

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 8, 2021

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mrs. Roland; to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2021; motion carried unanimously.

The following overnight request and facility use request were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mrs. Harris:

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Sixteen students (ASHS Baseball team) to Berry College, Mt. Berry, Georgia June 7-10, 2021 to participate in a baseball team camp.

FACILITY USE REQUEST

Americus Police Department to use a classroom and gymnasium at SCIS, June 7 – July 15, 2021 for the G.R.E.A.T. Sumter Program. *(Fees waived & insurance secured)*

A motion was made at 7:36 p.m. by Mrs. Roland; second by Mrs. Harris 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

A motion was made at 8:36 p.m. by Mrs. Roland to go back into open session; second by Mrs. Harris; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for March 2021 along with the following preliminary cash flow report were unanimously approved upon the recommendation from the committee:

Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank General Fund	GA Fund 1 General Fund	GA Fund 1 New HS Construction	Citizens Bank Construction 2015	Regions Bank Sales Tax 2015	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
February 28, 2021	\$14,856.50	\$5,500,000.00	\$12,550,000.00	\$1,207,301.98	\$415, 893.81	\$18,069.99
Incoming	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,077.25	\$24,276.55	\$351,817.79	\$41.02
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,401,077.25	\$1,230,725.38	\$0.00	\$18,110.75
March 31, 2021	\$14,856.50	\$5,500,500.00	\$10,150,000.00	\$853.15	\$767,711.60	\$0.00

The committee recommended renewal of the property and casualty insurance with the Denham Edwards & Foshee Insurance Group. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

The CARES Act II (Local Grant) \$1000 employee bonus pay was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following personnel matters were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee with one exception, the resignation of Uneik Crumbley.

Retirements

Mary Moncus
Brenda Faye Smith
Tracy Wilson
Annita Belcher
Lee Kinnamon
Rosemary Jones
Lorraine Lassiter

Resignations

Camihya Ray
Shalnica French
Ethel Thomas
Jasmin Tovar
Jennie Marcey
Frances George
Amber Smith
Kamecha Sims
Karen Price
Mimi Mitchell
Karen Kinnamon

Terminations

Jeraldine Holley
Karen Ford

Transfers

Jeffrey Boges
Sharon Wheeler

Employments

Chris Berkelaar
Cynthia Rueda
Margaret Levie
Brittaney Johnson
Petrocelli Wilder

FMLA's

Tracy Monts
Lawrence Williams Sr.

Long Term Substitute

Nathelma Maxwell

The committee recommended the resignation of Uneik Crumbley. The recommendation was approved on the following vote: six in favor; one abstention (Mrs. Harris).

The Ignite College and Career Academy position of administrative assistant was recommended by the committee and approved as follows: six in favor and one abstention (Mrs. Hamilton).

An Ignite College and Career Academy work-based learning position (to be funded ½ SCS funds and ½ from the Payroll Development Authority) was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

The 2021-2022 teacher recommendations were unanimously approved with the exception of Brandi Roland, Jarret Barnes and Sherri Harris.

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

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).

POLICY COMMITTEE

Policy GBIA – Teacher Evaluation Appeals was placed on the table for 30 days.

The committee recommended a temporary waiver (for one year) for Policy IHE – Promotion and Retention. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The following items were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee:

1. One school bus and a Chevrolet pickup truck to be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com
2. Three new Yancey 78 passenger propane fueled school buses
3. CTAE equipment (plasma cutter) for the new high school in the amount of \$39,500 to be purchased from the Federal Perkins Loan
4. 83 interactive boards from EDTECH12 Education Technology for the new high school (\$299,563.00 SPLOST funds)
5. Furniture for the new high school in the amount of \$1,007,939.00 from Southern Educational System, Inc.
6. Paulk Landscaping Company to provide the irrigation system for the new high school in the amount of \$414,920.38

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Americus regarding the provision of utility services to the new high school; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reid made a motion and seconded by Mr. Kearse to approve the Back to School Restart Plan to provide in-person learning for all students beginning with the new school year in August. The motion was unanimously approved.

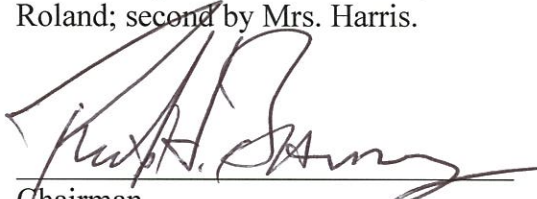
A motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse to reduce the facility use rate for the Dwight Harris Summer Basketball League to \$4,000 for this year only due to the pandemic. After discussion, Mr. Kearse withdrew the second and Mrs. Hamilton withdrew the motion. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Great Promise Partnership, Inc. and Sumter County Board of Education was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mr. Kearse.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Ms. Bivins to approve the Fresh Start Academy contract for two years; motion failed on the following vote: three in favor (Mr. Kearse, Ms. Bivins & Mr. Reid); one opposed (Mr. Barnes); three abstentions (Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Roland).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mrs. Harris.



Chairman



Secretary