

# SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2019

7:00 PM

### MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Michael Busman with the following other members present: Rick Barnes, Edith Green, Meda Krenson, Jim Reid and Sylvia Roland.

Ms. Alice Green entered the meeting during the election of Board Attorney.

A moment of silence was observed.

### BOARD ELECTIONS

As required by policy, the annual board elections for chairman and vice chairman were conducted. The Chairman, Dr. Busman, declared all offices open and turned the meeting over to the Superintendent, Dr. Torrance Choates who asked for nominations for chairman. Mr. Barnes nominated Dr. Busman. A second was made by Mr. Reid. Dr. Busman was unanimously elected as board chairman.

Dr. Busman assumed the office of chairman and asked for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Reid nominated Mr. Barnes. A second was made by Mrs. Krenson. Mr. Barnes was elected vice chairman by a unanimous vote.

The chairman called for nominations for school board attorney. Mr. Barnes nominated Jimmy Skipper of Gatewood, Rambo and Skipper for local matters. Mr. Skipper was approved unanimously. The chairman called for nominations for school board attorney for school matters. Mrs. Krenson nominated the law firm of Harben, Hartley and Hawkins. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Roland recommended the Americus-Times Recorder as the weekly legal organ. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green to adopt the agenda; second by Mrs. Roland; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Alice Green, second by Mrs. Krenson to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2018; motion carried unanimously.

The following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Krenson; second by Mr. Barnes:

### OVERNIGHT / OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

1. Ten students (CTAE/Skills USA) to Orlando, FL, January 22-23, 2019 to tour the Universal Technical Institute for expected students to enroll.
2. Fourteen students (ASHS Girls Basketball) to Gainesville, FL, January 27, 2019 to attend a basketball game between the University of Florida and University of Arkansas to watch former Americus-Sumter standout Atyanna Gaulden.
3. Seven students (ASHS Band) to Troy, AL, January 31 – Feb. 1, 2019 to perform in the Troy University Honor Band.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for December 2018 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	Citizens Bank Construction 2011	GA Fund 1 2011 Bond Proceeds	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
Nov. 30, 2018	\$1,667,404.49	\$2,595,408.58	\$266,948.09	\$0.00	\$30,296,707.56
Incoming	\$10,400,107.93	\$3,502,918.84	\$28,500.00	\$2.99	\$56,90.37
Outgoing	\$8,443,939.99	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$2.99	\$0.00
Dec. 31, 2018	\$3,623,572.43	\$6,098,327.42	\$295,448.09	\$0.00	\$30,352,797.93

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Personnel matters were deferred until after executive session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mrs. Sylvia Roland to approve the 2019 Calendar for Sumter County Board of Education meetings; motion carried unanimously.

A request from the Request from Alpha Kappa Alpha (Rho Sigma Omega Chapter) to Partner with Sumter County Schools & Facility Use Request (SCIS) was unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mr. Barnes.

A motion was made at 7:52 p.m. by Mrs. Roland; second by Ms. Alice Green 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**

Ms. Alice Green left the meeting prior to open session.

A motion was made at 9:18 p.m. by Mrs. Roland to go back into open session; second by Ms. Edith Green; motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

Retirements

Joseph Oyenya  
John Laster  
Glenda Berryhill

Job Abandonments

Raasaan Haralson  
Matthew Almeida  
Richard Oliver

Resignation

Shayonda Lockhart

Employments

Emma McBrearty  
Peggy Franklin  
Camihya Ray

FMLA  
Brenda Barnes

Long-Term Substitute

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Ms. Edith Green to overturn the decision of the tribunal and uphold the recommendation from the school; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve the amendment to the superintendent's contract; second by Mrs. Krenson; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Ms. Edith Green; motion carried unanimously.

*Mike Busman*

Chairman

*Thomas Clark, Ed.D.*

Secretary