

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2020

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, Alice Green, Edith Green, Meda Krenson, Jim Reid and Sylvia Roland.

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. A second was made by Mr. Reid. 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. A second was made by Mr. Barnes. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Krenson recommended the Americus-Times Recorder as the weekly legal organ; second by Mr. Barnes. 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 Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Krenson to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2019; motion carried unanimously.

The following overnight field trip requests along with one out-of-country field trip request and one school use request were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Reid; second by Ms. A. Green:

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Two students (ASHS Band) to Athens, Georgia, January 16-19, 2020 to participate in the UGA Janfest Honor Bands event.

OVERNIGHT / OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

1. Two students (ASHS Band) to Troy, Alabama, January 30 – February 1, 2020 to participate in the Troy Seus Honor Band event.

OVERNIGHT / OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Approximately 14 students and four adults to Konu/Miyoshi-City, Japan, May 30, 2020 – June 7, 2020 as part of the Americus-Sumter County delegation to Japan.

FACILITY USE REQUEST

1. Alpha Kappa Alpha – Rho Sigma Omega Chapter to use the cafeteria at ASNGA for a student Black History Program-Art Gallery & Auction, February 29, 2020. (Fees waived & insurance secured)

2. Shirlene Johnson to use the cafeteria at SCIS, May 2, 2020 for a family reunion. (Fees paid & insurance secured)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for December 2019 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	GA Fund 1 New HS Construction	Citizens Bank Construction 2011	Regions Bank Sales Tax	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
Nov. 30, 2019	\$17,707.12	\$2,718,053.58	\$3,042,220.52	\$42,969.45	\$346,866.59	\$27,685,179.53
Incoming	\$3,481.91	\$3,003,775.55	\$4,225.84	\$259,374.67	\$337,015.33	\$46,264.10
Outgoing	\$406.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273,452.08	\$0.00	\$259,374.67
Dec. 31, 2019	\$20,782.11	\$5,721,829.13	\$3,046,446.36	\$28,892.04	\$683,881.92	\$27,472,068.96

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

Release from Contract

Kori Gorton

Resignations

Brittany Gardner
 Cierra Hawkins
 Lakaya Smith
 Joshua Lambert

Transfers

Lovie Foster
 Lois Kelly

Employments

Lisa Holloway
 Keishya Larry
 Charlie Wright
 Kim Rhodes

Long-Term Substitutes

Sydney Kiff
 Martha Savage

Third Party Contract

Tabbasum Mohammad (Intalage)

FMLA

Raquel Dawson
 Karen Ford

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Upon recommendation of the committee a Resolution was unanimously approved declaring property located at 63 Valley Drive as surplus.

The committee recommended accepting sealed offers for the property at 63 Valley Drive at a meeting to be held February 10, 2020 at 3:00 P.M., and to advertise the request for offers in the in the legal organ. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The branding for the new high school was unanimously approved on motion by Mrs. Krenson; second by Ms. Edith Green.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Roland to approve the 2020 Calendar for Sumter County Board of Education meetings; motion carried unanimously.

The Field Experience and Internship Agreement between Sumter County School District and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of Georgia Southern University was unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Alice Green; second by Mrs. Roland; motion carried unanimously.

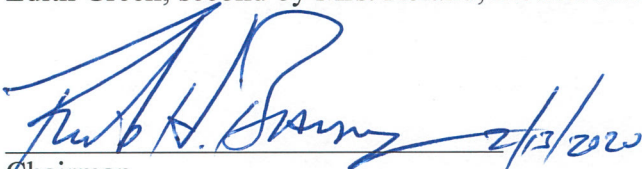
A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mr. Barnes to purchase an advertisement in the production of Americus-Sumter County Maps (365 Degree Total Marketing/Georgia Southern Publishers, Inc.); motion carried unanimously.


A motion was made at 7:42 p.m. by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mrs. Roland 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 8:35 p.m. by Ms. Edith Green to return to open session; second by Mrs. Roland; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mrs. Roland; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary