

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 13, 2014

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Edith Ann Green, Chairman with the following other members present: Willa Fitzpatrick, Michael Busman, Alice Green, Meda Krenson, Michael Lewis, Michael Mock and Carolyn Whitehead.

Members absent: Kelvin Pless

A moment of silence was observed.

A motion was made by Ms. Alice Green; second by Mr. Lewis to approve the agenda as amended; motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Busman entered the meeting during the consent agenda discussion.

The consent agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick; second by Ms. Alice Green including minutes of the meetings held on February 13, 19 (as corrected) and 21, 2014 along with the following fund raisers, overnight field trips and facility use requests:

FUND RAISING REQUESTS

1. Relay for Life team (ASHS-S) to sponsor various activities February 24-April 25, 2014 such as selling Chick-Fil-A biscuits and sandwiches, student/faculty basketball game, jean Mondays for faculty and staff.
2. Friends of Rachel Club (ASHS-S) to sell "lucky charm" notes and bracelets March 9-17, 2014.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

1. Ten students (Staley) to Atlanta, March 2-4, 2014 to participate in the Georgia United Nations Assembly.
2. Three band students (ASHS-S) to Valdosta, April 10-12, 2014 to perform in the region honor band.
3. Forty students (ASHS-N) to Savannah, April 13-15, 2014 for a college tour.
4. Twelve students (ASHS-S) to Eatonton, April 24-26, 2014 to attend and compete in the CTI State Leadership Conference.

FACILITY USE REQUESTS

1. Marcus Johnson/Phoebe Sumter Medical Center to use classrooms, media center and cafeteria at Staley Middle School for an Affordable Health Care Seminar, March 8, 2014. (Fees waived)
2. Boy Scout Troop 260 to use the cafeteria at ASHS-N, March 15, 2014 for Eagle Scout Code of Honor. (Fees waived)
3. Tim Estes/Americus Travelers to use Thomas Bell Stadium (ASHS-S), March 23 & 30, 2014 for baseball team practice. (Fees waived)
4. Stacy Mack to use the cafeteria at ASHS-N, March 29, 2014 for a family dinner. (Fees paid)
5. Jermaine Seay to use the gymnasium at ASHS-S, March 29, 2014 for a basketball tournament. (Fees paid)
6. Special Olympics to use football stadium at ASHS-S, April 4, 2014 for Special Olympics activities. (Fees waived)
7. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to use the cafeteria at SCMS, April 5, 2014 for a spring dance (proceeds to benefit Relay for Life). (Fees waived)

8. Johnny White to use the cafeteria at SCMS, May 3, 2014 for a wedding reception. (Fees paid)
9. ASHS Volley Team to use the gymnasium at ASHS-S for a volleyball camp, Tuesdays-Thursdays, June – July. (Fees waived)

BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Ms. Edith Green made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Maximum Class Size Waiver Resolution; second by Ms. Alice Green; motion carried unanimously.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents/University System of Georgia/GSW School of Nursing and Sumter County Board of Education was unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green; second by Ms. Alice Green to approve the application for Cohort 4 School Improvement Grant for Americus Sumter County High School-South Campus; motion carried unanimously.

The superintendent, Mr. Donnie Smith, acknowledged receipt of the start-up application for Furlow Charter School.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial report for February 2014 along with the following preliminary cash flow report were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick; second by Dr. Busman:

Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank - General Fund	Citizens Bank - Construction 2007	Citizens Bank - Construction 2011	Office of the State Treasury General Funds
January 31, 2014 Beginning Cash	\$2,217,017.84	\$918,567.86	\$141,960.91	\$4,511,354.73
Incoming	\$4,436,860.93	\$7.04	\$0.00	\$694.67
Outgoing	\$4,908,353.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 28, 2014 Ending Cash	\$1,745,525.55	\$918,575.90	\$141,960.91	\$4,512,049.40

Mrs. Fitzpatrick offered a motion to approve vendor payments with the exception of E. Brian Watkins, PC; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to pay Attorney Watkins in the amount of \$3,363.00; second by Ms. Alice Green who requested that the terminology of the law be made a part of the minutes as follows:

(f) A local board of education shall not expend any public funds for attorney's fees or expenses of litigation relating to proceedings initiated pursuant to O.C.G.A. §20-2-73 except to the extent such fees and expenses are incurred prior to and through the recommendation of the State Board as provided for in O.C.G.A. §20-2-73.

Ms. Whitehead stated, for the record, that based on the superintendent's understanding of the law, he authorized the payment to Mr. Watkins.

Dr. Busman commented, for the record, that he believed it was in violation of O.C.G.A. §20-2-73.

The motion carried on the following vote: five in favor (Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Alice Green, Ms. Whithead, Ms. Edith Green & Mr. Lewis); three opposed (Mrs. Krenson, Dr. Busman & Mr. Mock).

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

Retirements

Essie Sims
Nora Carter
Leonora Cornwell
Diane Bass

Resignations:

Antonio Willis
Madia Greene
Nancy Green
Christina Lightner
Paula Kay Walker
Thomas Jennings
Don German

Rescindment of Job Offer

Angela Littlefield

Transfer

Stacy Hubbard

Employment:

Madeline Campbell
Melissa Gayton
Brenda Barnes

Family Medical Leave:

Miranda Crimes

POLICY COMMITTEE

Policy JBD – Absences and Excuses was placed on the table as recommended by the committee.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to accept Bid #1 (lowest bid) from Westover Lawn and Garden, LLC for the purchase of two lawnmowers in the amount of \$14,698.00; motion carried unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY

Ms. Alice Green made a motion to accept the FY 2014 Technology Grant to Adopt Digital Learning Using High Speed Internet Connections for \$19,000; second by Ms. Edith Green; motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Ms. Whitehead; second by Mr. Lewis to accept the date of Monday, April 21, 2014 for the Whole Board Training from 6-9:00 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Busman recommended Mrs. Krenson for the GSBA Summer Delegate; second by Mr. Lewis; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mock was named as the GSBA Summer Delegate (Alternate) on a motion by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mrs. Krenson.

A motion was made by Mr. Mock; second by Ms. Whitehead to approve renewal of the contract for the 4-H Extension Agent; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Mock; second by Ms. Alice Green.

Alice Green

Chairman

W. L. Smith

Secretary