administrator Recommendations

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Jackson to approve the entire 2023-2024 teacher recommendations with the exception of Brandi Roland, Pam Fields, Jarret Barnes, and Sherri Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

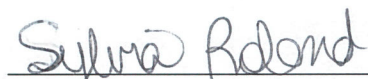
The recommendation of Brandi Roland was approved, with six in favor and one abstention (Mrs. Roland).


Pam Fields was recommended and approved six in favor, and one abstention (Mr. Jackson).

Jarret Barnes was recommended and approved six in favor; one abstention (Mr. Barnes).

Sherri Harris was recommended and approved on the following vote: six in favor; one abstention (Mrs. Harris).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mr. Barnes; motion carried unanimously.

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary